States face health law cybersecurity challenges

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(AP)—Security experts working for the government on the rollout of President Barack Obama's health care law worried that state computer systems could become a back door for hackers.

Documents provided to The Associated Press show that more than two-thirds of state systems that were supposed to tap into federal computers to verify sensitive personal information for coverage were initially rated as "high risk" for security problems.

The administration says the documents offer only a partial and "outdated" snapshot, and the security problems cited were either resolved or are being addressed. Officials say no successful cyber-attacks have taken place.

Back-door attacks have been in the news lately with the Target breach. Hackers are believed to have accessed information on millions of Target customers through the computer network of a contractor.

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