

# Legal Considerations Surrounding Cybersecurity

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# Breaking News!

- Phishing attack
- Fake e-mail to HR and accounting from the CEO/CFO/managing partner
- “Send me all the W-2s for all employees immediately”
- Victims: Snapchat, many other companies
- See news story here: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/a-new-twist-on-a-w2-tax-scam/>

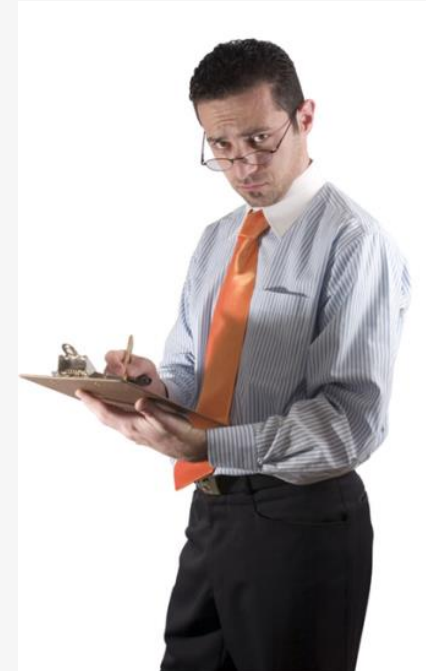
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLANS ARE KEY IN THIS ENVIRONMENT

# Agenda

- Overview of Applicable Laws
- Business Associate Agreements
- Cyberinsurance
- What to do in case of Data Breach

## Privacy Laws

- FTC - GLB (see 806 KAR 3:210),  
Red Flags Rule, FCRA, Section 5
- HIPAA
- State laws
  - Privacy
  - Data Breach Notification
  - Consumer Protection Acts



## FTC Act

- Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTC Act) (15 USC 45) prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.”
- What do your website page/marketing/RFPs say about your data protection policies?
- Rite Aid – 20 years of biennial audits

# HIPAA Background

- 1996 – HIPAA enacted – 42 USC §§ 1320d-1320d-9
- 2003 – Privacy Rule
- 2005 – Security Rule
- 2006 – Enforcement Rule
- 2009 – HITECH enacted  
Updated Enforcement Rule and  
Breach Notification Rule
- January 25, 2013 – Final HIPAA Omnibus Rule
- September 23, 2013 – Compliance Date



# HIPAA

- All of the Security Rule (45 CFR 164.302-.316) applies to Business Associates, as well parts of the Data Breach Rule (45 CFR 164.400-.414) and the Privacy Rule (45 CFR 164.500-.532)





## State laws

- Privacy
- Data Breach Notification
- Consumer Protection Acts



# BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENTS



## Who Is a Business Associate?

- 1) Creates, receives, maintains or transmits PHI for or on behalf of a Covered Entity (payment or health care operations purposes)
- 2) Provides certain identified services to a Covered Entity that require the disclosure of PHI (e.g., claims processing, legal, accounting, consulting, etc.)

# Business Associate Agreements

- Sample provisions:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/coveridentities/contractprov.html>

- Beyond OCR's website –

- insurance provisions

- indemnity provisions



# Indemnity Provisions

- What are you promising?
  - Beware the dreaded “any and all” clause (including attorneys’ fees)
  - Does your cybersecurity insurance let you make those promises without suffering an exclusion?



# CYBERINSURANCE



# Types of Insurance

- First-party
  - Attorneys' fees
  - Forensics
  - Mailings
  - Credit monitoring
  - Crisis Management
  - Regulatory settlements/fines
- Third-party claims
- Cyberextortion
- Media liability
- Business Interruption

# BREACH NOTIFICATION





## What the Rule says

- Business Associate notifies Covered Entity, then the Covered Entity notifies its patients/insureds
- Business Associate needs to notify Covered Entity within 60 days of date of discovery but without “unreasonable delay”
- Include the identification of each individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by the business associate to have been, accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed during the breach, plus.

## What the Rule says

- Include:
  - What happened (incl. date of breach and date of discovery)
  - Types of PHI potentially compromised
  - Steps individuals can take to protect themselves
  - What you are doing to investigate and mitigate
  - Contact procedures

## More importantly – what does your BAA say?

- Notifying the Covered Entity
- Who provides notices – the Covered Entity or you?
- Indemnity for costs of a Breach



## Practical Tips to Respond to a Breach

- Breach response plan and table-top exercises
- Keep a BAA binder
- Look at the relevant BAAs if there is a potential breach – how much time do you have for notice to the affected Covered Entities?
- Call your insurer – they will dictate attorneys, forensics, mailing company, crisis management
- Litigation hold – let employees/agents know not to destroy any notes pertinent to the investigation. Disable auto-delete rules that might affect the investigation.

# Questions?



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