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No. 1 Target for Ransomware Threats

Healthcare is now under constant threat of cybersecurity attacks and the statistics are astonishing! A study in December from the [JAMA Health Forum](#) reports the annual number of healthcare ransomware attacks **more than doubled** from 2016 to 2021, exposing the protected health information of over 41 million patients. In 2022, up to 210 healthcare organizations fell victim to ransomware attacks and with the per incident cost of a healthcare data breach reaching \$10.10 million, making it the top industry for most expensive breach [costs](#).

Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced a settlement with Banner Health Affiliated Covered Entities ("Banner Health"), a nonprofit health system headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, to resolve a data breach resulting from a hacking incident by a threat actor in 2016 which disclosed the protected health information of 2.81 million consumers. The settlement is regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule which works to help protect health information and data from cybersecurity attacks.



The potential violations specifically include: the lack of an analysis to determine risks and vulnerabilities to electronic protected health information across the organization, insufficient monitoring of its health information systems' activity to protect against a cyber-attack, failure to implement an authentication process to safeguard its electronic protected health information, and failure to have security measures in place to protect electronic protected health information from unauthorized access when it was being transmitted electronically.

As a result, Banner Health paid \$1,250,000 to OCR and agreed to implement a corrective action plan, which identifies steps Banner Health will take to resolve these potential violations of the HIPAA Security Rule and protect the security of electronic patient health information.

[Full HHS Press Release](#)

Your organization could be at risk! [OFMQ can help!](#)

Through OFMQ's initiatives, organizations can identify risks and develop risk management plans and policies & procedures, while delivering security awareness training and providing full-service risk management support to avoid costly breaches.

Many organizations have utilized our tools to satisfy HIPAA requirements for various payment programs and to respond to breach investigations on behalf of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

[Security Risk Management Solutions](#)

[HIPAA Security Awareness Training](#)

FDA Approves First Over-the-Counter Naloxone Nasal Spray



On March 29, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Narcan, 4 milligram (mg) naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for over-the-counter (OTC), nonprescription, use – the first naloxone product approved for use without a prescription.

Naloxone is a medication that rapidly reverses the effects of opioid overdose and is the standard treatment for opioid overdose. This action paves the way for the life-saving medication to reverse an opioid overdose to be sold directly to consumers in places like drug stores, convenience stores, grocery stores and gas stations, as well as online.

[Full FDA Press Release](#)

SBIRT Interest Survey

Screenings, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment



45-50% of suicide victims visit their primary care physician a month before committing suicide.



OFMQ is sharing an opportunity to participate in a primary healthcare improvement program that is led by the Oklahoma Department of Health and Substance Abuse Services.

We are excited to partner with OPHIC, a division of the OU Health Sciences Center, to facilitate annual universal screenings, brief intervention, and referral for treatment for alcohol, drug, and tobacco use disorders and depression with prevention of suicide deaths in primary care practices. OFMQ is ready to help your practice improve screening rates and quality scores by enhancing workflow processes and documentation to improve patient outcomes.

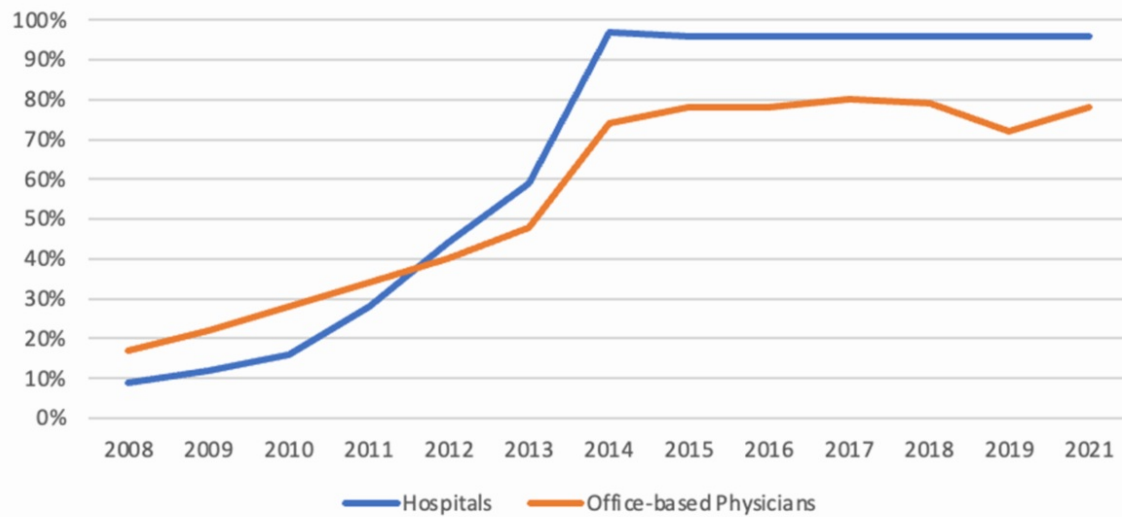
[Take the Interest Survey Here!](#)

If your organization is interested, please fill out the interest survey linked in the button above, and someone will contact you with more information!

A Turning Point in Electronic Health Information Progress

HealthITbuzz 
THE LATEST ON HEALTH IT FROM ONC

Trends in Hospital & Physician EHR Adoption



A new ONC report to Congress updating progress on the access, exchange, and use of electronic health information (EHI) is now available.

Hundreds of thousands of physician offices, hospitals, and health systems across the U.S. have transitioned from paper-based medical records to health IT that is certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program. This report highlights the impact that the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) and its implementation contributed to continued progress toward interoperable access, exchange, and use of EHI.

[Full Blog Post](#)

April HIT List

- New Resource: [2023 Small Practice Action Planning Tool](#)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy [Mobile App Improves Health Behavior in Patients with Diabetes](#)
- SDOH [Toolkit for the Health IT Community](#)
- AHRQ National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report - [Leading Causes of Death in 2020](#)
- Latest Database Launched in AHRQ's [Data Innovations Effort](#)





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