



Late to the Table

Many healthcare IT specialists are reporting that healthcare (including mental + behavioral health) is later to the HIPAA compliance security table than other industries, such as finance and even government.

Our industry suffered the second highest number of security incidents in the services organizations in 2016. **This was highlighted just this week by a [ransomware attack](#) that affected large corporations like Merck - and even smaller mental health EHRs.**

Why?

To answer that question, a free report by Symantec, the Internet Security Threat Report (ISTR), for healthcare includes the following findings:

- **More planned and targeted attacks, including more ransomware, impacting healthcare through an increase in smaller incidents.**
- **A growing understanding that the risk is not just about client data, but about client care delivery, and potentially, even about client health itself.**

Even though many in healthcare are spending more on IT, it is still not enough to say healthcare is moving at a fast pace toward HIPAA compliance and by extension protecting themselves from sophisticated and targeted attacks.

What Can You Do?

Read the [full article](#) for practical steps to take - and for a link to the report.



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