



## **Health Sector Publishes Executive Checklist For Cyber Incident Response**

**Washington, DC – October 30, 2024** - The Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council (HSCC) Cybersecurity Working Group today published a checklist to assist senior executives of healthcare entities to support and guide effective incident response and operational continuity following a cyber incident.

The epidemic of cyber threats and incidents on the health sector highlights the need for healthcare executives not only to recognize the potential business consequences of cyberattacks but to understand and manage the executive role in directing and supporting incident response and continuity of operations. Consequences across a victim organization invariably involve executives responsible for legal, regulatory, operational, reputational, financial and clinical risk, and ultimately, patient safety.

This checklist aims to raise awareness about critical considerations for informed and swift executive decision-making during and after a cybersecurity incident. These considerations are categorized into Incident Response, Business Continuity, and Communication sections below. By familiarizing themselves with these strategic concerns in advance, healthcare executives can enhance their preparedness to ask the right questions and make effective decisions during a crisis.

### **About the HSCC Cybersecurity Working Group**

The Health Sector Coordinating Council (HSCC) Cybersecurity Working Group (CWG) is a government-recognized critical infrastructure industry council of more than 450 healthcare providers, pharmaceutical and medical technology companies, payers and health IT entities partnering with government to identify and mitigate cyber threats to health data and research, systems, manufacturing and patient care. The CWG membership collaboratively develops and publishes free healthcare [cybersecurity leading practices](#) and policy recommendations and produces outreach and communications programs emphasizing the imperative that ***cyber safety is patient safety***.

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