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Physician Notes: HIPAA Penalties Heat up

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HHS continues to keep HIPAA enforcement at the front and center of its investigations. Department of Health and Human Services chief regional civil rights counsel Jerome Meites warned that HIPAA penalties during the next 12 months should "set records," reported attorney Christopher Froeb in a recent Nixon Peabody blog post. Meites made these comments during an American Bar Association conference in Chicago on June 12 and 13.

Meites urged providers to perform comprehensive risk analyses, particularly now that HIPAA audits have recommenced after the temporary suspension in 2012.