# Safeguard Your PHI with an

# Information Blocking

# Assessments

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## Information Blocking Trends and Statistics

### The Rules are Changing

Experts will conduct internal and external vulnerability scans, data assessments, system configuration reviews, baseline phishing tests, and user phishing awareness evaluations.

### What is Information Blocking?

Gain a full view into your organization's security posture, including critical system reviews, EMR assessments, and physical site evaluations to identify key vulnerabilities.

### What's an Information Blocking Assessment?

Receive expert assessments to identify critical vulnerabilities, evaluate current policies and business associate workflows, and assess your organization's security risks.

### How can Ascend help?

Ascend delivers a comprehensive explanation of results, including detailed reports and professional recommendations for next steps.

**\*Additional consulting and risk management services available upon request**

## The Ascend Advantage

### Tools You Can Trust

Non-compliance could lead to civil monetary penalties of up to **$1 million per violation** for engaging in information blocking.

SOURCE: Information Blocking Claims: By the Numbers | HealthIT.gov

**83% of Information Blocking claims** submitted were by patients or their healthcare provider.

Don't be the next organization that has a complaint filed against your healthcare system.

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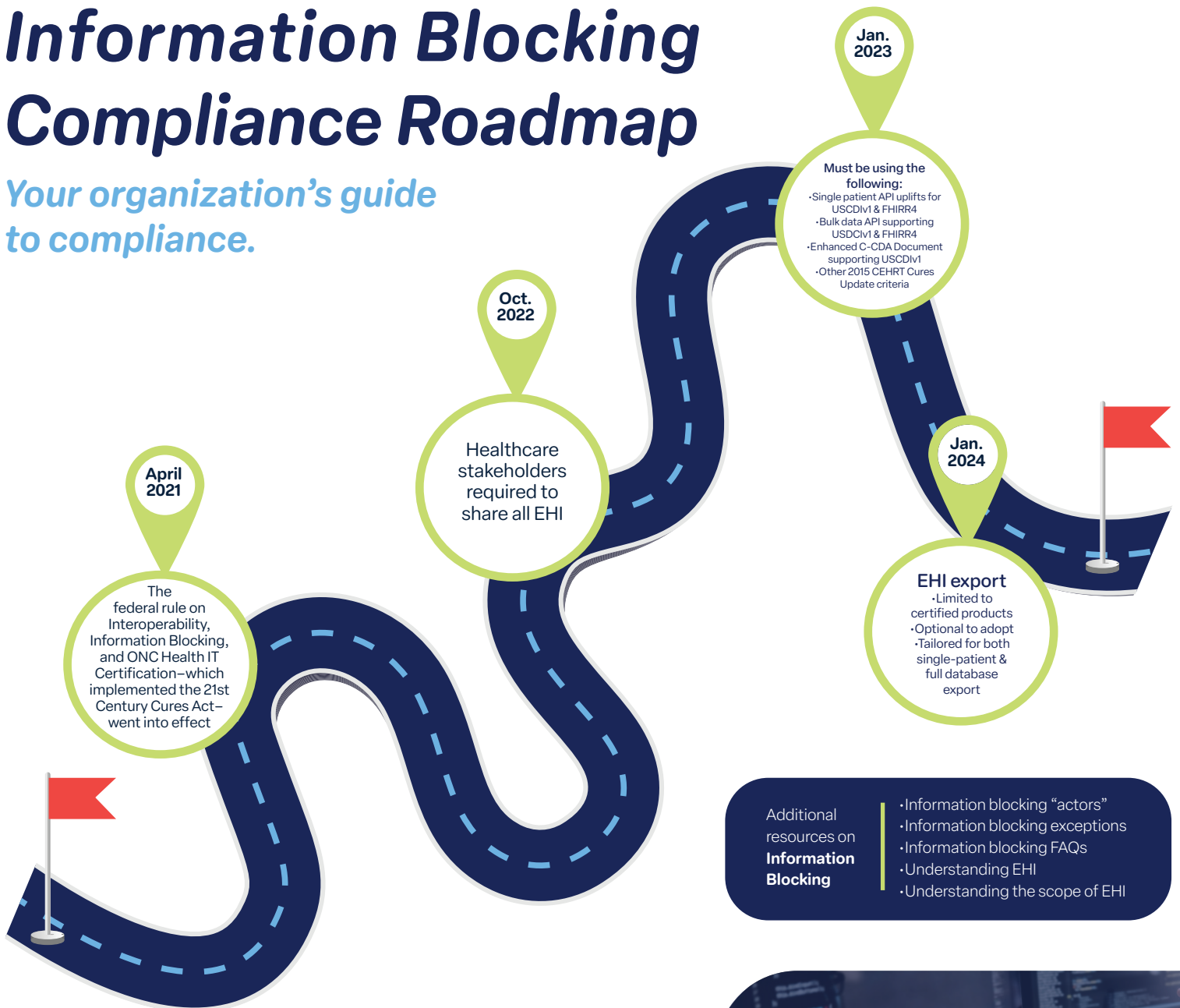# Safeguard Your PHI with an Information Blocking Assessments

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# Information Blocking Compliance Roadmap

*Your organization's guide to compliance.*

**Jan. 2023**

**Must be using the following:**
- Single patient API uplifts for USCDIv1 & FHIRR4
- Bulk data API supporting USDCIv1 & FHIRR4
- Enhanced C-CDA Document supporting USCDIv1
- Other 2015 CEHRT Cures Update criteria

**Oct. 2022**

Healthcare stakeholders required to share all EHI

**April 2021**

The federal rule on Interoperability, Information Blocking, and ONC Health IT Certification—which implemented the 21st Century Cures Act—went into effect

**Jan. 2024**

**EHI export**
- Limited to certified products
- Optional to adopt
- Tailored for both single-patient & full database export

Additional resources on **Information Blocking**
- Information blocking "actors"
- Information blocking exceptions
- Information blocking FAQs
- Understanding EHI
- Understanding the scope of EHI

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