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Massive Data Breach Exposes 500,000 Patients' Medical Records

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LifeBridge Health in Maryland is the most recent health system to have its patient records impermissibly accessed through a malware cyberattack. Indication of an attack was first detected in March 2018, upon which the hospital hired a national forensic firm to investigate the attack and determined that an unauthorized person had accessed LifeBridge's server in September 2016.

According to LifeBridge's [public notice](#), the cyber attacker accessed the servers through one of LifeBridge's physician practices, LifeBridge Potomac Professionals. LifeBridge has not concluded whether the accessed information has been misused in any way. Information potentially accessed includes names, addresses, birth dates, insurance information, and Social Security numbers. LifeBridge has opened a call center to provide patients seeking additional information access to such support. LifeBridge has also offered one-year complimentary credit care monitoring and identify protection services to patients whose Social Security numbers may have been compromised.

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