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Stolen Patient Data is Lucrative

According to experts, stealing your medical record is more lucrative than stealing your social security number or your credit card.

On the black market, a social security number sells for $3. Credit card data sells for $1.50. But a set of electronic medical records sells for $50. Your records can be used to commit fraud, get prescription drugs or obtain medical treatment at your expense.

As a result, you could be denied insurance coverage, lose your credit rating, and have a medical record filled with someone else’s information. So why are federal and state governments forcing doctors to computerize your records and put them online?