

HIRC Transparency Badge

A Healthcare Standard for Manufacturing-Site and Product-Level Transparency

Executive Summary

Most organizations already request transparency information. The challenge is doing so consistently at scale.

The HIRC Transparency Badge is a healthcare industry standard for manufacturing-site and product-category-level transparency.

The Badge recognizes suppliers that share manufacturing-site geography and structured resiliency information through HIRC using a secure, supplier-controlled framework.

Transparency Badge information includes:

- Manufacturing-site geography
- Product-category-level transparency information
- Structured resiliency information provided through either:
 - A Resiliency Lite Assessment, or
 - The Assessor Summary from a HIRC Resiliency Badge Assessment

Suppliers obtain the Badge by submitting transparency information through HIRC and managing information-sharing permissions through the HIRC Vault.

The Transparency Badge establishes a common baseline for manufacturing visibility and resiliency information across provider-supplier relationships. The information shared through the Badge helps reduce fragmented information requests and may be incorporated into broader visibility, resiliency, supply-assurance, and continuity-planning efforts.

This standard reflects the collective needs of providers, suppliers, GPOs, and other stakeholders who participate in HIRC.

What Information Is Shared

Suppliers participating in the Transparency Badge share manufacturing visibility information and structured resiliency information.

Manufacturing Visibility

Manufacturing visibility information is organized into two layers:

Layer 1 — Final Manufacturing / Assembly

Layer 1 identifies the facilities responsible for final product manufacturing or final assembly.

This information provides visibility into where finished products are produced and establishes the primary manufacturing footprint associated with a product category.

Layer 2 — Key and Direct Manufacturing Inputs

Layer 2 identifies key and direct inputs that support final manufacturing or assembly.

This information extends visibility beyond the final manufacturing location and provides additional insight into important manufacturing dependencies associated with the product category.

Together, Layer 1 and Layer 2 provide a view of manufacturing locations associated with a supplier's products.

Structured Resiliency Information

In addition to manufacturing visibility information, suppliers share resiliency information through one of two pathways.

Resiliency Lite Assessment

The Resiliency Lite Assessment is a structured questionnaire developed by HIRC to provide a consistent overview of supplier resiliency practices.

The assessment includes diagnostics across seven operational domains:

- Demand Planning
- Inventory Management
- Logistics
- Supply Chain Visibility
- Supplier Management
- Risk Management & Contingency Planning
- Operational Health

Resiliency Badge Assessor Summary

Suppliers that have completed a HIRC Resiliency Badge Assessment may elect to share the Assessor Summary from that assessment in place of the Resiliency Lite Assessment.

The Assessor Summary provides an overview of findings from HIRC's evidence-based Resiliency Badge Assessment, which evaluates more than 300 diagnostics across the same seven operational domains. The summary includes assessor observations, strengths, improvement opportunities, and other key assessment findings.

Participating in the Transparency Badge

Participation in the Transparency Badge consists of three activities.

Manufacturing Visibility

Suppliers document Layer 1 and Layer 2 manufacturing information using HIRC's manufacturing mapping process.

Resiliency Information

Suppliers provide either a completed Resiliency Lite Assessment or the Assessor Summary from a completed HIRC Resiliency Badge Assessment.

Information Sharing

Suppliers establish information-sharing permissions and maintain transparency information through HIRC.

Upon completion, the supplier receives Transparency Badge recognition and may update submitted information as needed.

Information Sharing and Protection

Transparency Badge information is shared through the HIRC Vault, a secure platform that enables suppliers to manage information-sharing permissions and maintain control of their information.

Providers may access approved Transparency Badge information at no cost.

The Vault has successfully completed a SOC 2® Type I examination for Security and operates under HIRC's Information Security Program.

Information shared through the platform is also subject to HIRC's contractual, confidentiality, and data-sharing requirements. Participating organizations are bound by applicable HIRC agreements and policies, and authorized users must acknowledge applicable obligations before access is granted.

The Vault provides a common mechanism for sharing Transparency Badge information while allowing suppliers to retain ownership and control of their information.

Learn More

Organizations interested in participating in the Transparency Badge or accessing Transparency Badge information are encouraged to contact HIRC.

As transparency expectations continue to evolve, HIRC works with providers, suppliers, and other stakeholders to refine the standard and support practical transparency initiatives across the healthcare industry. Consistent with HIRC's not-for-profit mission, the program is designed to facilitate trusted information sharing that strengthens transparency, resiliency, and collaboration across the healthcare supply chain.

For additional information, visit www.hirc.org.