

HIPAA Compliance and Non-Business Associate Vendors: Strategies and Best Practices

EVENT, July 14, 2 p.m. EDT

HIPAA covered entities (including health care providers and health plans) and their business associates must be mindful of HIPAA compliance when working with other entities even when that other entity is not a business associate.

HIPAA And Encryption: The Best Practices

On-Demand

Data breaches are growing in number in the health care industry, due in part to the increasing sophistication of hackers and the rising black-market cost of stolen medical records.

Boston Scientific Ordered to Pay \$100 Million Over Mesh

NEWS

A Delaware jury has determined that Boston Scientific Corp. must pay \$100 million to a Delaware woman who blamed the

company's vaginal-mesh inserts for leaving her in constant pain, reports Bloomberg.

\$200 Million Settlement Approved for Fungal Meningitis Victims

NEWS

A judge has approved a \$200 million settlement for victims of a deadly fungal meningitis outbreak in 2012, reports Michigan Radio.

Kentucky Hospital to Pay \$41 Million in Unnecessary Surgeries

NEWS

The government's lawsuit claimed the hospital billed for numerous unnecessary coronary stents and diagnostic catheterizations performed by its doctors.

Rhode Island Firm Wins \$25 Million Jury Verdict Against Rhode Island Hospital

NEWS

The state's largest hospital admitted that seven doctors and two nurses were negligent in caring for a patient who sought treatment in for a head injury in 2009.

DaVita Will Pay \$495 Million to Settle Atlanta Whistle-Blower Case

NEWS

Doctor and nurse said they noticed that DaVita was throwing out good medicine and then billing Medicare and Medicaid for it.

Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals Wins \$40 Million Appeal Against

FTC

NEWS

Hi-Tech says the lower-court ruling has caused concern in the industry that the FTC was trying to force double-blind, placebo clinical trial standards on the entire supplement industry.

\$21 Million Verdict in Wrong-Patient Brain Surgery

NEWS

The plaintiff's lawyer says five holes were drilled into the patient's head and the right side of her skull was sawed out.

Beware Joint-Employment Doctrine in Health Care Contracting

White Paper

A joint-employer relationship is often found to exist when one entity (such as a temporary-employment agency) hires and pays a worker, and another entity supervises the work.

Orthopedic Spinal Surgery Standard of Care Webinar

EVENT: April 21, 1 p.m. CDT

The Expert Institute will present a free webinar covering the standard of care in orthopedic spinal surgery.

HIPAA Compliance and Electronic Protected Health Information

EVENT: April 21, 2 p.m. CDT

One class of electronic Protected Health Information bearing technology remains rather mysterious – medical devices.

Foley Expands Health Care Public Affairs Team in Washington

NEWS

Jennifer Walsh has joined Foley & Lardner LLP as director of

public affairs in the Washington, D.C. office. She will on legislative, regulatory and public policy matters related to a variety of issues, and primarily health care.

How Medicare Affects Employer Health Coverage

EVENT: April 7, 1 p.m. CDT

Benefit Express will present a free webinar reviewing the topic of Medicare and how it can affect Employers Health Coverage offerings.

Demonstration of The Guard: HIPAA Compliance Solution

EVENT: March 10, 2 p.m. EST

The Compliancy Group will present a free webinar demonstrating the Guard HIPAA Compliance Tracking Solution, which allows you to self audit your organization, simplifying HIPAA Compliance.

Businesses Need Emergency Preparedness for Infectious Disease

On-demand

Emergency plans for natural disasters are not enough – businesses need to plan specifically for illness, says Allied Barton Security Services in a free on-demand webinar.

When Public Health Goes to Court: Judicial Structure and Functions

On-Demand

The Network for Public Health Law has posted a complimentary webinar that looks at the structure and essential functions of the state and federal court systems.

How to Effectively Negotiate a Business Associate

Agreement

EVENT: Feb. 19, 2 p.m. EST

Compliance Group will present a free webinar about the terms and conditions of business associate agreements that require your attention, and which ones you shouldn't lose any sleep over.

EEOC Treatment of Wellness Incentives Hurts Employers' Programs, Hearing Witnesses Say

NEWS

Bloomberg BNA's Pension and Benefits blog reports that employers might begin drawing back on using wellness programs if they don't get clarifying regulations on the treatment of financial incentives under the ADA from the EEOC.

Temporary Employees and the Employer Mandate

On-demand: Factors used to determine worker status