

## **Biggest Health Data Hacks of 2016**



Cybercriminals were able to break into records of nine providers and a business associate in 2016. The number of records accessed was down significantly from 2015, when cyberattacks hit large insurers.

The Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services has compiled a list of the top 10 healthcare data breaches of 2016.

- 1. Banner Health (3.62 million affected individuals): Hackers accessed data of patients, health plan members and beneficiaries, providers, and people who bought food and beverages with a payment card.
- 2. NewKirk Products (3.47 million affected individuals): Newkirk is a vendor that issues identification cards for payers in the healthcare insurance industry. Its records were hacked this summer.
- 3. 21st Century Oncology Holdings (2.21 million affected individuals): The information was exposed when a network server was hacked late in 2015, but the incident was only reported in the spring.
- 4. Valley Anesthesiology and Pain Consultants (882,590 affected individuals): Data was hacked through a network server. Valley has more than 300 providers serving multiple hospitals across the greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

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- 5. Bon Secours Health System (651,971 affected individuals): Breach occurred when a business associate inadvertently made protected health information accessible via the internet.
- 6. Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic (531,000 affected individuals): Network server was hacked, with information on the attack released this fall.
- 7. Radiology Regional Center (483,063 affected individuals): Information was released following the loss of paper/film records from a truck.
- 8. California Correctional Healthcare Services (400,000 affected individuals): Health records were put at risk after the theft of a laptop computer.
- 9. Central Ohio Urology Group (300,000 affected individuals): <u>Data</u> was compromised following the hack of an internal file server on the organisation's network.
- 10. Premier Healthcare LLC (205,748 affected individuals): Protected health information was put at risk when a laptop computer was stolen.
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