

# **Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care**

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#### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care Today's Panel



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# Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care Discussion Topics

- Growing and emerging management liability risks.
- Steps to mitigate risk.
- Impact on the insurance market.

#### **Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care** COVID-19 Risks

#### Risks

- Cyber and Crime Insurance Surge in work from home activities.
  - Exponential telehealth growth.
  - Fake social media accounts.
  - Email phishing.

- Use of CARES Act funds.
- Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance Disclosures about COVID-19.
- Financial distress.
- Anti-trust stemming from M&A.

#### Risks

- Fiduciary Liability Insurance Employers reducing or eliminating benefits.
  - Fees of vendors that manage benefits/plans.
  - Active plaintiffs bar.

#### Insurance **Considerations** in light of COVID-19

#### **Risks**

- Temporary furloughs.
- Reduced hours.
- Reductions in pay.
- Compensation for additional overtime.
- Rules regarding meal/break periods.

#### **Risks**

- Raising safety concerns, disability accommodations.
- Furloughs, terminations, salary reductions.
- A sdia cost processing the solution of the sol Return to work policies and procedures (ex. vaccination requirements).
- Retaliation based on media interaction social inflation.

### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care COVID-19 Claims Reported by Marsh (as of 9/22/20)

Industry – All Coverages	Number of Claims
Health Care	2725
Real Estate	482
Financial Institutions	429
Aviation & Aerospace	327
Entertainment	2725

Management Liability Coverages – All Industries	Number of Claims
All FINPRO	258
Employment Practices Liability	48
Directors & Officers Liability	48
Cyber Risk	35
Fiduciary Liability	21
Fidelity Bond (Crime Insurance)	19

#### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care COVID-19 D&O/EPL Claims

### D&O

- Financial impact (breach of debt covenants, insolvency).
- Regulatory investigations claims stemming from receipt of government funds.
- Whistleblowers claims False Claims Act.

## EPL

- Wrongful termination.
- Retaliation.
- Discrimination social unrest.
- Harassment #metoo.
- Social inflation.

#### ✓ Risk mitigation tips

- Ensure employment procedures and practices apply the same to all.
- Document, document, document.
- Retain outside employment counsel if terminating an employee, considering a reduction in force, large furlough, and the like.
- Updated and relevant training.

#### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care Fiduciary Claims – Excessive Fees Litigation

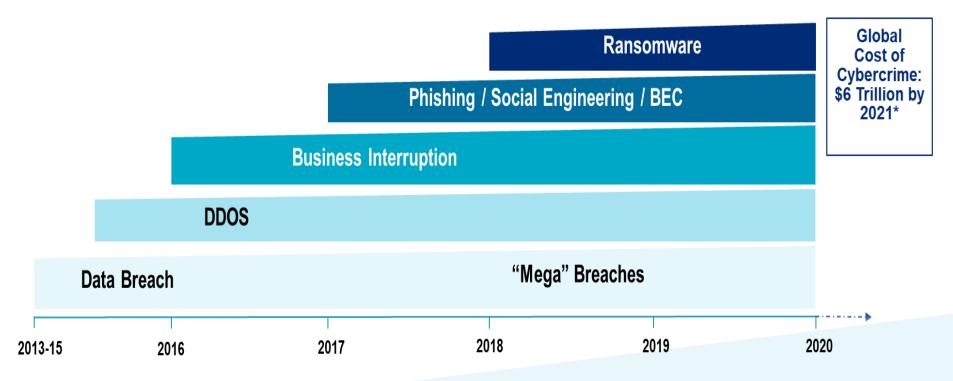
#### What is it?

- Allegations of breach of ERISA fiduciary duties.
  - Allowing vendors to charge fees without proper oversight.
  - Providing too few or too many plan choices.
  - Failing to evaluate vendor's cyber security.

#### **X** Risk mitigation tips

- Have outside ERISA counsel review your plans.
- Document due diligence regarding vendors and fees.
- Recent RFP on vendor fees.
- Benchmark vendor fees.

#### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care Evolution of Cyber Risks



Sources: Gartner data on cybersecurity spending; 2019 Marsh Microsoft Global Cyber Risk Perception Survey for top threats.

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#### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care COVID-19 Cyber and Crime Claims

### Cyber

- Ransomware, ransomware, ransomware.
- Network interruption.
- Data breach.
- Office for Civil Rights and/or state attorney general investigation and fines.
- Biometric Information Privacy Act (EPL too) and California Consumer Privacy Act.

#### Crime

 Social engineering fraud / business email compromise.

#### X Risk mitigation tips

- Use a virtual private network.
- Require multi-factor authentication.
- Disable or turn off remote desktop protocol.
- Secure personal devices.
- Log and monitor access.
- Patch systems.
- Conduct security awareness training.
- More useful tips:
- www.beazley.com/documents/TMB/Facts heets/beazley-bbr-ransomware-factsheetus.pdf

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# Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care Telehealth

- Exponential increase in telehealth services during COVID-19.
- More connections, more data over the internet, more cyber risks.

#### Risk mitigation tips

- Establish a strong internal governance committee.
- Enhance network security infrastructure.
- Implement stringent authentication and network access protocols.
- Encrypt, encrypt, encrypt.
- Implement robust data management (identification, classification, vulnerability assessment, risk analysis, monitoring, blocking, encryption).
- Develop specific telehealth incident response plan.

# Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care D&O/EPL Market Update



- Limited number of primary insurers.
- Median rate changes +10% to +20%.
- Sexual misconduct, #metoo, and opioid concerns and limitations.
- Regulatory risks.
- Antitrust concerns.



- New business moratoriums or significantly reduced appetite for certain sectors of health care.
- 15% to 25%+ median rate changes.
- Some carriers reducing primary limits: \$1m to \$3m for smaller risks; \$5m for larger risks.
- Increasing retentions.
  - High wage earners/physicians/medical providers.
  - Credentialing/provider selection.
  - Mass/class action.
  - Antitrust.
- Financially distressed companies will struggle to find coverage.

#### Emerging Management Liability Hurdles in Health Care Renewal Best Practices



- Start early.
- Deliver timely and complete underwriting submissions.
- Provide current financials year-to-date, in addition to expiring audited financials.
- Conduct calls/video meetings, especially if facing challenging issues e.g., staff reductions, financial.
- Responses to questions about COVID-19 effects.



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