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Puerto Rico Fines Blue Cross for Data Breach

When your private medical data has been breached, who gets the penalty money? Not you. You can’t even sue. You can only complain. Government agencies get the entire penalty payment. So for instance, BlueCross BlueShield of Puerto Rico is being fined $6.8 million by the government for revealing private health data on 13,000 people.

This process may become a significant funding source for government officials because of a mandate that all patient data be computerized for easy access. More than 84,000 small breaches (involving less than 500 patients) and more than 700 large breaches have been reported since a 2009 law required reporting.


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