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Florida Phishing Attack Exposed Data for 30,000 Medicaid Recipients

The state's Agency for Health Care Administration has warned that a phishing attack compromised data for as many as 30,000 Medicaid recipients. One of its staffers fell for a "malicious phishing email" on November 15th, giving hackers access not only to identifying info like names, addresses and Medicaid ID numbers, but also diagnoses and medical conditions. A would-be fraudster would theoretically have almost everything they could want. It's not clear who was responsible for the attack or what their motivations might be. At least some previous attacks were conducted by Chinese hackers hoping to learn about American health care, but this could also be the work of private scammers or state- sponsored agents with alternate methods.