Data Breaches Mean Fewer Nurses

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

A new study on patient privacy and data security reveals that security breaches of medical data are soaring. Ninety-six percent of healthcare organizations had at least one breach in the past 24 months. Nearly one-third admitted it led to cases of identity theft.

Theft and shoddy security practices of business associates are the cause of most breaches. This erodes patient privacy, enables medical ID theft and costs the health care industry on average $6.5 billion a year. As one data expert notes, “that’s enough money to pay the salaries of an additional 81,000 registered nurses a year.”

So why are electronic patient medical records being mandated by Congress?

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