Medical Identity Theft

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T  F  1. Medical identity theft and medical identity fraud are interchangeable terms that can be used to describe the same conduct.

T  F  2. More than 700 large health care data breaches occurred in the United States in 2023, according to the U.S. Office for Civil Rights.

T  F  3. Medical identity theft is easily and quickly detected, and the victim’s resulting loss is limited.

T  F  4. A data breach in patient health information can result in illegal access to financial information and theft.

T  F  5. Medical identity theft represents a large percentage of identity theft.

T  F  6. Two-factor authentication requires a user to provide two forms of identification to access an online account.

T  F  7. Medical identity fraud is defined as the actual misuse of data to obtain medical care, durable medical equipment, and prescriptions.

T  F  8. Medical information theft is primarily a problem for large health systems and less of a problem for small provider practices.

T  F  9. Because of recent federal legislation, a central repository of medical records is used so that victims of medical identity theft and fraud can quickly identify the extent of the criminal use of their information.

T  F  10. A drop in a person’s credit score for no apparent reason can indicate medical identity theft.

T  F  11. Health care information ranks behind Social Security numbers and credit card information as the most sought-after information by criminals.

T  F  12. Cybersecurity is more effective for health care organizations than for other sectors of the economy.

T  F  13. Medical identity theft can result in incorrect information being entered into a patient’s health record.

T  F  14. Health care delivery settings should have a protocol for reporting medical identity theft to patients who have had their medical information stolen.

T  F  15. Obtaining medical care in the name of a theft victim is an example of criminal use of patient health information.

T  F  16. To protect confidential information, staff in medical practices and clinics should not click on links from email addresses they do not recognize.

T  F  17. More than 30 states have adopted some form of comprehensive privacy and security law.

T  F  18. To lessen the likelihood of unauthorized access to patient information, staff should carefully review and verify requests for the release of health information.

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