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[Patching Gets More and More Complicated but Is Critical for Managing Risk](#)

Patching vulnerabilities has always been challenging, but these days, it is getting more and more complicated as manufacturers try to stay abreast of zero-day vulnerabilities and issue patches as quickly as they can. Microsoft is well-known for its Patch Tuesday, which is a monthly roll-out of the patches for vulnerabilities it has become aware of in the past month. [Read more](#)

HIPAA

[Dignity Health Settles with OCR for \\$160,000 for Failing to Provide Access to Records](#)

Continuing with its previous enforcement actions centered on covered entities' failure to provide patients with access to their health records, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced on October 9, 2020, that it entered into a settlement with Dignity Health, doing business as St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix (St. Joseph's) for \$160,000 for failing to respond to multiple requests from a mother for her son's records. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[A Deeper Dive into the Privacy and Cybersecurity Concerns About Massachusetts' Ballot Question 1](#)

I [previously](#) wrote about a ballot question in Massachusetts this year, which would update the "Right to Repair" initiative that was first passed in 2013. As a quick refresher, the Right to Repair law allows consumers to take their car to any repair shop (not just the dealership) and have their mechanic plug a cord into the car's onboard computer system to assess what's wrong with the car, or, alternatively, a consumer can buy a device and do this themselves. [Read more](#)

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Regulatory bodies are upping the ante when it comes to settling with companies that have suffered data breaches. In addition to the settlements noted below, see also the [settlement](#) between the OCR and Dignity.

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[Community Health Systems, Inc. Settles for \\$5 M in Multi-State Settlement](#)

On October 8, 2020, New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal (AG) announced that his office has entered into a multi-state settlement agreement with Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHS) stemming from an investigation of a 2014 data breach that exposed personal information of approximately 6.1 million patients, including 45,000 New Jersey residents. This comes after CHS agreed to pay \$2.3 million in settlement for HIPAA violations alleged by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). [Read more](#)

[Morgan Stanley Settles with OCC for \\$60 Million](#)

Morgan Stanley has settled claims by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) that it failed twice to properly decommission data centers that housed client data of its wealth-management operations—once in 2016, and again in 2019, for \$60 million. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #255

[Federal Agencies Warn of Online Predators' Access to Children During Pandemic](#)

On October 9, 2020, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York [issued a warning](#) to the public entitled "*Internet Predators: Warnings & Prevention for Families During the Pandemic and Beyond*," which is a must read for parents, teachers, families, and frankly, everyone. This week's privacy tip outlines the key takeaways. [Read more](#)



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