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CYBERSECURITY

U.S. Chamber of Commerce and FICO Release Security Guidelines on Telework During COVID-19

It is no secret that companies are experiencing an increase in security incidents following the transition from work in the office to work from home during the pandemic. There are a number of causes, including the difficulty of controlling the security of at-home technology equipment such as routers, printers, personal assistants and other IoT devices, and insecure WiFi. We also know that employees are more distracted than ever before because they are in a new work environment. At home with members of their family, it is more difficult to separate work from home life, and they are concerned about the health and welfare of themselves and their families and about the spread of the virus. All this chaos and uncertainty leads to a distracted work force that is not as vigilant about data security. Read more

CCPA

CCPA Amendments Signed by Governor Newsom

Recently we wrote about two amendments to the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA) that were awaiting signature on Governor Newsom's desk: AB 1281, which extends the one-year exemptions for employee information and business to business information for another year until January 1, 2022; and AB 713, which provides an exemption from the CCPA to medical information that is governed by the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) or to protected health information that is collected by a covered entity or business associate governed by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). Both amendments were signed by the Governor. Read more

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Premera Blue Cross Settles with OCR for \$6.85 Million for Breach of 10.4 Million Records

Premera Blue Cross (Premera) has agreed to settle with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for \$6.85 million over allegations of violations of HIPAA after an investigation of a data breach that occurred in 2014 affecting 10.4 million individuals. This is the largest settlement the OCR has entered into with a covered entity in 2020, and the second largest in history (second only to Anthem, which settled with the OCR for \$16 million in 2018 for a data breach that occurred in 2015). Read more

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Health Care Entities Continue to Get Hit by Ransomware: Universal Health Services Estimated to be Largest One in 2020

Health care entities continue to face a barrage of attacks from cyber criminals, and it is widely reported that the health care industry is getting hit more frequently than any other industry. Ransomware is the name of the game for these attackers in all industries, including health care. Read more

DRONES

<u>Guidance on Using Drones for Real Estate and Construction in</u>
<u>Dense Cities: How Much Does the Public Value Privacy? (Part II)</u>

As our <u>previous post</u> stated, the commercial use of drones, or small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS), for urban real estate and construction has gained some traction with the passage of the New York City Council's bill requiring the Department of Buildings (DOB) to study the feasibility of using sUAS to inspect building facades. With this new bill, as well as other metropolitan cities that will surely follow suit, one of the biggest issues on the forefront for the public at large is privacy. Read more

PRIVACY TIP #254

FBI Issues Warning of Using Hotel WiFi if Teleworking from Hotel

On October 6, 2020, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) <u>issued a warning</u> to consumers about using WiFi when teleworking from a hotel. This week's privacy tip covers the details. <u>Read more</u>



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