CYBERSECURITY

HHS Targeted by Nation-State Hackers

Evil doers know that the best time to attack is during a crisis or a time of vulnerability. As the United States, and specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) attempts to respond to and get ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic, hackers, likely from a foreign enemy nation state, ramped up cyber-attacks against HHS this past weekend. Read more

HIPAA

HHS Issues Confusing Limited Waiver on Sharing of Patient Information Following COVID-19

Acknowledging the “additional challenges” to health care providers following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued several waivers for covered entities to address the need to share patient information after the President declared a national emergency concerning COVID-19. Read more

DATA PRIVACY

California Attorney General Releases Additional Modifications to Draft CCPA Regulations

On March 11, 2020, the California Attorney General released the second set of modifications to the draft California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) regulations. This set of modifications contains deletions to language that was included in the February modifications to the regulations as well as some new language. Notable changes include the deletions of the “do not sell my personal information” logo/button as well as the section that provided guidance regarding the interpretation of CCPA definitions, particularly the language that indicated that if a business collected the IP address, but did not link it to an individual, that it did not fall within the definition of personal information. Read more

FERPA and COVID-19 Virus DOE Guidelines

The COVID-19 virus is having an unprecedented effect on all aspects of our daily lives, and has hit the educational system especially hard with forced closures and cancellations. Because educational institutions play
such a vital role in our communities, the Department of Education (DOE) recently issued guidance in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (Guidance) to assist school officials in addressing this public health concern while appropriately protecting student privacy. Read more

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**FTC Issues Tips for Working from Home During Coronavirus Outbreak**

In response to the coronavirus crisis, many companies have mandated that employees work from home in order to assist in slowing the spread of the virus. With more employees working from home, and a wider network to protect, security experts are warning companies to be vigilant with security measures. In addition, it is widely reported that cyber-criminals are taking advantage of the crisis to ramp up cyber-attacks and scams. Read more

**PRIVACY TIP #231**

**Out of Work Because of Coronavirus? Beware of Scammers Pretending to Be Employers**

This week's Privacy Tip focuses on the new remote workers need to understand the risk they pose to the organization and which policies employers need to update or refine to address those concerns. Read more