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Money changes everything

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Would your organization's workforce violate Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for cash? According to a recent study, approximately 35% to 46% of graduate students, including medical residents and executives in an MBA program, indicated they would violate federal privacy regulations for an amount of money ranging from \$1,000 to over \$10 million.^[1] Researchers at Florida Atlantic University, Baylor University, and the State University of New York at Buffalo who conducted the study were interested in the role monetary incentives play in violating privacy laws such as HIPAA.

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