

Government hackers try to crack HealthCare.gov

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The government's own watchdogs say they tried to hack into HealthCare.gov earlier this year and found what they termed a critical vulnerability.

But they also came away with respect for some of the [security features](#) on the Obama administration's [health insurance](#) website.

The report is being released Tuesday by the inspector general's office of the Health and Human Services Department.

It amounts to a mixed review for the federal site that serves as the portal to taxpayer-subsidized health plans for millions of Americans.

So-called white-hat hackers from the [inspector general](#)'s office say they found a critical vulnerability during their security scans.

But the office said that when its experts attempted to mimic what a malicious hacker might try to do next, they were blocked by the system's defenses.

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