

NIST Takes the Lead in Cybersecurity

If you're a CNSI blog reader then you have undoubtedly heard us talk about [cybersecurity](#). The topic is nearly ubiquitous and for good reason. According to [studies](#), cybersecurity incidents are up 38 percent since just 2014, costing the U.S. economy between \$300 billion and \$1 trillion.

A snapshot of health care cybersecurity is even scarier: there have been 1,282 attacks affecting more than 143.3 million individuals since 2009. [Attacks on health care organizations](#) are growing at a faster rate than other industries for one simple reason: medical information is valuable. In fact, medical data is worth 450 times more than a social security number, once thought to be the holy grail of personal information.

These statistics are sobering, but there is good news. In the middle of last year, President Obama announced his [cybersecurity proposal](#), which put the administration's support behind a range of cybersecurity policies. Foremost in the proposal was information sharing. The idea is that private sector needs to share cyber threat information so it can be analyzed and responded to by the might of the federal government.

