

OCR Privacy and Security Update

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Agenda

- Recent OCR Activities
- Key Areas of HITECH NPRM
- Breach Notification Statistics
- Upcoming OCR Activities





Recent OCR Activities

- Breach Notification Interim Final Rule and Unsecured PHI Guidance (Aug. 2009)
- GINA Proposed Rule (Oct. 2009)
- HITECH Enforcement Interim Final Rule (Oct. 2009)
- Workshop on De-identification (March 2010)
- Risk Analysis Guidance (July 2010)
- HITECH Proposed Rule (July 2010)



HITECH NPRM

- Business associates
 - Direct liability
 - Subcontractors
 - Clarification of HIOs, E-Prescribing Gateways,
 PHRs
- Enforcement
 - Willful neglect
 - Definition of reasonable cause



HITECH NPRM

- Marketing
- Fundraising
- Sale of PHI
- Right to request restrictions
- Minimum necessary (request for comments)





HITECH NPRM

- Notice of privacy practices
- Research authorizations
- Student immunization records
- Decedent information
 - Limit protections to 50 years
 - Clarify communications with friends and family
- Electronic access





Breach Notification Statistics

(as of September 14, 2010)

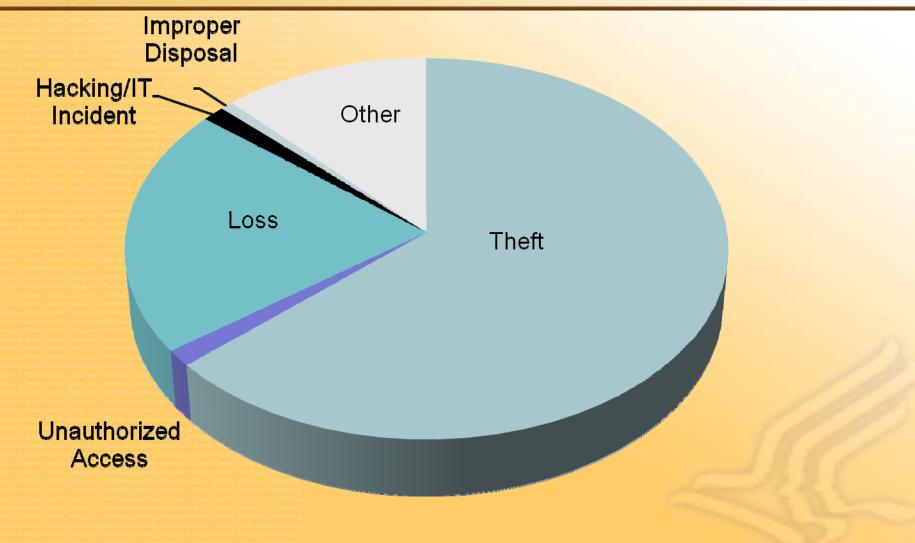
- 160 reports involving over 500 individuals
- Over 8,500 reports involving under 500 individuals
- Top causes of large breaches
 - Theft
 - Unauthorized Access
 - Loss
- Top media types for large breaches
 - Laptops
 - Paper records
 - Desktop Computers
 - Portable electronic devices

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Breach Notification:

Type of 500+ Breach (by affected individuals)

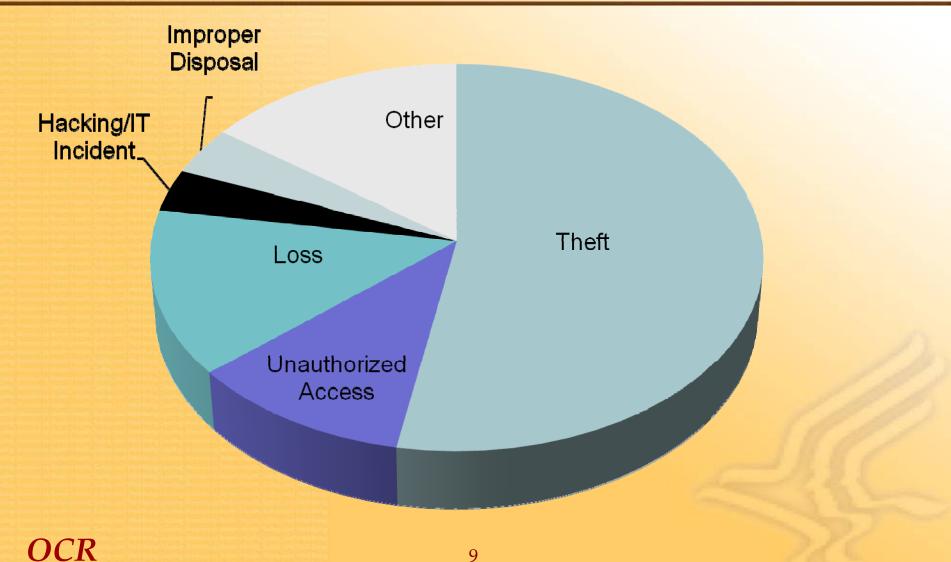


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Breach Notification:

Number of 500+ Breaches





- Accounting of Disclosures Rule
- Reports to Congress on Compliance, Breach Notification
- National Outreach Campaign
- HIPAA Audit Program
- State Attorneys General Training
- Privacy Rule Minimum Necessary Guidance
- De-identification Guidance
- Final Rules on HITECH, Breach Notification, Enforcement, and GINA





- Accounting of Disclosures Rule
 - Disclosures for treatment, payment, health care operations
 - -Through an EHR
 - Balance interests of individuals and administrative burden on covered entities



- Report to Congress on Breach Notification
 - -CY 2009
 - Information on large and small breaches
- Report to Congress on Enforcement
 - Aggregate and CY 2009 enforcement data



- National Outreach Campaign
 - Series of community discussions on Health IT and HIPAA
 - Improved consumer outreach materials
 - Improved website navigation





- HIPAA Audit Program
 - Addition to complaint and compliance review process
 - Reviewing effectiveness of various audit models
- State Attorneys General Training
 - -Education on HIPAA
 - Coordination





- Minimum Necessary Guidance
 - Requested comments in NPRM
 - Sunsets limited data set language of HITECH Act
- De-identification Guidance
 - Convened workshop
 - Clarify how to assure that PHI is deidentified





- Final regulations
 - -Breach notification
 - -HITECH modifications
 - -Enforcement
 - -GINA
 - Accounting of disclosures
- Coordinated to synchronize changes



Want more information?

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