



Citizens' Council on Health Care

Health Freedom Minute

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Mayo Breach is Bellwether Event

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens' Council on Health Care.

Last week the Mayo Clinic reported firing an employee. Between 2006 and now, this office worker had inappropriately looked at the medical and financial records of more than 1,700 patients. The Mayo system has clinics in Minnesota, Florida, and Arizona. All records were accessible. It took four years to catch him.

When the Rochester Post Bulletin newspaper asked me to comment, I said electronic medical record systems are a temptation to snoop and individual integrity is key. I was quoted as saying, "This is a bellwether event, because this shows what will happen when everyone's records are put in the National Health Information Network and they're all connected all over the country." In short, this one incident is just a small sign of big violations to come.

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