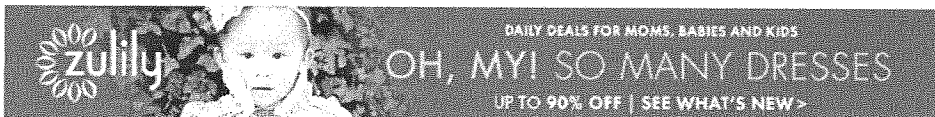


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Costs of data breach

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The Utah Health Policy Project is hoping to restore trust in the security of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program after computer hackers gained access to personal information of an estimated 800,000 individuals earlier this month. (Shutterstock)

Missing from the conversation about the Utah Department of Health data breach which has put at risk thousands of Utahn's for criminal identity theft is a clear recital of who will be responsible for the \$3,000 to \$10,000 cost of restoring a person's stolen identity. And will that aggrieved person be entitled at law to compensation for emotional pain and suffering, damage to his personal reputation or any personal or business financial losses beyond the cost of

restoration?

Inevitably, this will evolve into an embarrassing, expensive and personally hurtful catastrophe of the highest magnitude and, as usual, when bureaucrats unwittingly steer us into the proverbial iceberg, the taxpayers will be left holding the bag.

Someone needs to be held publicly accountable for this mess, hoping to prevent a similarly blunder.

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