Health Data Breaches Abound

Doctors and hospitals must report data breaches to the federal government in two categories: more or less than 500 people impacted.

During 2011 and 2012, HHS received 458 reports of data breaches in the more than 500 people category. These breaches impacted 14.7 million people. HHS also received nearly 22,000 reports of breaches in the less than 500 people category. These breaches impacted 165,000 people. HHS says theft is the most common cause of data breaches.

Congress and President Obama are at fault. They mandated that your private medical records be computerized and made available online.

“10 Key Findings from HHS’ Latest Data Breach Report,” Akanksha Jayanthi, Becker’s Hospital CEO, June 18, 2014.