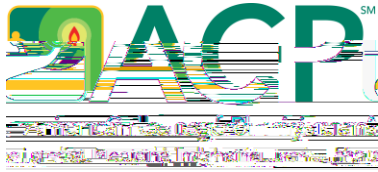
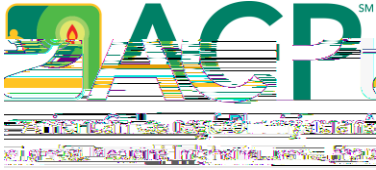


We look forward to collaborating with this committee to safeguard patient digital health records, ensure that physicians are adequately compensated for any financial losses they experienced as a result of this cyberattack, and make certain that physicians will not be inappropriately penalized, tasked with breach notification responsibilities, or subject to adverse action because of any Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) violations they were not responsible for.

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consolidation. Additionally, we ask that the committee support policies that would scrutinize in advance and regularly evaluate after approval of all mergers, acquisitions, and buyouts involving health care entities, including insurers, pharmacy chains, large physician groups, and hospitals.

Investigate Predatory Practices used by UnitedHealth

We urge the committee and HHS to investigate these predatory practices and take any corrective or adverse action where appropriate.

Conclusion

ACP strongly recommends that the committee ensure that physicians impacted by the attack will not be penalized for actions caused by UnitedHealth and Change Healthcare.