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A Fresh Look at Privacy Rules in Light of Recent Cyberattacks in the Health Sector

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As the world becomes increasingly reliant on technology to store massive quantities of information and as access to this information becomes more global, cyberattacks have manifested themselves as a viable and menacing threat. Cyberattacks have impacted many industries including retail, entertainment, and health care, and they have been used to gather various kinds of information about not just the corporations, but also about the individuals that patronize or work for them. In the attached article, we focus on the increasing threat to the security of health information, legal requirements in place at the federal and state level to protect health information, and the consequences of a violation of these rules. We also provide a toolkit to help companies prevent and manage breaches that may compromise individuals' health information.

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