405(d) Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices: Managing Threats and Protecting Patients (HICP)

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Cybersecurity Impacts to the Healthcare Industry

In 2019, the healthcare industry has incurred an average cost of $6.35 million per breach.

70% of malware attack in 2019 were in the HPH Sector.

4 in 5 U.S. physicians have experienced some form of a cybersecurity attack.

It is estimated that the cost of data breaches will rise from $3 trillion each year to over $5 trillion by 2024.

58% of malware attack victims are small businesses.

Healthcare industry avg. total cost of a data breach is $6.35 million, 65% higher than the avg. total cost of a data breach in 2019.
Cyber attacks in healthcare affect every aspect of an organization but most importantly they affect **patient safety** and uninterrupted care delivery.

A single cyber attack has the potential to shut down care facilities, erase important patient health history, and put your patient’s health and identity at risk.
Cybersecurity risks are one of your enterprise risks. These risks can affect every aspect of your organization. The most important risk is patient safety which is the cornerstone of every healthcare organization.

Budget, investment, grant funding decisions should consider cybersecurity risk, its impact on enterprise-wide risks and most importantly its impact to patient safety and uninterrupted care delivery.
After significant analysis of the current cybersecurity issues facing the healthcare industry, the 405(d) Task Group agreed on the development of three HICP components—a main document and two technical volumes, and a robust appendix of resources and templates.
HICP identifies ten (10) practices, which are tailored to small, medium, and large organizations and discussed in further detail in the technical volumes:

1. **Email Protection Systems**
2. **Endpoint Protection Systems**
3. **Access Management**
4. **Data Protection and Loss Prevention**
5. **Asset Management**
6. **Network Management**
7. **Vulnerability Management**
8. **Incident Response**
9. **Medical Device Security**
10. **Cybersecurity Policies**
So you want a recipe for managing phishing?

1. 5 oz of Basic E-Mail Protection Controls (1.M.A)
2. A dash of Multi-Factor Authentication (1.M.B)
3. 2 cups of Workforce Education (1.M.D)
4. 1 cup of Incident Response plays (8.M.B)
5. 1 tsp of Digital Signatures for authenticity (1.L.B)
6. Advanced and Next General Tooling to taste (1.L.A)

Preheat your email system with some basic email protection controls necessary to build the foundation of your dish. Mix in MFA for remote access, in order to protect against potential credential theft.

Let sit for several hours, while providing education to your workforce on the new system, and how to report phishing attacks. While doing so, ensure to provide education on how digital signatures demonstrating authenticity of the sender. When finished baking, sprinkle with additional tooling to provide next level protection.

Just like with any cookbook the recipes provide the basic ingredients to making a meal. It does not:

- Instruct you how to cook
- Instruct you on what recipes to use
- Limit your ability for substitutions

The skill of the cook is what makes the dish!
Healthcare and Public Health (HPH) Sector Benefits

Aimed for use across varied audiences

Information sharing among differing cybersecurity maturity levels and needs

Cybersecurity Awareness

Enterprise Risk Management

Executives
Practitioners
InfoSec
Users

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Small, medium, and large healthcare organizations can vary in their level of cybersecurity maturity and needs

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Email Phishing – What you Can Do

Ask yourself:

• Have you ever come in contact with a suspicious email?
• If so, what did you do?
• Were you prompted to provide personal information such as a login?
• What are your organization's policies for reporting emails?

Before clicking a link, did you hover over it to see the URL destination?

Did you uncheck “Hide Extensions” in settings?

Do you know the sender?

Is the email asking for login credentials? Is the email suspicious?
Ransomware - What You Can Do

DID YOU KNOW?

- Most Ransomware attacks begin in email phishing attacks asking you to click or open an attachment.
- Always follow the correct Email Phishing tips and double check the email sender’s credentials prior to opening attachments.

What to ask your IT Professionals:

- Do we have an incident response plan?
- Is your network segmented?
- How should we be trained?
- Do you have backups in place?
Loss or Theft of Equipment and Data - What You Can Do

• Have you ever lost a laptop or a company cell phone?

• If so, did you report it immediately?

• Was the data available on your equipment encrypted?

Never leave your laptop or equipment unattended

Encrypt your device with full disk encryption

Notify your supervisor and IT security professional if your equipment is stolen so appropriate measures can be taken to safeguard the data on your device
Have you ever experienced a patient asking for medical records over the phone? If so, did you take precaution and double check their identity before providing the information?

Protect your patient’s protected health information and do not give out information unless you have thoroughly identified the requestor’s identity.

Have you ever accidentally deleted sensitive data? If so, what procedures did you follow from your IT department?

Follow your instincts and always report what does not look or feel right to you, whether it involves another employee or social engineering techniques from an outside party.
To protect your patients, ask your IT Security Professionals about your organizations governance and policies associated with medical devices.

Common vulnerabilities in medical devices include legacy or older equipment, therefore, always make sure your medical equipment is up to date and all new software patches are verified, tested and installed promptly.

The FDA has released a new warning about potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities for connected medical devices and health care networks that use certain communication software.

Do you know your organizations policies regarding medical devices?
405(d) Resources:
- Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices: Managing Threats and Protecting Patients available on our website: www/phe.gov/405d
- The 405(d) Post available at: https://healthsectorcouncil.org/the405dpost/

405(d) Upcoming Events:
- The 405(d) Post - Volume 2 Release (11/14)
- 405(d) Spotlight Webinar: Ransomware; December Date and Time to be released in early November

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