

CHANGE HEALTHCARE DATA BREACH TIMELINE: FEDERAL ACTION

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February 21, 2024

Change Healthcare, a unit of UnitedHealth Group (UHG), [discovers](#) data breach. ALPHAV/Black Cat later claims responsibility for the ransomware attack.

March 5, 2024

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) releases a [statement](#) on Change healthcare cyberattack.

March 9, 2024

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [announce](#) availability of Accelerated and Advance Payment (AAP) Program funds for providers impacted by the cyberattack.

March 13, 2024

HHS' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issues a "Dear Colleague" [letter](#) and opens an investigation on the Change Healthcare cyberattack.

March 22, 2024

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) introduces [legislation](#) tying minimum cybersecurity standards to AAP Program funding.

April 15, 2024

A bipartisan group of Energy and Commerce (E&C) leaders send a [letter](#) to Andrew Witty, CEO of UHG, seeking answers about the cyberattack.

April 16, 2024

The House E&C Subcommittee on Health holds a [hearing](#) on the incident and CHIME's Board Chair, Scott MacLean, [testifies](#) on behalf of CHIME's membership.

April 19, 2024

OCR publishes a [webpage](#) responding to frequently asked questions (FAQs) concerning the Change Healthcare cyberattack.

May 1, 2024

Andrew Witty, CEO of UHG, [testifies](#) in both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Witty's [responses](#) to the Senate Finance Questions for the Record (QFRs) were released a few weeks after.

May 30, 2024

Senate Finance Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) sends a [letter](#) to the FTC and SEC to investigate UHG's "negligent cybersecurity practices."

May 31, 2024

OCR [updates](#) its Change Healthcare Cybersecurity Incident FAQs.

June 5, 2024

Senate Finance Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) sends a [letter](#) to HHS calling on the department to enforce mandatory cybersecurity measures for major healthcare entities.

June 7, 2024

Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) send a [letter](#) to Andrew Witty on the status of breach notifications.

June 14, 2024

HHS, Labor, and the Treasury [announce](#) 120-day extension for IDR disputes impacted by the cyberattack.

June 17, 2024

CMS [announces](#) closure date of July 12, 2024 for payments under the AAP Program in response to the cyberattack.

July 19, 2024

OCR [posts](#) breach on its website