

OCR Lessons Learned

– 5 Things Every Health Care Company Needs to Know Now

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#### Introduction

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#### Background

**Statutory Basis.** HITECH Section 13411 requires HHS to provide for periodic audits to ensure covered entities and business associates are complying with the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and Breach Notification standards.

Audit Program. To implement this mandate, OCR piloted a program and performed 115 audits of covered entities in 2012.

Goal and Objectives. To improve covered entity and business associate compliance with the HIPAA standards

- Examine mechanisms for compliance,
- Identify best practices
- Discover risks and vulnerabilities that may not have come to light through complaint investigations and compliance reviews
- Encourage attention to compliance with HIPAA

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#### Audit Protocols—Eleven Modules

The audit protocol is organized around 11 different modules in 3 areas. Provides established criteria, audit testing procedures, work paper reference and applicability.

#### 1. Breach Notification

### Security

- 2. Administrative Safeguards
- 3. Physical Safeguards
- 4. Technical Safeguards

### Privacy

- 5. Notice of Privacy Practices
- 6. Rights to Request Privacy Protection of PHI
- 7. Access of Individuals to PHI
- 8. Administrative Requirements
- 9. Uses and Disclosures of PHI
- 10. Amendment of PHI
- 11. Accounting of Disclosures

#### HIPAA Audits Are Coming – What you need to know

OCR's Enforcement Program Has Been Delayed

#### HIPAA Audit Program: OCR

Program was scheduled to begin "desk audits" of 350 covered entities and 50 business associates beginning in the summer of 2014

**Delayed Audits:** These audits were delayed until 2015 due to:

- OCR's change in focus from "desk audits" to more onsite visits to CEs and BAs.
- OCR's planned updated web portal for reporting incidents, which may be used to do a scan of CEs and BAs that would be good candidates for audits

The Delay is an Opportunity to Get it Together

#### **Know Where you Need to Focus:** The 2015 audits will be:

- 1) Risk assessments and risk management (Security Rule)
- Notices of privacy practices and access rights (Privacy Rule)
- 3) Content and timeliness of breach notifications (Breach Notification Rule)

**Know Where to Start:** To reduce the risk of enforcement against your organization, you should be doing the following now:

- Conduct a periodic risk assessment
- Update notices and access rights
- Review and/or revise your breach notification practices

## Enforcement - Over \$36 Million in Resolution Agreements & Fines for Variety of Issues

Covered Entity	Type of Breach	Amount	Date
Anchorage Community Mental Health	Unpatched and Unsupported Software	\$150,000	Dec 2014
Parkview Health System	Paper records exposure	\$800,000	June 2014
New York Presbyterian Hospital	Disclosure of ePHI on the internet	\$3,300,000	May 2014
Columbia University	Disclosure of ePHI on the internet	\$1,500,000	May 2014
Concentra Health Services	Unencrypted laptop	\$1,725,220	April 2014
QCA Health Plan	Unencrypted laptop	\$250,000	April 2014
Skagit County, Washington	ePHI posted on public server	\$215,000	March 2014
Adult & Pediatric Dermatology of MA	Thumb drive loss	\$150,000	December 2013
Affinity Health Plan	ePHI on copier hard drives	\$1,215,780	August 2013
Wellpoint	ePHI posted on public server	\$1,700,000	July 2013
Shasta Regional Medical Center	Disclosure to media outlets	\$275,000	June 2013
Idaho State University	Disabled firewall	\$400,000	May 2013
Hospice of North Idaho	Laptop theft	\$50,000	December 2012
Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary	Laptop theft	\$1,500,000	September 2012
Alaska DHSS	Portable electronic device theft	\$1,700,000	June 2012
Phoenix Cardiac Surgery	ePHI posted on public server	\$100,000	April 2012
BCBS Tennessee	Hard drive theft	\$1,500,000	March 2012
UCLA Health System	Unauthorized access of celebrity ePHI	\$865,500	July 2011
Massachusetts General Hospital	Loss of paper records	\$1,000,000	February 2011
Cignet Health	Refusal to allow patient record access	\$4,300,000	February 2011
Management Services Org. of WA	3 <sup>rd</sup> party disclosure without consent	\$35,000	December 2010
Rite Aid Corporation	Improper PHI disposal	\$1,000,000	July 2010
CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	Improper PHI disposal	\$2,250,000	January 2009 March 16, 2015 <sub>1</sub> 8

### Fortune Telling – What You Might See

Launch of Audits. Audits should move forward in 2015 combining desk review and onsite approaches. OCR conducting the audits itself; focusing on more high-risk areas; and potentially integrating the audits into OCR's formal enforcement program.

- Risk-Based Approach. Prior audits were done on a strict compliance approach. Guidance as to how more of a risk-based approach will be utilized – different than existing healthcare use of "risk base."
- Revised Protocols. Updated compliance protocols to be released. Likely updated for Omnibus Rule, revised risk areas, size and type of organization and risk-based approach.

Continued Enforcement Emphasizing Risk Assessment. To improve covered entity and business associate compliance with the HIPAA standards

	Last Year	This Year
Periodic Risk Assessment	$\square$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Malware/Cyber	$\square$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Third Parties	$\square$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Interconnected		
Encryption – Ignored Risks		$\overline{\checkmark}$

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#### Preliminary Analysis Discussed by OCR

#### **Common Privacy Areas:**

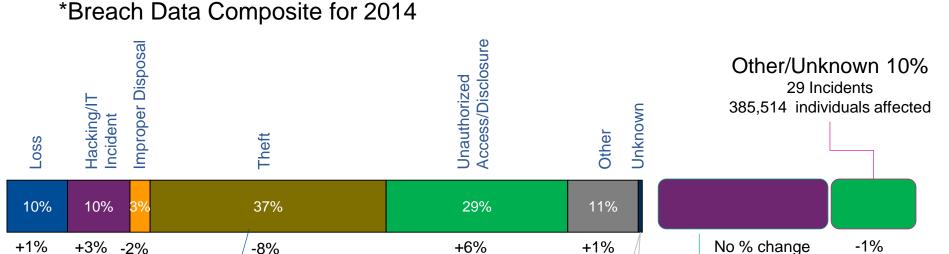
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- Access of Individuals
- Minimum Necessary
- **Authorizations**

#### **Common Security Areas:**

- Risk Analysis
- Media movement and disposal
- · Audit controls and monitoring
- Policies and Procedures exist but are outdated or not implemented
- HIPAA compliance programs are not a priority
- Small providers are not in compliance
- Larger entities demonstrate security challenges
- 5. Entities are not conducting Risk Assessments
- Entities are not managing third party risks
- Privacy challenges are dispersed in protocol no trends by entity type or size

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#### The Risk Landscape 2014



1%

Source: US Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights

Electronic 73%

6,794,854 individuals affected

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Paper 22% 595,186 individuals affected

<sup>\*</sup>Represents percent of breaches where the breach type was mentioned (i.e., includes double counting in Electronic)

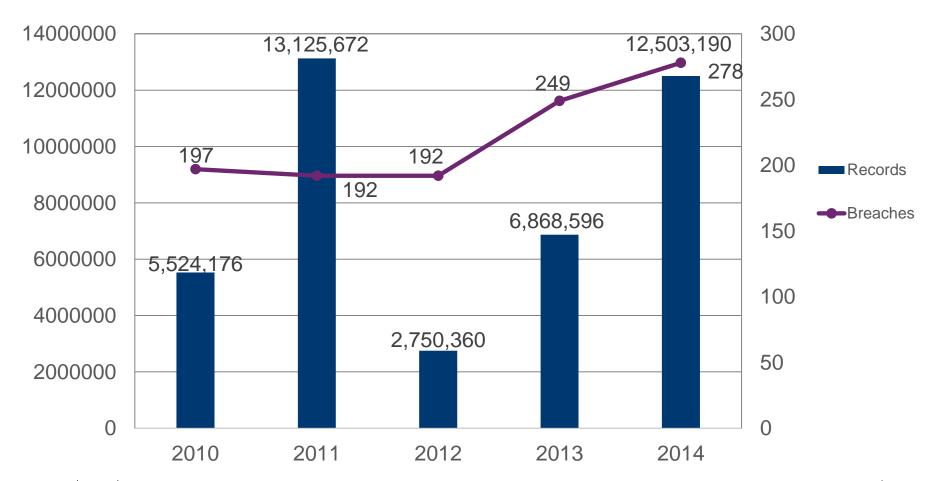
#### Individuals Impacted vs. Number of Breaches

- Number of Breaches Up
- Number of People Impacted Up

**Total Breaches** 278

**Records Lost** 12,503,190

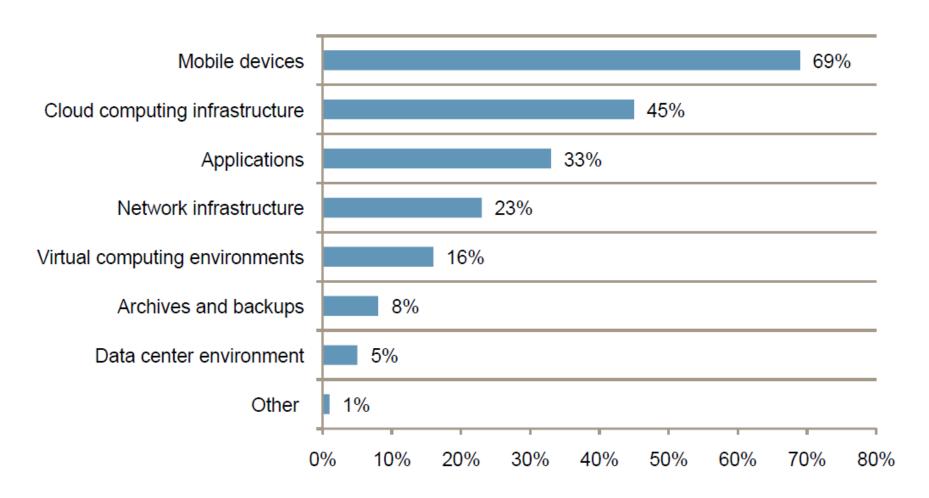
**Community Health** 4.5 million records



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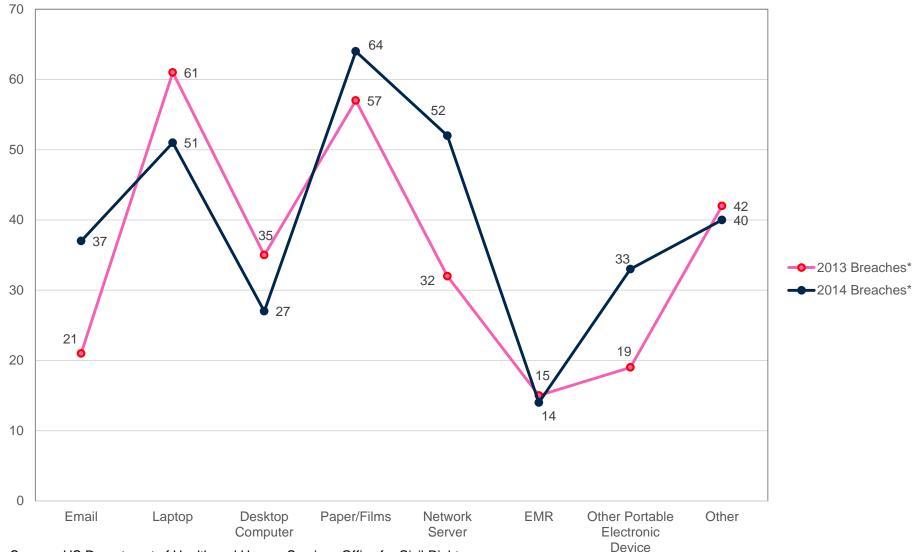
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### What Is The Greatest Risk to PHI & Other Regulated Data?



Source: Ponemon The Risk of Regulated Data ion Mobile Devices and in the Cloud (2014)

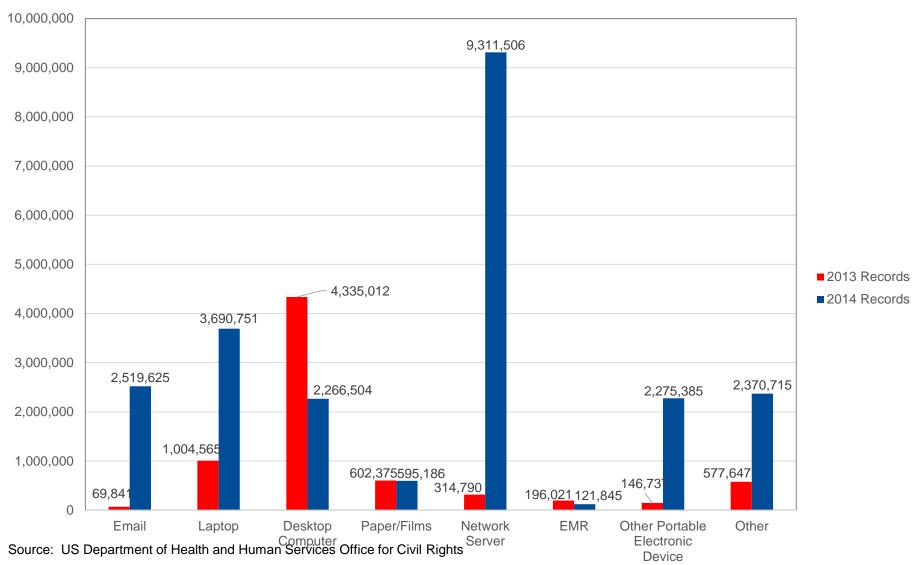
#### What Is Your Greatest Risk – How Do You Measure? 2013 vs 2014 - Number of Breaches



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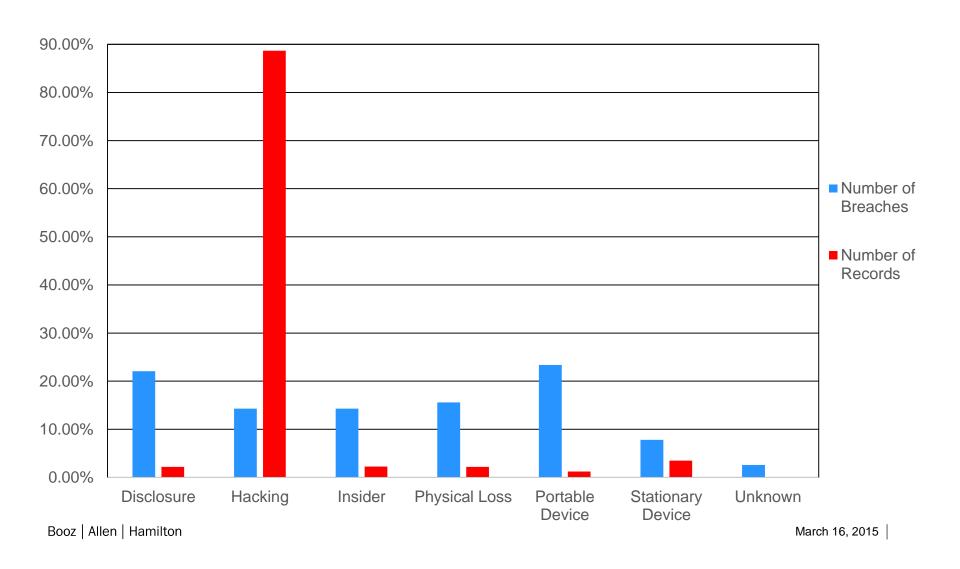
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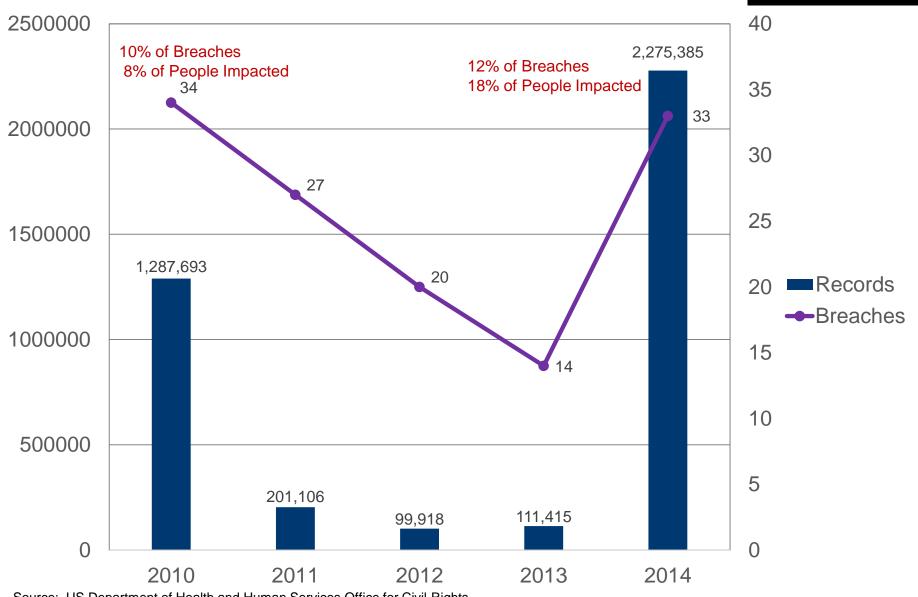


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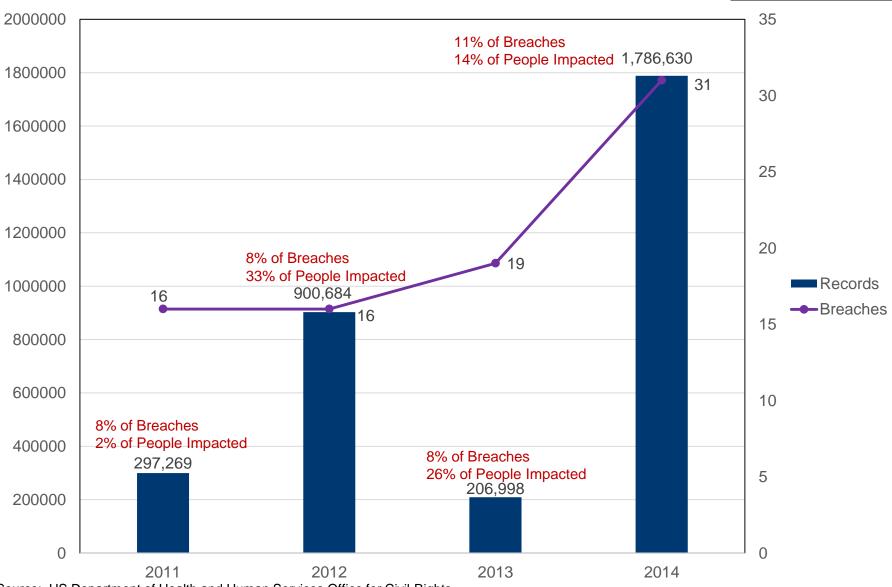


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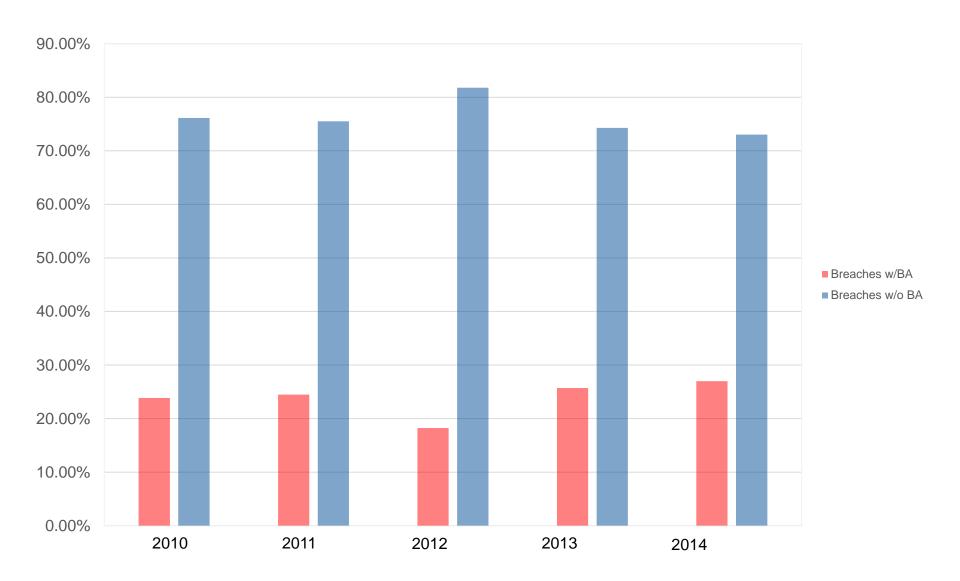
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#### **Hacking Over the Last 5 Years**

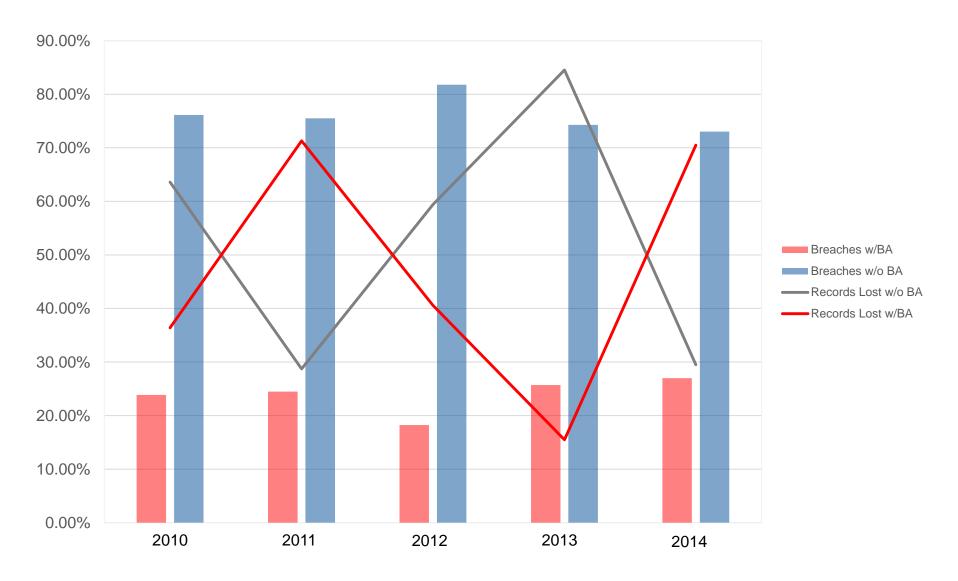


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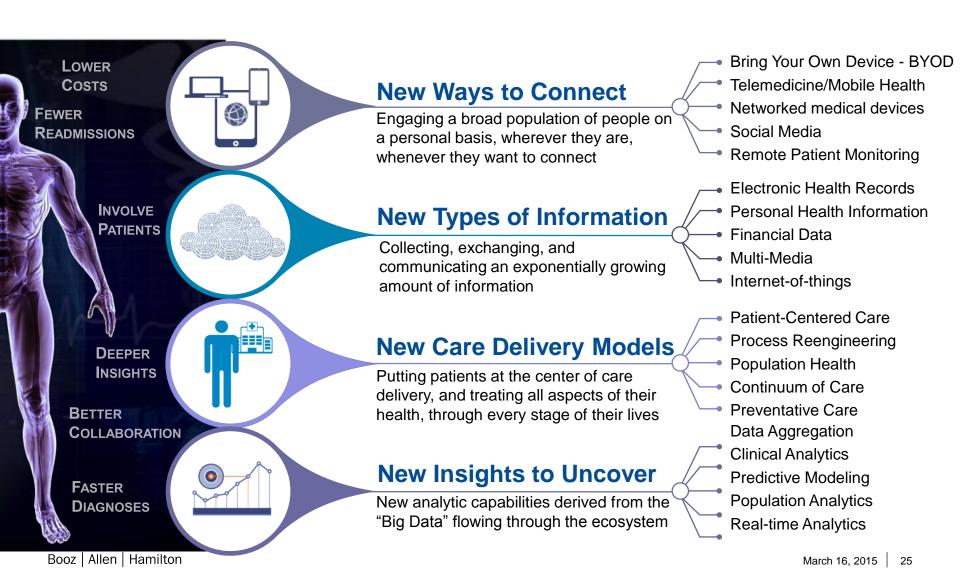
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#### Revolution in HIT and Healthcare Delivery Models

- Health Information, IT and Sharing Revolutions. Stimulus
  Bill provided funds driving HIT and analytics, but organizations
  go from 0 to 11 in IT maturity. Meaningful Use Stage 2.
- Care without Walls. Healthcare using new channels and new technologies to deliver treatments – i.e. telemedicine, social media, care without walls.
- New, but Vulnerable, Healthcare Ecosystem. All the new data sharing and movement of data creates new capabilities and new data vulnerabilities.
- More Business Associates Needed to Enable and Support. New business partners, business associates and independent contracts needed to deliver and host new healthcare delivery methods and new technologies.
- New Cyber Threats Attacking Healthcare. Many providers, payers, pharma, medical device and Bas have been the target of cyber attacks and incidents. HITRUST, HHS, FBI and DHS conducting an industry cyber exercise, offering cyber monitoring services and are forums for sharing best practices.

75% of Healthcare organizations indicate they have or plan to use data for secondary and new uses;
48% have implemented privacy and security safeguards

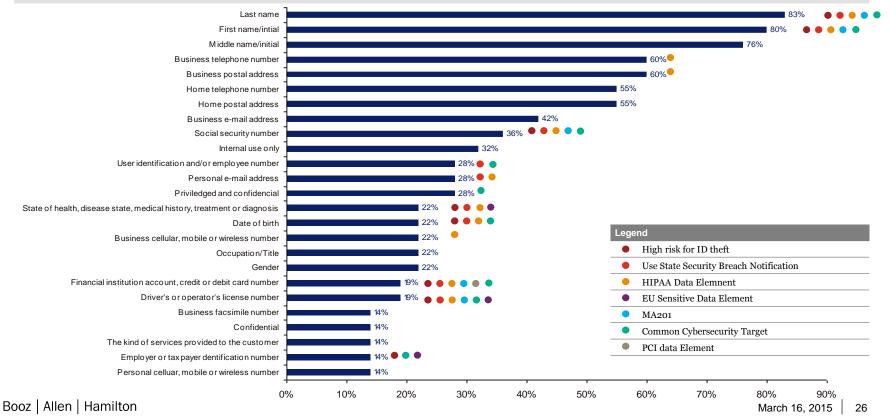
## Compliance must manage a complex and dynamic information ecosystem



### Data Element Inventories Being Developed for Incident Response and Risk Assessment

Data element inventory - Top 25 data elements. Used in new 4-point test to determine if there is little chance the PHI has been compromised.

**Data Element Inventory Analysis.** This report inventories and analyzes the extent and locations of high-risk and regulated personal information data elements. This chart graphically represents the concentrations of high-risk and regulated personal information and information at higher risk of identity theft or cybersecurity attack across the organization.



#### What others are doing

- Data mapping
- Data use and data element inventories
- Enhancing BAs with minimum security provisions, pre-contract assessments and post-contract audits
- Updating Incident response plans
- Enhancing access controls and access monitoring
- Building cyber capabilities

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### So You Got a Letter . . . A Few Tips for Audit Success

#### 1. Process

**Prepare**. Many organizations conduct mock audits or other exercises to prepare and practice.

#### 2. Documentation

Omnibus Rule Update. Ensure that the documentation for Programs is reviewed and updated, as necessary, to comply with the new Omnibus Rule requirements. Continue to monitor communications from OCR for revisions to the Protocol based on Omnibus.

**Mapping of Documentation.** Map policy documents to the specific areas of the document request list from OCR. The mapping document furnished along with Program documentation is helpful.

**Include a Log of Revisions/Updates.** The policies and procedures can include a revision history at the end of each document that provides a log of each revision/update that was made over time.

### So You Got a Letter . . . A Few Tips for Audit Success (Cont)

#### 3. Interviews

Prepare Responses for 10 Key Topics. We suggest focusing preparations and responses for, at a minimum, each topic below. Note, this is not an OCR list.

- Business Associates
- 2. Training
- 3. Sanctions
- 4. Minimum Necessary
  Use
- 5. Accounting for Disclosures

- 6. Authorizations
- 7. Incident Response
- 8. Breach
  Tracking/Analysis/No
  tification
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- 10. Physical Security

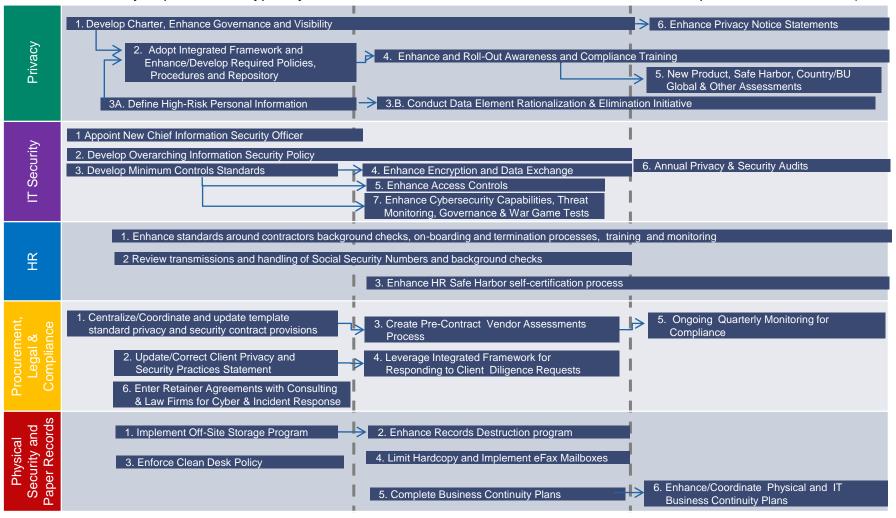
Pay Attention to Trends. Watch (i) OCR trends and compliance protocol changes, (ii) common areas of non-compliance and (iii) areas of enforcements and breaches.

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# Integrated Privacy & Security Program Initiative Roadmap- The Secret Sauce – A Risk Management Plan You Follow

This page sets forth a typical, illustrative Gantt chart roadmap illustrating how such initiatives are typically coordinated/timed and the related key dependencies typically in 18 months, but can be accelerated to 12 months or spread over 24 months).



#### Thank you.

For more information on individual solutions and how we can support your success, please contact:

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