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- ♦ Banner Health says it anticipates "negative findings" from an ongoing federal probe of a 2016 cyberattack that exposed the records of nearly 3.7 million patients, employees and others, according to AZCentral. The Phoenix-based health provider disclosed in its 2017 annual report that an OCR investigation has included queries about the health provider's security assessments. Banner also faces a class action lawsuit over the data breach. Read the story at https://bit.lv/2GpagQz.
- ♦ Insider threats pose the greatest risk to sensitive health information, with 58% of breaches of protected health information coming from insiders, according to Verizon's 2018 Protected Health Information Data Breach Report. Another one–third of threat actions resulted from error, while 29.5% came from misuse, 16.3% came from physical threats, 14.8% resulted from hacking, and 10.8% resulted from malware. Hard copy documents were the assets most involved in incidents involving error. Verizon analyzed more than 1,300 security incidents across 27 countries. Get the full study at https://vz.to/2FvldiW.

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