

THE CYBER SAVVY BROKER'S GUIDE

# Cyber Insurance for the Healthcare Industry



Patient confidentiality is paramount in the healthcare industry. Healthcare providers and other related businesses are entrusted to collect, transmit, and store not only health-related information but also personal, financial, and other identifying details. This sensitive data is often required to be available digitally, making it a frequent target of cybercriminals.

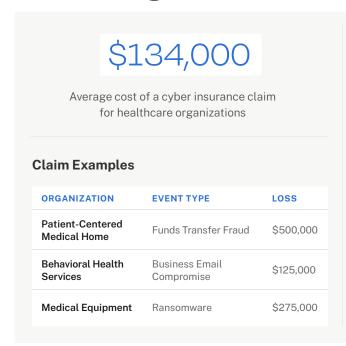
Healthcare providers use many technologies that present cyber risks, such as internet-accessible medical devices, remote monitoring tools, and telemedicine applications. Organizations must not

only protect sensitive patient information but also maintain security and availability of data, as well as lifesaving technology. Even a minor breach or failure can have major cyber implications, potentially hindering the delivery of service and impacting the health and safety of patients.

Merger and Acquisition (M&A) activity also increases risks in the healthcare industry. Acquirers must evaluate cyber risks thoroughly during the M&A process and prior to integration to avoid inheriting new cyber threats and exposures.

# **Claims Insights**

It's just a little security incident. How bad could it be?







# Unique Exposures Most healthcare organizations use data and technology. Why is that risky?

### **Essential Technologies Can Create Cyber Risk**

### **Customer relationship management (CRM) systems**

CRM systems are used to support business development activities. Containing client data and confidential corporate information, CRM systems could be compromised and leveraged for malicious purposes, resulting in a data breach.

### Electronic medical record (EMR) systems

Often cloud-or web-based, these essential systems are used to store, manage, and share patient records. A data breach or incident involving an EMR system could cause data privacy issues, regulatory violations, or even a disruption in services to patients in need of care.

Business email compromise (BEC) is a frequent cause of cyber insurance claims for healthcare organizations, which can trigger data breaches, business interruption and even reputational damage.

### End-of-life software & hardware

Organizations may use outdated technologies with the belief that upgrading would be expensive, timeconsuming, and disruptive. However, technologies no longer supported by the manufacturer often have known security vulnerabilities and may lack important security features to protect against modern threats.

### **Medical devices**

Outdated software, insufficient security features, and a lack of hardened baseline configurations can lead to vulnerabilities in medical devices. Exploitation of insulin pumps, defibrillators, and numerous other devices can compromise operations, patient safety, and data privacy.

### Patient portals

These websites enable patients to access electronic health records and make it easier to fill prescriptions or schedule appointments. However, a breach could expose large amounts of data and cause serious disruption due to the volume and sensitive nature of the information.

### Payment processing software

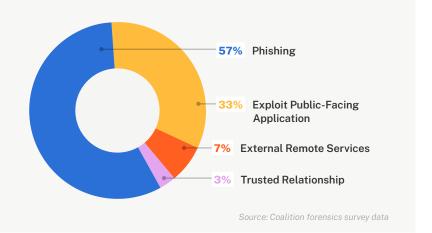
Funds transfer fraud and invoice manipulation are often major drivers of cyber claims. For healthcare providers that use electronic payments, even one fraudulent transfer can have dire financial consequences.

### **Telemedicine platforms**

Telehealth relies on connecting with patients and exchanging information on the internet. Patients with vulnerable devices or networks can expose healthcare organizations to phishing, malware, and other cyber attacks.

### **Cyber Claims in the Healthcare Industry by Attack Vector**

**KEY INSIGHT** — Phishing isn't associated with one event type; it's simply how attackers get into a system. Once inside, they can pursue all sorts of malicious activities, which is why phishing is the leading attack vector for all cyber claims.





### **Sensitive Data Can Increase Business Liability**

### **Biometric data**

Fingerprints, retina scans, and other biometric data technologies are used by medical offices to ensure patient identification. Much like passwords, this data can be stolen and used to impersonate individuals and perpetuate cybercrime.

### **Financial data**

Collecting and processing financial information requires adherence to industry standards. Mishandling or unauthorized disclosure of financial data can cause direct harm to patients and trigger industry and regulatory investigations.

### Non-sensitive personal information

Some data may be publicly available and not considered protected, but a breach can still impact trust and public image if it appears the organization did not handle the situation appropriately.

### Personally identifiable information (PII)

PII is any data that can potentially identify a specific person. PII can be used to launch cyber attacks or gain access to networks to initiate attacks. Organizations that mishandle PII or fail to respond to a data breach appropriately can be subject to fines, penalties, and other financial damages.

### **Protected health information (PHI)**

Most healthcare organizations collect or access PHI. Bound by the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, they carry additional data protection and reporting requirements if an actual or suspected data breach occurs.

### Sensitive employee information

Every organization collects and stores information about its employees. Unauthorized access or disclosure of this data can cause direct harm to employees.

### **Examples of Legal & Regulatory Compliance**

- · Data privacy & security contractual obligations
- HIPAA
- Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)
- International data privacy and consumer protection regulations (e.g. GDPR)
- · State data privacy & consumer protection laws (e.g. CCPA)
- · State notification requirements
- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)

\$10.1 million

Average total cost of a **data breach** for healthcare organizations<sup>1</sup>

1. IBM Security, Cost of a Data Breach Report 2022



# **Business Impacts** What can healthcare organizations expect after a cyber incident?

### **Direct costs to respond**

Responding to a cyber event typically requires numerous direct costs, also known as first-party expenses. If a healthcare organization experiences a data breach involving PHI, it will require a prompt response and the need for additional legal counsel, forensic investigation, victim remediation, and notification to comply with regulatory requirements. Simple investigations can cost tens of thousands of dollars, while more complex matters can increase costs exponentially. Relevant insuring agreements may include:

> Bodily Injury and Property Damage-1st Party **Breach Response** Crisis Management Cyber Extortion

### Liability to others

Navigating the patchwork of laws and regulations after a security incident or data breach is especially difficult for organizations that operate in a highly regulated industry across multiple legal jurisdictions. A data breach or security failure can trigger liability to third parties and cause bodily harm or injury, even if the management of healthcare records is outsourced and the organization is otherwise in compliance with applicable regulations. Relevant insuring agreements may include:

> Bodily Injury and Property Damage-3rd Party Multimedia Content Liability Network and Information Security Liability PCI Fines and Assessments Pollution Regulatory Defense and Penalties

### **Business interruption and reputation damage**

A cyber event that impacts essential technology can have a significant impact on a healthcare provider's ability to operate and can be highly visible to patients and other

stakeholders. Even short periods of disruption can lead to direct loss of revenue and inhibit an organization's ability to support its patients, negatively impacting not only patient retention but also the delivery of essential care. Relevant insuring agreements may include:

> **Business Interruption & Extra Expenses** Reputation Repair

### Cybercrime

Beyond ransomware and data breaches, cyber events can result in financial theft for a healthcare provider or its patients — often without an actual breach. If an attacker dupes someone in the billing department to alter payment instructions, an organization can lose tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars almost instantly. Attackers can also gain access to email accounts and send fraudulent invoices or payment instructions to patients, customers, and other third parties. Relevant insuring agreements may include:

> **Funds Transfer Fraud Invoice Manipulation** Phishing (Impersonation) and Proof of Loss **Preparation Expense Endorsement** Service Fraud

### **Recovery and restoration**

After a cyber event, resuming operation is no easy task. If an attacker damages or destroys essential technology, data, or physical equipment, an organization may need to bring in external support or purchase new equipment to re-secure systems. Full remediation, restoration, and recovery can take a significant amount of time, when possible, and may require purchasing new software, systems, and consultants to rebuild the network. Relevant insuring agreements may include:

> Computer Replacement **Digital Asset Restoration**



# Cyber Insurance Reimagined How does Coalition perform?

1.87%

Coalition 2022 overall claims frequency

↓ 22%

Year-over-year decrease in Coalition claims frequency

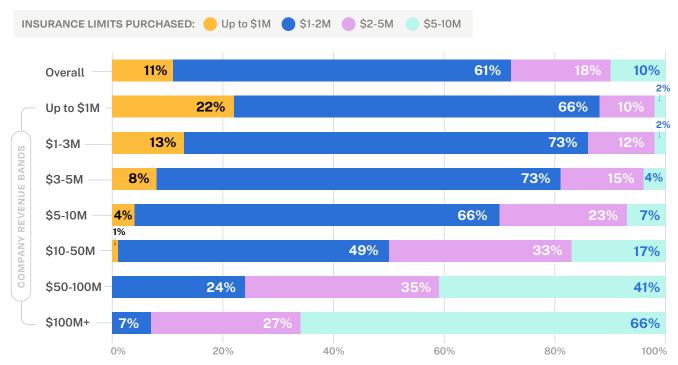
64% fewer

Coalition claims vs. cyber industry average

## **Peer Purchasing Insights**

Primary limit amounts purchased by others in the the healthcare industry

### PEER PURCHASING HABITS BY REVENUE



 Most small and medium-sized businesses in the healthcare industry purchase \$1M-2M in limits, while many mid-market organizations purchase \$5-10M in limits. For those needing more than \$10M in limits, Coalition offers primary and excess terms for businesses up to \$5B in revenue.



# The Power of Active Insurance Why do healthcare organizations choose Coalition?

47%

Reported cyber events handled with no cost to policyholder

43%

Reduction in critical vulnerabilities among policyholders in 2022 73%

Average decrease in ransomware payment amount via negotiation

Active Insurance\* is designed to help prevent digital risk before it strikes. Our new approach to managing digital risk provides three layers of support:



# Insurance as active as digital risk

In the digital economy, Coalition wants to ensure that all organizations can thrive by helping to protect them from the threat of emerging risks. We've built an expert team across incident response, claims, and our panel vendors. In the event of a claim, Coalition helps organizations respond and recover so they can get back to business.

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### Healthcare organizations

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