



CYBERSECURITY

[SEC Issues Warning for Advisors and Broker-Dealers on Increased Ransomware Attacks](#)

On July 10, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), through its Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations (OCIE), issued a warning to advisors and broker-dealers to “immediately” review their cybersecurity controls to prevent and respond to an increase in phishing campaigns and ransomware attacks. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[What Does 2020 Have in Store for CCPA Enforcement and Litigation?](#)

While the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) went into effect on January 1st of this year, the California Attorney General submitted the final draft of proposed regulations only last month. With the CCPA’s inclusion of a private right of action for California residents to seek actual or statutory damages if their personal information has been “subject to an unauthorized access and exfiltration, theft or disclosure” due to a business’s failure to “implement and maintain reasonable security procedures,” there is added exposure in California consumer class actions if a business suffers a data breach, especially because the CCPA allows for statutory damages without having to prove actual harm. The CCPA sets the statutory limit between \$100 and \$750 per consumer per incident. The amount awarded is based on “any one or more of the relevant circumstances presented by any of the parties to the case, including, but not limited to, the nature and seriousness of the misconduct, the number of violations, the persistence of the misconduct, the length of time over which the misconduct occurred, the willfulness of the defendant’s misconduct, and the defendant’s assets, liabilities, and net worth.” [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Benefit Vendors’ Security Practices](#)

Most employers use vendors to assist with managing various employee benefits, including payroll, health and dental benefits, pharmacy, cost-reduction strategies, retirement, analysis and wellness programs.

When using these vendors, the personal information of employees is provided to the vendor in data dumps. Usually that means that the vendors receive employees’ names, addresses, dates of birth, financial information, salary information, benefit elections, beneficiaries and other dependents, and oftentimes, full Social Security numbers. [Read more](#)

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[Reinventing Supply Chains to Reach Patients in Remote Areas](#)

Greater access to medicines and other health commodities (as well as timely delivery of test results) in remote areas could improve health outcomes and potentially save lives. To broaden this access, the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project, with the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funding, launched a new approach to achieve the last-mile delivery in Malawi in Southeastern Africa using unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) for bi-directional delivery of medicines, lab samples and test results. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #244

[Beware of Scammers Posing as Utility Company Employees](#)

The coronavirus pandemic has caused millions of people to lose their jobs and many are struggling to make ends meet, including paying their utility bills. With economic turmoil comes scammers ready to take advantage of heightened anxiety and to prey on individuals when they are the most vulnerable. This week's privacy tip discusses a recent FTC warning. [Read more](#)



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