



CYBERSECURITY

[Bezop Cryptocurrency Investors' Personal Information Exposed](#)

Kromtech Security has reported that the sensitive personal information of more than 25,000 investors of Bezop cryptocurrency was exposed when a MongoDB database was left unsecured. The security incident is reported to be linked to a distributed-denial-of-service attack that occurred earlier this year. [Read more](#)

HIPAA

[DOJ Announces Criminal Conviction of Physician for HIPAA Violation](#)

On April 30, 2018, a Massachusetts physician [was convicted](#) of a criminal violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as well as one count of obstruction of a criminal health care investigation, in a Massachusetts federal court. The convictions relate to the purported sharing of confidential patient information by the physician with pharmaceutical sales representatives that allowed the pharmaceutical company to target patients with specific conditions (and to correspondingly facilitate the receipt of prior authorizations for the company's drugs from patients' insurers). [Read more](#)

[Thousands of Patients' PHI Exposed by Transcription Provider MEDantex](#)

Medical transcription provider MEDantex has reportedly exposed the protected health information of thousands of patients through its unsecured provider portal, which did not require a password for access. According to reports, including an analysis from KrebsOnSecurity, the patients' audio medical notes were uploaded to MEDantex's website, which were then to be transcribed and uploaded to a portal accessible to the medical providers. In order to access the transcribed notes, the provider is supposed to enter a password. Krebs has reported that he found certain portions of the website did not contain password authentication controls, thereby allowing

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anyone who visited the website to review patient data contained on the site and download it. [Read more](#)

DATA BREACH

[Paper Records Still Problematic for Healthcare Providers](#)

Data breaches continue to be an issue for healthcare providers, as indicated when looking at breaches reported to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), as required by HIPAA. In the first three months of 2018, there were 77 breaches of protected health information (PHI) reported to OCR, which included more than one million patient records.

In the first quarter of 2018, insiders continued to plague the healthcare industry as 59.74 percent of the reportable breaches were caused by unauthorized access/disclosure of PHI, loss of physical records and failure to properly dispose of PHI. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[LAANC Beta Test Launched this Week](#)

As of April 30, 2018, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has begun its beta test of the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC) in the South Central United States. For the list of those facilities in South Central, click [here](#). The system will continue incremental deployment at nearly 300 air traffic facilities covering about 500 airports, with the final deployment scheduled for September 13, 2018. The 'waves' are scheduled as follows: May 24 in the Western North, June 21 in the Western South, July 19 in Eastern South, August 16 in the Eastern North, and finally on September 13 in the Central North United States. [Read more](#)

[DOT to Grant Economic Authority for UAS Package Delivery](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that it will use its existing exemption authority to grant economic authority to unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) operators who wish to use UAS for package delivery. According to the Federal Register "Notification to UAS Operators Proposing to Engage in Air Transportation," the DOT aims to create a, "Procedure to [DOT] for companies proposing to engage in certain air transportation operations with [drones]." The notice continues, "For UAS operators looking to transport goods for compensation, an exemption under part 298 is an appropriate form of economic authority." [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #137

Hacking Hotel Room Doors

This week's privacy tip addresses how hotel security flaws effecting both guest room door locks and keys. Additionally, it introduces new research from F-Secure in Finland about flaws in the software that makes hotel keys. [Read more](#)

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