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Upcoming Health-ISAC Events

- Business Resiliency Committee – October 8, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM ET **TODAY**
- Physical Security Working Group – October 21, 2025, 1:00-2:00 PM ET
- Global Monthly Threat Brief
 - Americas – October 28, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM ET
 - European – October 29, 2025, 3:00-4:00 PM CET
- European Summit – Rome, Italy – October 14-16, 2025
- Fall Americas Summit – Carlsbad, California – December 1-5, 2025

Additional Information

Leading Story

United States: Invest 95L Likely To Become Tropical Storm Jerry As It Spins Across Atlantic

Summary

The currently tracked Invest 95L is forecasted to become a tropical depression by the middle of the week, developing into Tropical Storm Jerry by the end of the week. As of latest reports, the storm system is expected to move west into the Bay, not impacting Florida. Forecasters give the system an 80% chance of developing in the next two days and a 90% chance in developing in the next week.

Analysis & Action

Forecasters expect Invest 95L to become Tropical Storm Jerry by the end of the week, as the storm system moves northwest across the Central Atlantic. The storm comes as one of many that have developed during the ongoing hurricane season, lasting from June 1 to November 30. Facilities possibly impacted by these storms should prepare for influx in patients and potential disruptions as injuries could result.

Physical Security

China: 18-Year-Old Drug Suspects Escapes From Police Custody At North District Hospital

Summary

Tung, an 18-year-old drug trafficking suspect, was taken to the North District Hospital in Hong Kong for treatment of an alleged discomfort. While at the hospital, he requested to use the bathroom and escaped while police officers waited outside. The suspect, who was still wearing handcuffs during the escape, remains at large.

Analysis & Action

The recent incident at the North District Hospital, where a high-risk suspect managed to escape from police custody, reveals a lack of strong security protocols. The man's ability to flee while handcuffed and under surveillance highlights a need for stricter security measures, particularly when treating high-risk patients, to ensure the safety of both hospital staff and patients. Facilities should consider increasing security presence, establishing clear guidelines for treatment and surveillance of similar patients, and place stricter access control mechanisms to prevent patient escapes.

Fraud and Criminal Threats

United States: Winnetka Man Gets Nearly 5 Years For Role In \$16M Medicare Fraud

Summary

A 35-year-old man has been sentenced due to his role in conning Medicare for nearly \$16 million. Details of the scheme state the man worked alongside others to bill Medicare for services either not medically necessary and/or never provided. Those involved utilized four sham hospitals for the scheme, further using personal information of foreign nationals to open bank accounts and submit information to Medicare alongside signing property leases. The man has since been sentenced to four years and nine months in prison, additionally ordered to pay \$3.2 million in restitution.

Analysis & Action

A Medicare fraud scheme that resulted in \$16 million in losses for Medicare highlights a growing issue in the health sector. Fraud schemes targeting services such as Medicaid, Medicare, and other similar services pose risks to not only the services impacted, but also its ethical users, as an increase in premiums, incorrect treatments, and difficulty to receive future insurance can result from the fraud. Facilities should consider bolstering screening processes and regularly revisiting audits to ensure ethical practices.

Health and Environmental Threats

United States: California Records Fifth West Nile Virus Death This Year, Victim Identified As Roseville Man

Summary

California has recorded its fifth death due to West Nile virus within the year according to reports from public health officials. Though no details regarding the resident or where the previously infected individual may have contracted the virus have been released, the report follows reports from health officials observing higher-than-normal activity of West-Nile infected mosquitoes this season. California has currently recorded a total of 54 human cases of West Nile virus this year.

Analysis & Action

As West Nile virus cases continue to impact residents throughout the United States, California has recorded their fifth death due to the virus. The development comes during a peak season for mosquito borne illnesses, mainly apparent during the summer and early fall months. Older adults and immunocompromised individuals remain the most at risk of severe symptoms should they contract the virus. Facilities in affected regions should continue to monitor for symptoms of the virus, reporting all new cases for accuracy.

Protests & Disruption Events

New Zealand: Senior Doctors And Dentists To Join Massive Strike This Month

Summary

Healthcare workers from the Association of Salaried Medical Specialists have voted in favor of strike action set to occur on October 23. The strike is expected to last four hours and will likely involve 4,000 doctors and dentists, with an additional 36,000 Health NZ nurses expected to strike too. The demonstrations hope to influence negotiations, particularly pushing for higher salaries, increased staff levels, and adequate workload distribution. The health department has already prompted the return of negotiations to avoid large-scale disruptions.

Analysis & Action

The official voting decision from tens of thousands of Health NZ workers is expected to cause significant disruptions to hospital and patient care operations if negotiations are not resolved by the end of the month. While it will be for just four hours, the expected large-scale demonstrations will likely prompt non-emergency procedures and other daily services to be canceled. Facilities should consider addressing staff's concerns as early as possible to avoid widespread disruptions, and for those in the region, preparing and establishing temporary staffing plans to address the expected delays in patient care delivery.

Critical Infrastructure Threats

Nothing Significant To Report.

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