

# Weekly Compliance Corner's 16-Dec-11



Anthelio Health is committed to the confidentiality and security of our customers' and their patients' information.

These weekly reminders are designed to refresh your memory about your valuable role in privacy and security under HIPAA and other federal and state laws.

Should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the privacy and/or security rules, please contact the Anthelio Health Regulatory Compliance Department at 214-257-7114.

Thank you,

Paula Ciotti

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## First-Hand Experience

As we all know, a security incident involving a patient's electronic protected health information (ePHI) is very serious and needs to be reported immediately to the Global Compliance Officer (Paula Ciotti) and/or the Global Security Officer (Armando Orta) for appropriate action. What if the security incident involves a large number of patients? What actions would need to be taken immediately, within the first few days and then thereafter?

What is *your* role in any security incident?

Early this year, a security incident affected the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative when an unencrypted laptop was stolen from an employee's car. Micky Tripathi, President and Chief Executive Officer recently wrote an article on his blog describing this large-volume data breach. This article is lengthy, but is an excellent primer for all of us. No matter what our job responsibilities are or where we are located, we can all learn from this very serious incident.

Please take some time, read the attached, then think of how you would have responded or how you would have like your information treated.