

News from the Field

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Medical Records Services is now MRSONline

Look for more updates in the future...

MRS Updates and Review

Welcome to the MRS February client newsletter. I hope this finds you healthy, safe, warm and well.

The [HIPAA platform](#) has gone through a significant upgrade last year. If you or your staff are struggling with some of these new changes, please reach out to us.

You will notice changes in the training this year. We have included a large cybersecurity section to educate your staff on what to look for in their computer work that might put [your organization](#) at risk.

This month's articles show some interesting trends, and are worth a review. It also includes links to resources in the MIPS program.

involve employee training ,testing and monitoring. It includes things like Catch Phish and on going surveillance. You get a glimpse of it under your additional HIPAA training for this year as a part of your contract with MRS.

Another part of Cyber Security toolset is a **technology assessment** for new and existing employees, **This part of the toolset is also free**, and is included with your monthly subscription with MRS. If you are interested, please send us an email and we can get you the link specific to your practice and your employees.

The Cyber Security Newsletter is a separate newsletter sent to our Cyber Security clients. You will get that as well. It is listed below and will be a regular part of these communications.. You can click on the link to access it, or always find it under medrecserv.com/newsletters. To view the kind of trainings available, take a look at one quick video - Phishing 401. This is a 4 minute very informative video. To watch it, please click [here](#).

Lastly, MRS has changed to monthly billing this year. You have heard us talk about it in the past, and it is finally here. If you're not on monthly billing currently, you will notice that your portal will be inactive sometime in the next week. In order to reactivate it we just need to get you on a monthly billing schedule. If you have not already done so, please reach out to me for a credit card authorization or a monthly invoicing schedule. If you are already on monthly billing, please disregard this.

Again thank you for your business and please reach out to us at anytime if you need help.

Warmest Regards,

Mark Norris



HIPAA News

MIPS Flexibilities and Resources Available to Support Clinicians Responding to COVID-19

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to provide relief where possible to clinicians responding to the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE). CMS is applying the [Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\) automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances \(EUC\) policy](#) to ALL individually eligible MIPS eligible clinicians for the 2021 performance year (PY).
- The automatic EUC policy only applies to MIPS eligible clinicians who are eligible to participate in MIPS as individuals. The automatic EUC policy doesn't apply to groups, virtual groups, or Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entities.

MIPS eligible clinicians who are eligible to participate in MIPS as individuals do not need to take any action to have the automatic EUC policy applied to them. They'll be automatically identified and will have all 4 MIPS performance categories reweighted to 0% and receive a neutral payment adjustment for the 2023 MIPS payment year unless they 1) submit data in 2 or more performance categories, or 2) have a higher final score from group or APM Entity participation.

For more information, please see the [Quality Payment Program COVID-19 Response Fact Sheet](#) or visit the [Quality Payment Program COVID-19 Response webpage](#) on the QPP website.

[Small Practices page](#) on the QPP website will provide updates and resources for small practices and a link to subscribe to the new SURS listserv. CMS encourages all small, underserved, and rural clinicians and their staff to bookmark this page for easy access to updates and available resources.

MIPS Submission Resources Available

MIPS eligible clinicians who participated in the 2021 performance year of QPP have until 8:00 p.m. ET on March 31, 2022 to submit their data. For those who are planning to submit data (i.e. those who do not have the auto EUC applied to them or who choose to submit data anyways), the following resources are available on the [QPP Resource Library](#) to assist with submission:

- [2021 Data Submission FAQs](#)
- [2021 CMS Web Interface User Guide](#)
- [2021 CMS Web Interface FAQs](#)
- [2021 APP Data Submission User Guide](#)

Additional resources will be posted to the [Resource Library](#) soon.

and in other news,

Jackson Hospital Suffers Patient Data Exfiltration Incident

Recent data breaches included data exfiltration at Florida-based Jackson Hospital and improper PHI access by an employee at Michigan Medicine.

Read more [here](#)

CISA, FBI, NSA and International Partners Issue Advisory on Ransomware Trends from 2021

WASHINGTON – The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), National Security Agency

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC-UK) [issued a joint Cybersecurity Advisory](#) outlining the growing international threat posed by ransomware over the past year. Read more [here](#)

Need for glide path on HIPAA telehealth rules at pandemic's end

Though the pandemic's end is nowhere near, when it does arrive the national declaration of a public health emergency will likely soon end along with it. When the public health emergency declaration is eventually ended, the AMA is asking the government to give physicians who quickly pivoted to include telehealth in their practice ample time to meet Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ([HIPAA](#)) requirements before audits and other enforcement measures ramp up. Read more [here](#)

HHS Raises Awareness of Threats to Electronic Health Record Systems

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center has issued a [threat brief](#) warning about the risks associated with electronic health record systems, which are often targeted by cyber threat actors. Read more [here](#)



Cyberattackers Leverage DocuSign to Steal Microsoft Outlook

A targeted phishing attack takes aim at a major U.S. payments company. Read more [here](#)

The hidden costs of a data breach

[Read more here](#)

Inmediata Health Reaches \$1.13M Settlement After 2019 Data Breach

Inmediata Health Group reached a \$1.13 million settlement to resolve a class-action lawsuit that stemmed from a 2019 Data Breach.

[Read more here](#)

We all think it wont happen to me, but stranger things have happened. Make sure your staff completes the new training as soon as possible. A well trained staff makes for a better staff.

Cyber Security News

We have a separate newsletter for our Cyber Security Clients, which you can access by clicking on the link below. It will take you to our website where you can open it.

HOW LOVE MET CYBER SCAMS

Summarizing the season of romance,
and its connections with cyber scams



THIS MONTH'S TOPICS:

The Dating App

Can you spot the fraud...

Sweet Hearts:

Cyber stats never looked so good...

Scam of the Month:

And the final rose goes to...

Cyber Zen Den:

Self & Cyber Love

This February, shower the ones you love with cybersecurity tips!

Nothing says "I care about you" more than a comprehensive list of benefits to using multi-factor authentication, or an ode to password managers.

The season of love is often intertwined with cyber scams, as love is one of the high-profile emotions cybercriminals exploit to get you to fall for their schemes.

In this month's newsletter, we'll uncover all things in love and cyber crime to help you stay vigilant this season.

To access it, click on the picture above or click [here](#).

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