Survey: Half of HIPAA Organizations Lost or Exposed Patient Data

Half of health care organizations lost or exposed patient data at some point in the past year, according to a Ponemon Institute survey of IT practitioners for HIPAA-bound organizations. More than 60 percent reported experiencing at least one cyberattack. Health care organizations have been most afflicted by exploited software vulnerabilities and malware attacks.

For the first time, the survey asked respondents about ransomware — 37 percent reported experiencing cyber extortion in fiscal 2018.

In the past year, 35 percent of respondents said they have incorporated securing medical devices into their overall cybersecurity strategy, up from 27 percent two years ago.

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