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CVS Health has collected patients' data in several ways, such as through websites and mobile applications. The data is then transferred to the cloud database and can be retrieved easily through the electronic health records by the physicians or by the patients in their dashboard. Therefore, effective cybersecurity strategies are critical in CVS Health in safeguarding against cyber-attack. The elements that need protection in CVS Health are network, endpoint devices such as phones, computers, routers, and finally, the cloud. Some of the cybersecurity strategies implemented comprise risk assessment procedures such as penetration testing every year, patch management programs, use of antivirus. Other cybersecurity strategies are network monitoring, file system integrity monitoring and prevention, and employee training.

CVS Health has recently faced a challenge because more than one billion health records were exposed to a misconfigured cloud database (Brewster, 2021). The records could help the attackers recognize and target CVS customers because they contain device information, configuration, and medication data. Although CVS Health stated that they rapidly took the database down, which they claim was unintentionally unveiled, the organization did not acclaim the email addresses revealed in the database. Several technologies are used to support the cybersecurity infrastructure; however, based on the current CVS cybersecurity strategies, the technologies used are antivirus software, malware protection, and firewalls (Ct gov, n.d). Improving cybersecurity in the organization is always a challenging task to many companies; however, it is recommended that supporting the cybersecurity team in the organization prioritize risk evaluation, frequently review policies and procedures, and evaluate and performing yearly staff awareness training would help CVS Health protect their database and network.

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