



Blatchford Solutions Teams with PCIHIPAA to Help Dentists Protect Practices from HIPAA Violations and Data Breaches

Blatchford Solutions is partnering with PCIHIPAA to protect dentists from data breaches, ransomware attacks, HIPAA violations and other common vulnerabilities.



BEND, OREGON, UNITED STATES, January 17, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Blatchford Solutions](#) (Blatchford) is partnering with [PCIHIPAA](#) to help protect its clients from the onslaught of ransomware attacks, HIPAA violations, and data breaches prevalent in the dental industry. Under HIPAA's Security and Privacy Rules, healthcare providers are required to take proactive steps to protect sensitive patient information. The partnership comes on the heels of an important announcement surrounding HIPAA compliance regulation. The Director of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights recently stated, "Just because you are a small medical or dental practice doesn't mean we're not looking and that you are safe if you are violating the law. You won't be." In addition, the rising number of patient privacy claims, and ransomware attacks on dental practices has escalated the importance of compliance and patient data protection.

"Dentists deserve a great practice and a great life. It's important that our clients fully understand the risks surrounding HIPAA compliance and patient data privacy and security. Blatchford is dedicated to helping our clients take the necessary steps to protect what they have worked so hard to build. Bill and I vetted many HIPAA compliance providers and believe PCIHIPAA's [OfficeSafe](#) Compliance Program is a fantastic solution. PCIHIPAA understands how to work with busy dental offices, and their program is robust and easy to implement. Our partnership is designed to have a lasting positive impact professionally and personally for our clients," said Christina Blatchford, Co-CEO of Blatchford Solutions.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, OCR has received over 150,000 HIPAA complaints following the issuance of the Privacy Rule in April 2003. A rising number of claims filed under HIPAA in recent years have led many patients to question whether or not their personal payment and health information is safe. As the government has become more aggressive in HIPAA enforcement, large settlements have become widespread and rising penalties for HIPAA non-compliance are a reality.

According to HHS.gov, the types of HIPAA violations most often identified are:

- 1) Impermissible uses and disclosures of protected health information (PHI)
- 2) Lack of technology safeguards of PHI
- 3) Lack of adequate contingency planning in case of a data breach or ransomware attack
- 4) Lack of administrative safeguards of PHI
- 5) Lack of a mandatory HIPAA risk assessment
- 6) Lack of executed Business Associate Agreements

7) Lack of employee training and updated policies and procedures

“We are honored to be partnering with Bill, Christina and everyone at Blatchford Solutions. They have a 20 year track record of helping dental practices thrive. PCIHIPAA's mission is to help practices easily and affordably navigate HIPAA requirements and provide the solutions they need to protect their practices. We find that many practices don't have the resources to navigate HIPAA law, and are unaware of common vulnerabilities. We're excited to work with Blatchford and their clients.” said Jeff Broudy, CEO of PCIHIPAA.

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About Blatchford Solutions

For more than 20 years, Blatchford Solutions has been working with doctors to create the dental practice environment and personal lives they desire. Every life is different and every dream is unique. Blatchford does not take any shortcuts and doesn't conform to one way of doing things. They want their doctors to be themselves and live their lives to the fullest.

About PCIHIPAA

PCIHIPAA is an industry leader in PCI and HIPAA compliance providing turnkey, convenient solutions for its clients. Delivering primary security products to mitigate the liabilities facing dentists and doctors, PCIHIPAA removes the complexities of financial and legal compliance to PCI and HIPAA regulations to ensure that health and dental practices are educated about what HIPAA laws require and how to remain in full compliance. Learn more at OfficeSafe.com and PCIHIPAA.com.

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