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PRIVACY LAWS COULD TRIP UP HEALTH DATA COMPANIES

The Daily Journal reported on December 13, 2011, that health care providers could increasingly face litigation over data privacy breaches of their patients' personal medical records. In September, 2011, consumer rights litigator Brian Kabateck of Kabateck Brown Kellner in Los Angeles filed a $20 million class action against Stanford Hospitals & Clinics for security breaches of its patients' records. The class action seeks $1,000 per patient for violations of California's Confidentiality of Medical Information Act.