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A recent study probing the impact of payments on HIPAA compliance—or noncompliance—posed a series of situations to college students to see how much it might take to get them to violate HIPAA.^[1] Across all five scenarios, just 14% didn't have what the study authors referred to as “a price” to illegally obtain and/or share protected health information.

The following are the situations they considered. For their responses, see the related story.^[2] For an overview of compliance strategies that correspond to the study findings, see the related story.^[3]

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