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Webmedx Reacts to News of Confidential Medical Records Being Sold on the Black Market

Reports in [The Economic Times](#) and [The Daily Mail](#) attest to the sale of UK citizens' personal medical records which were sent to India for transcription.

Atlanta, GA (October 22, 2009) – Atlanta-based [Webmedx](#), the fourth largest medical transcription company in the World, cites the news of black market sales of medical records in India as further proof that the Webmedx's 100% domestic workforce is the most reliable way to maintain standards of privacy and security. In an era when the HITECH Act is demanding more stringent rules for protected health information, the onus on transcription service providers is at an all-time high.

The example of records being sold in India is a perfect rationale for the fact that sending medical records offshore for transcription is not in the best interests of the healthcare industry and its patients. "It is unrealistic to think that U.S. laws can be effectively enforced outside our borders sufficient to deter the misuse of information or breaches of security," mentions Sean Carroll, CEO of Webmedx.

According to Carroll, the new healthcare privacy and security regulations have sharply increased responsibilities and penalties for healthcare providers and their business associates when it comes to medical record security. As a result, Webmedx has heightened its training compliance practices for its entire staff to keep pace with the HIPAA regulations detailed in ARRA's HITECH legislation.

"At Webmedx, we simply believe that, on balance, patients and providers will receive more secure, higher quality documentation of their care through a domestic, credentialed and engaged workforce operating on a 100% U.S.-based infrastructure.", says Carroll. "Keeping patient records onshore is an important measure in protecting ourselves, our clients and the millions of patients whose medical information is vulnerable in situations such as what recently occurred in India."

About Webmedx, Inc.

Webmedx, Inc. is the 4th largest medical transcription outsourcing company in the World and the only service provider within the top ten U.S. companies offering a 100% domestic workforce. Providing workflow technology integrated with transcription services to produce, distribute, access, and control clinical reports, enables its clients to focus on the business of patient care. The company's combination of software and services improves turnaround time, quality, and access to patient information and clinical applications.

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