

# Cyberattack on UnitedHealth still impacting prescription access: "These are threats to life"

## **Description**

Change Healthcare, a health tech company, has been hit by a cyberattack. This is causing big issues across the United States. Many hospitals and pharmacies are not getting paid, and patients are not able to get their medication.

Change Healthcare is part of a large healthcare company, UnitedHealth Group. The cyberattack was first noticed on February 21. The company rapidly disconnected the affected systems to prevent further problems. However, many insurance firms are unable to pay claims, as highlighted by Amrish Patel, a pharmacist in Texas. He mentioned that many older patients are struggling to buy their necessary medication due to the hack.

Every year, Change Healthcare processes 15 billion transactions. It carries out tasks linked to one in three patient records in the U.S. This shows the scale of the problem from the cyberattack.

John Riggi, from the American Hospital Association, said the cyberattack has affected every hospital in the U.S. in some way. He emphasized that this is a serious threat to people's lives, not just a minor data issue.

A Russian group known as Blackcat has said they did the cyberattack. They claim to have stolen over six terabytes of data. Among these are supposedly sensitive medical records.

UnitedHealth told CBS News on Thursday that Change Healthcare has confirmed the cyberattack. The company continues to work closely with law enforcement and third-party experts to handle the issue. The investigation has so far not shown any signs of other UnitedHealth subsidiaries being affected by the hack.

Change Healthcare has come up with temporary solutions for payment. However, they are still dealing with the aftermath of the hack a week later. The issue has been especially hard for smaller hospitals which have smaller reserve funds. There is no update yet on when they believe the situation will be resolved. The FBI is also conducting an investigation.

# **Vocabulary List:**

- Cyberattack // (noun): An attempt to damagedisruptor gain unauthorized access to computer systemsnetworksor devices.
- 2. Pharmacist // (noun): A healthcare professional who specializes in the preparation and dispensing of drugs.
- 3. **Insurance Firms** // (noun): Companies that provide coverage in exchange for premiums and offer financial protection against specified risks.
- 4. **Subsidiaries** // (noun): Companies controlled by a parent companywhich holds a majority stake in their ownership.



- 5. Reserve Funds // (noun): Funds set aside by an organization to cover future expenses or financial obligations.
- 6. Investigation // (noun): The process of carefully examining facts or events to gather information and uncover the truth.

## Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term describes a consistent and unchanging trend?

Option: Surge Option: Steady Option: Rebound Option: Anticipated

2. What do businesses engage in to gain market share?

Option: Awareness Option: Resignation Option: Competition Option: Equality

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Option: Artificial Intelligence

Option: Investors Option: Pharmacist Option: Reserve Funds

4. What is evaluated to assess how well an entity has done?

Option: Shares

Option: Performance

Option: Server Option: Robust

5. What is a malicious attempt to disrupt digital operations?

Option: Insurance Firms

Option: Robust

Option: Cyberattack

Option: Key

6. Which technology simulates human intelligence processes?

Option: Anticipated Option: Insurance Firms



Option: Artificial Intelligence

Option: Pharmacist

7. What are companies controlled by a	another company?	
Option: Subsidiaries		
Option: Surge		
Option: Inflation Option: Attractive		
Option: Attractive		
8. What fosters understanding and red	cognition of a situation?	
Option: Attractive		
Option: Awareness		
Option: Pharmacist		
Option: Investigation		
9. What represents ownership in a cor	poration?	
Option: Server		
Option: Shares		
Option: Investors		
Option: Rebound		COM
10. Which financial buffer is set aside	for emergencies or inves	stments?
Option: Rebound		
Option: Remarkably		
Option: Reserve Funds		
Option: Steady		
Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with t	he correct word from t	the vocabulary list. )
11. A rise in consumer prices is often	an	of inflation.
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12. Persistent overspending can lead	to serious	·
12 Effective malicine are moreled to be	a.l.a.	
13. Effective policies are needed to ne	:ip	the economy during turbulent times.
14. The company reported a	increas	e in profits this quarter.
15. The launch of the new product wa	s highly	by industry analysts.
16. A		
16. A cybers	security system is essent	cial to protect sensitive information.



17. After a period of decline the company's stock price began to		
18. The project was completed on time and under budget.		
19. A dispenses medication and provides health advice to patients.		
20. A company's data is stored and managed on a central		
Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )		
21. Rising prices reduce the purchasing power of a currency.		
22. Negative stereotypes can create a sense of shame or disgrace.		
23. Fairness and justice in distributing resources and opportunities.		
24. Companies that provide financial protection through policies.		
25. A sudden and substantial increase in activity or value.		
26. Individuals or firms that facilitate buying and selling on behalf of clients.		
27. Essential or crucial to understanding or achieving something.		
28. The process of looking closely at a situation or person to gain information.		
29. Companies controlled by another business entity.		
30. The evaluation of how effectively a task or objective is accomplished.		

## **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Steady 2. Competition 3. Investors 4. Performance 5. Cyberattack 6. Artificial Intelligence 7. Subsidiaries 8. Awareness 9. Shares 10. Reserve Funds

Gap-Fill: 11. Indicator 12. Financial problems 13. Stabilize 14. Whopping 15. Anticipated 16. Robust 17.

Rebound 18. Remarkably 19. Pharmacist 20. Server

Matching sentence: 1. Inflation 2. Stigma 3. Equality 4. Insurance Firms 5. Surge 6. Brokers 7. Key

8. Investigation 9. Subsidiaries 10. Performance

#### **CATEGORY**

1. Business - LEVEL3



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