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◆ **Korunda Medical LLC, a Florida-based company that provides primary care and interventional pain management, has agreed to pay \$85,000 to settle a potential violation of HIPAA's right of access provision, the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) said Dec. 12. This is OCR's second settlement<sup>[1]</sup> since it announced its HIPAA Right of Access Initiative.<sup>[2]</sup> OCR said it got a complaint in March 2019 that Korunda did not forward a patient's medical records in an electronic format to a third party in a timely manner in the format requested, and charged more than the reasonable cost-based fees permitted by HIPAA. After providing technical assistance to Korunda, OCR closed the complaint. But history repeated itself, and another complaint was filed. "As a result of OCR's second intervention, the requested records were provided for free in May 2019, and in the format requested," OCR said. Korunda did not admit liability.**

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