

Recent news that Anthem Inc. has suffered a massive data breach after hackers gained access to a corporate database containing personal information illustrates yet again the healthcare sector's vulnerability. Here's a look at the sector's top five data breaches since the September 2009 enforcement of the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule:



Information Compromised:

February 2015

80 Million Affected*

Hackers gained access to a corporate database containing personal information on the health insurer's current and former U.S. customers and employees. Business Associate Involved: None

Social Security numbers, names, addresses, phone numbers, clinical notes, lab tests,

Information Compromised:

prescriptions





September 2011

Backup tapes for the military health program were stolen from

an SAIC employee's car. The employee was responsible for transporting the tapes between federal facilities.

telephone numbers, Social Security numbers CHS Community
Health Systems

Information Compromised:

Names, addresses, birthdates,



April & June 2014

4.5 Million Patients Affected Hackers believed to be an "advanced persistent threat group originating from

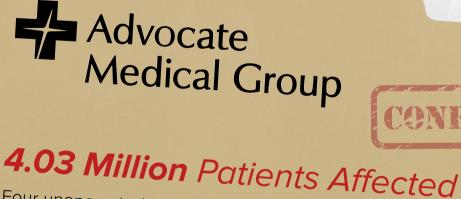
Business Associate Involved: None

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medical service codes, health insurance information

China" used malware to attack the hospital chain's systems...





by Advocate for administrative purposes.

Business Associate Involved: None

medical and billing records,

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as well as paper records.

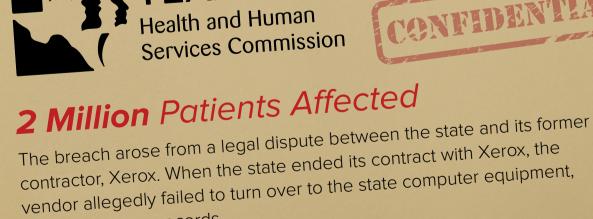
Business Associate Involved: Xerox

diagnosis codes, reports, photographs

Four unencrypted computers were stolen from the office of the Chicagoarea physician group. The computers contained patient information used

July 2013

Information Compromised: Names, birthdates, Medicaid numbers,



August 2014

Anthem Inc. incident, which is not yet on the list. *Anthem has not yet confirmed how many individuals were affected by the hacking of a database reportedly containing information on 80 million current and former customers and employees.

Sources: All statistics are from HHS Office for Civil Rights breach tally, except for the

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