Is your pharmacy protected against security breaches?

A recent HIPAA violation resulted in a $1.4 million jury verdict against a national retail pharmacy. There has been a dramatic increase in security breaches in the healthcare industry over the past three years and financial penalties for the accidental disclosure or theft of PHI have skyrocketed. Can your pharmacy survive the financial burden of even an accidental disclosure? McKesson’s SecureHIPAA service helps pharmacies to easily and cost effectively assess their risks and protect against costly security breaches or accidental disclosure of PHI.

SecureHIPAA

SecureHIPAA provides pharmacies with a comprehensive protection program that assists busy owners with everyday questions and issues that relate to the privacy and protection of patient information. The main features and benefits include access to our information web portal that, together with liability protection, effectively transfers a significant portion of patient data breach risk away from the pharmacy, all for a nominal cost.
The SecureHIPAA Program Includes:

- $100,000 of HIPAA Data Breach Protection Services
- HIPAA Risk Assessment Wizard
- Protected Health Information Security Policy Template
- Business Associate Agreement Template
- Acceptable Use Policy Template
- Incident Response Plan Template

Protection for HIPAA violations resulting from PHI disclosure caused by:

- Theft of electronic patient files
- Physical theft of patient files
- Procedural mistake with patient information
- Employee theft of patient files or related information

HIPAA Risk Facts:

- HHS fined 2 hospitals $4.3 million when patient data appeared on online search engines
- During the first 7 months of 2015 there have been 158 breaches of unsecured protected health information reported affecting a total of 102.5MM individuals.
- Since 2014 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has levied $8.2MM in civil penalties to 9 organizations including independent retail pharmacies.
- Not just the big guys: 99% of reports involving breach of PHI between September 2009 and August 2014 affected fewer than 500 individuals.
- Audits don’t just result from breach reports: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights recently announced plans to implement random HIPAA audits to monitor compliance.
- It’s more than installing a firewall: Many compliance fines result from lack of employee training, theft, and human error.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights