



The Hidden World of OCR's HIPAA Enforcement - Melamedia Webinar

Lessons Learned from Small Breaches, OCR's Technical Assistance Program and Patient Complaints Rejected by OCR

ALEXANDRIA, VA, US, April 24, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The public often focuses on the 2,300 or so major healthcare breaches and the 54 HIPAA resolution agreements and civil monetary penalty cases that have made the news. However, the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) acts in less conspicuous ways that garner little attention but have a big impact on healthcare organizations, contractors and mobile medical app developers.

OCR has affected the behavior of healthcare organizations and related companies in more than 350,000 cases involving HIPAA complaints and violations since 2003. These include imposing corrective actions requiring changes to compliance programs in response to patient complaints, steps to correct and mitigate more than 300,000 small breaches reported by Covered Entities and Business Associates (BAs), and more than 22,000 instances in which OCR provided technical assistance before formally launching an investigation.

To give healthcare organizations, their contractors and vendors a clearer understanding of the true regulatory risks to their businesses, Melamedia, LLC is sponsoring a 90-minute webinar on May 24 at 1 pm - 2:30 pm Eastern:

[The Hidden World of OCR's HIPAA Enforcement:](#)

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Thursday, May 24, 2018 - 1 pm - 2:30 pm Eastern

In this special 90-minute webinar, former OCR officials explain how these actions are shaping the HIPAA enforcement environment, the lessons gleaned from these actions and how healthcare organizations, contractors and vendors can use that information to improve compliance and BA contracts.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON:

- ** The lessons learned about where and how data security is most threatened based on the hundreds of thousands of small breach reports OCR has received;
- ** Common corrective actions that OCR has recommended in the 26,000 cases in which it provided pre-investigative help while responding to patient complaints;
- ** What health data concerns were revealed by the 106,000 patient complaints that were deemed to be outside of HIPAA;
- ** How all the data from these programs are used by OCR on the regional and HQ levels;

** How and when OCR works with state attorneys general in responding to breaches and patient complaints; and much more.

FACULTY:

Iliana Peters served as OCR's Acting Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy and Security. Prior to that and for more than a decade, she developed HIPAA privacy and security policy, including on emerging technologies and cyber threats, and enforced HIPAA regulations through spearheading multi-million-dollar settlement agreements and civil monetary penalties under HIPAA. She is a shareholder in the national law firm, Polsinelli.

Abby Bonjean was an investigator for OCR out of the Chicago office. While at OCR, Abby concentrated on investigating large breaches, evaluating organizations' responses to breach incidents, and their overall HIPAA compliance, as well as providing technical assistance to help entities come into compliance. Abby also served as the lead investigator for several high-profile investigations, including one of OCR's largest settlements to date. She now works as associate with the national law firm, Polsinelli.

Dennis Melamed is the editor and publisher of Health Information Privacy/Security Alert, where he has been tracking health data privacy and security issues since 1997. He is an adjunct professor at the Drexel College of Medicine where he teaches graduate level courses on health data stewardship, federal regulation of biomedical research and trends in medical device regulation.

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- ** HIPAA Privacy and Security Officers
- ** Senior Healthcare Risk Managers
- ** HIPAA Business Associates
- ** Health, Medical and Fitness App Developers
- ** Health Insurers
- ** Healthcare Providers
- ** Healthcare Claims Processors
- ** EHR Professionals
- ** HIM Professionals
- ** Fraud & Abuse Professionals
- ** Research Administrators
- ** State and Federal Government Policymakers
- ** Patient Advocates
- ** Healthcare Attorneys & Consultants
- ** Biomedical Product Manufacturers
- ** Medicare and Medicaid Contractors

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