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Betsy Hodge Discusses Managing HIPAA Risk and Third-Party Vendors

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In a new *Healthcare Risk Management* article, Healthcare and Data Privacy Partner Betsy Hodge provides essential guidance for healthcare organizations navigating HIPAA compliance risks of third-party vendors. Hodge emphasizes the importance of thorough due diligence before entering vendor agreements, including reviewing vendors' security practices and ensuring they sign robust business associate agreements. She warns that organizations remain ultimately responsible for protecting patient data, even when vendors are involved, and highlights the need for ongoing monitoring and clear communication. Hodge's practical advice includes conducting regular risk assessments, maintaining detailed documentation, and fostering a culture of compliance.

"Vendor management should be a dynamic process," she tells the publication.

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