**HIPAA settlement underscores the need for organization-wide risk analysis**

The downloading of an email attachment that contained malicious malware resulted in a finding that the University of Washington Medicine (UWM) did not have sufficient controls documented and in place throughout the University. **Fined $750,000.**

**Read the Press Release:**

<http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2015/12/14/750000-hipaa-settlement-underscores-need-for-organization-wide-risk-analysis.html>

**HIPAA Settlement Highlights Importance of Safeguards When Using Internet Applications**

An audit disclosed that St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center (“SEMC”) used an internet document sharing application to store PHI without evaluating the risks associated with this activity and also failed to report a breach of PHI on a laptop and flash drive. **Fined $218,400.**

**Read the Bulletin:**

<http://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/bulletin.pdf>

**HIPAA Settlement Highlights the Continuing Importance of Secure Disposal of Paper Medical Records**

An audit disclosed that Cornell Prescription Pharmacy (Cornell) disposed of PHI in an unlocked, open container without any controls in place. **Fined $125,000.**

Read the Press Release:

<http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/compliance-enforcement/examples/cornell/cornell-press-release/index.html>