



CYBERSECURITY

[FDA Announces Playbook for Medical Device Cybersecurity](#)

On October 1, 2018, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [issued](#) its “Medical Device Cybersecurity Regional Incident Preparedness and Response Playbook” to address continued threats to medical devices that could affect patient safety.

The 32-page playbook, developed by MITRE Corp., states that “the purpose of the playbook is to serve as a tool for regional readiness and response activities to aid [healthcare delivery organizations] in addressing cybersecurity threats affecting medical devices that could impact continuity of clinical operations for patient care and patient safety.” [Read more](#)

HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY

[Proposed New Rules Submitted to OMB on Information Blocking](#)

On September 17, 2018, the federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) submitted [proposed new rules](#) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), entitled, “21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program.” [View related [post](#)].

The 21st Century Cures Act was signed into law in December 2016, and a critical requirement of the Act was to publish regulations that will ultimately set forth the framework for regulatory investigations by the Office of the Inspector General. The new rules set forth provisions that provide guidance on what measures can and can’t be taken to block information sharing. [Read more](#)

DATA BREACH

[Hacker Hits Toyota](#)

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Toyota Industries North America has discovered that a hacker was able to access its corporate email system, compromising the personal and protected health information of approximately 19,000 individuals, most of whom were said to be employees. [Read more](#)

VIRTUAL CURRENCY

[New York AG Warns Investors of Risks of Trading on Cryptocurrency Exchanges](#)

As part of its Virtual Markets Integrity Initiative, on September 18, 2018, the New York Attorney General's Office issued a report reviewing the platforms of various cryptocurrency exchanges. The initiative arose from the recognition that online virtual currency exchanges perform functions markedly similar to traditional stock exchanges and broker-dealers, but are generally not registered under state or federal securities or commodities laws, and often have not implemented standards designed to protect investors. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[Sunrun Settles Robocall Suit for \\$5.5 Million](#)

Although it denies liability or wrongdoing, Sunrun Inc. has agreed to pay \$5.5 million to settle a potential class action case alleging they were calling numbers on the Do Not Call Registry. Sunrun, a solar company, is alleged to have made unsolicited, automatic, pre-recorded voice calls to people on the Do Not Call Registry, and also on its own do-not-call list to promote its solar energy products. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Drone Flights Over Football Fans](#)

For the first time in the U.S., a commercial drone equipped with a parachute safety system was permitted to fly over people during a football game. Last week, a DJI Phantom 4 being controlled by a North Dakota drone operator, Botlink, used a drone safety solutions company's "SafeAir System" (ParaZero) to conduct the operation. The drone flew over crowds at FargoDome's parking lots for the tailgating events prior to North Dakota State University's football game against South Dakota State. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) granted a waiver for this flight under the small unmanned aerial system (UAS) Part 107 regulations. The "SafeAir System" parachute was a major factor in the FAA's granting of this waiver for flight over people. This could lead the way for safe flights

over people, with larger, more advanced UAS that can carry sophisticated payloads and cameras. [Read more](#)

[FAA Issues Guidance on Enforcement for UAS Violators](#)

Drone pilots who interfere with those fighting wildfires, conducting law enforcement tasks, or other first responders (such as medical flights), are now more likely to face serious civil penalties. Last week, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued [guidance](#) for agency personnel who handle drone violations to refer all such cases to the FAA's Chief Counsel's office for possible enforcement action. [Read more](#)

[FAA Approves Nine New LAANC Service Providers](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced new partners in its Low Altitude and Notification Capability (LAANC) initiative. LAANC is the system created by the FAA and industry stakeholders that provides near real-time processing of airspace authorizations for unmanned aerial systems (UAS) operations under the FAA's Part 107 regulations. Now, after a 5-month onboarding process (which began in April 2018), nine new LAANC partners have been added. Which may mean even speedier authorizations in controlled airspace. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #159

[Consider Risks When Using Facebook and Other Social Media Platforms](#)

Facebook announced late last week that it had suffered the largest breach in its history. If you use Facebook and were locked out of your account over the weekend, your account was most likely affected. [Read more](#)

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