



How The Grinch Stole My Personal Information

On The 11th Day Of ObamaCare, Democrats Gave To Me ... Online Hackers Stealing

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE STATE AND FEDERAL OBAMACARE EXCHANGE WEBSITES HAVE BEEN BREACHED

A Recently Released Briefing From Health And Human Services Acknowledged That 32 Security Incidents Had Been Logged Since The ObamaCare Website Launch. “They released parts of a classified briefing they got earlier this week from the Health and Human Services Department saying 32 security incidents had been logged since the website rolled out Oct. 1. Republicans in Congress have been asking questions about website security, since people must enter Social Security numbers and other personal information to enroll in health insurance on the site.” (Maggie Fox, “No Major Security Breaches On HealthCare.gov, Democrats Say,” [NBC News](#), 12/13/13)

- **Fifteen Events “Involved People Accidentally Receiving Information They Shouldn’t Have Gotten.”** “Fifteen events, classified as ‘unauthorized access,’ involved people accidentally receiving information they shouldn’t have gotten, including an incident in which a South Carolina man’s personal information was sent to a person in North Carolina.” (ObamaCare Website Has Never Been Breached, Waxman Says,” [Bloomberg](#), 12/13/13)
- **Eleven Incidents Are Still Being Investigated.** “‘All the known glitches that caused these incidents have been fixed,’ Waxman wrote. Eleven of the incidents remain under investigation, he said.” (ObamaCare Website Has Never Been Breached, Waxman Says,” [Bloomberg](#), 12/13/13)

“Oregon’s Troubled Health Insurance Exchange Has Discovered Two More Instances In Which Personal Information Of Applicants Was Sent To The Wrong People.” (“Cover Oregon Discloses 2 More Security Breaches,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/25/13)

- **The Recent Breaches Mark The Third Incident In Which Personal Information Such As “Birthdates And Information About Social Security And Income” Went To The Wrong Person.** “The incidents revealed Monday bring the total number of the known security breaches to three. A Salem woman said last week that she received pages of the applications of two strangers, including names, birthdates and information about Social Security and income. Cover Oregon says

similar incidents were reported on Tuesday and Friday.” (“Cover Oregon Discloses 2 More Security Breaches,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/25/13)

- **An Oregon Woman Is “Mortified” By The Breach, Adding That It Was Her “Worst Nightmare To See Other People’s Personal Information.”** “On Nov. 20, Valarie Henderson of Salem opened her mail from Cover Oregon to find a packet that included not just a copy of her application she’d filled out weeks before, but personal information from two other people that included name, address and social security numbers. ‘I was mortified,’ said Henderson, 55, adding that the incident confirmed her fear of identity thieves. ‘It’s not like they’d get much, but what I have I’d like to keep.’ ... ‘That was my worst nightmare to see other people’s personal information in there,’ she said. ‘People should be aware of the consequences of what might happen.’” (Nick Budnick, “Cover Oregon: Health Exchange Workers Committed Three Data Breaches Last Week,” [The Oregonian](#), 11/25/13)

Vermont ObamaCare Exchange Officials Confirmed A Security Breach “In Which One User Got Improper Access To Another User’s Social Security Number And Other Data.” “Officials overseeing the Vermont Health Connect website confirmed Friday there was a security breach on the system last month in which one user got improper access to another user’s Social Security number and other data. A report from state to federal officials overseeing the health insurance exchanges set up under the Affordable Care Act said a consumer reported the incident with the Vermont Health Connect website on Oct. 17.” (“Vermont Confirms Security Breach To Health Care Exchange Website,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/24/13)

- **The Consumer Received “A Copy Of His Own Application For Insurance Under The State Exchange.”** “The consumer, whom officials would not identify, reported that he received in the mail — from an unnamed sender — a copy of his own application for insurance under the state exchange. ‘On the back of the envelope was hand-written ‘VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT IS NOT A SECURE WEBSITE!’ This was also (written) on the back of the last page of the printed out application,’ said the incident report.” (“Vermont Confirms Security Breach To Health Care Exchange Website,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/24/13)

“A North Carolina Man Tried To Log On And Got A South Carolina Man’s Personal Information.” “The administration insists the trouble-prone website is secure, but technicians had to scramble to make a software fix earlier this week after learning that a North Carolina man tried to log on and got a South Carolina man’s personal information. A serious security breach would be an unwelcome game-changer for an administration striving to turn the corner on technical problems that have inconvenienced millions of consumers and embarrassed the White House.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Health Website’s Security Prompts Worries,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/6/13)

Despite Claiming That Personal Information On The ObamaCare Site Was Secure, Security Can Still Be Compromised

Security Concerns On The ObamaCare Website Have Aroused Suspicions That Corners Were Cut On Security Testing To Meet The October 1 Launch Deadline. “Obama administration officials are facing mounting questions about whether they cut corners on security testing while rushing to meet a self-imposed deadline to launch online health insurance markets.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Health Website’s Security Prompts Worries,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/6/13)

The Part Of The ObamaCare Website That “Stores Personal Information” Had Not Been Fully Tested Prior To Launch. “Documents show that the part of HealthCare.gov that consumers interact with directly received only a temporary six-month security certification because it had not been fully tested before Oct. 1, when the website went live. It’s also the part of the system that stores personal

information.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Health Website’s Security Prompts Worries,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/6/13)

“Administration Officials Say They Remain Confident It Is Secure.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Health Website’s Security Prompts Worries,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/6/13)

IT Security Experts Have Said That The Administration Should’ve Completed “End-To-End Testing” Before Launch. “Two computer security experts interviewed by The Associated Press said that clearly the better option would have been to complete testing. ‘The best scenario is to have done end-to-end testing,’ said Lisa Gallagher, vice president of technology solutions for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, a medical technology nonprofit. That it wasn’t done ‘would cause me some mild concern,’ she continued, adding she would advise a relative or close friend to wait until the website is stabilized before plunging in.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Health Website’s Security Prompts Worries,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/6/13)

IT Security Experts Say That Security Wasn’t At The Forefront When Constructing The ObamaCare Exchange Websites

A “White Hat” Hacker Said ObamaCare’s Federal Exchange Wasn’t Developed With Security In Mind. “It could take a year to secure the risk of ‘high exposures’ of personal information on the federal ObamaCare online exchange, a cybersecurity expert told CNBC on Monday. ‘When you develop a website, you develop it with security in mind. And it doesn’t appear to have happened this time,’ said David Kennedy, a so-called ‘white hat’ hacker who tests online security by breaching websites. He testified on Capitol Hill about the flaws of HealthCare.gov last week.” (Matthew J. Belvedere, “No Security Ever Built Into ObamaCare Site: Hacker,” [CNBC](#), 11/25/13)

- **“It’s Really Hard To Go Back And Fix The Security Around It Because Security Wasn’t Built Into It.”** “‘It’s really hard to go back and fix the security around it because security wasn’t built into it,’ said Kennedy, chief executive of TrustedSec. ‘We’re talking multiple months to over a year to at least address some of the critical-to-high exposures on the website itself.’” (Matthew J. Belvedere, “No Security Ever Built Into ObamaCare Site: Hacker,” [CNBC](#), 11/25/13)

Another Tech Security Expert Said The Obama Administration Should Start Over And Rebuild The Exchange From Scratch. “Another online security expert—who spoke at last week’s House hearing and then on CNBC—said the federal ObamaCare website needs to be shut down and rebuilt from scratch. Morgan Wright, CEO of Crowd Sourced Investigations said: ‘There’s not a plan to fix this that meets the sniff test of being reasonable.’” (Matthew J. Belvedere, “No Security Ever Built Into ObamaCare Site: Hacker,” [CNBC](#), 11/25/13)