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[Scam of the day – September 11, 2021 – MyChart Phishing Scam](#)

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Phishing emails, by which scammers and identity thieves attempt to lure you into either clicking on download malware or providing personal information that will be used to make you a victim of identity theft, are a staple of identity thieves and scammers and with good reason because they work. Reproduced below is a phishing email presently circulating that appears to come from MyChart. MyChart is an online platform that allows patients to interact with their care provider about a wide range of matters including scheduling appointments and reviewing your medical records. Medical platforms have become even more popular during the pandemic.

This is a very convincing phishing email. It contained the first name of the Scamicide reader who provided the name to protect the reader's privacy. I also have disarmed the links contained in the email which, when clicked, would lead to an official appearing site where you would have been prompted to provide your username and password. A successful scammer would result in identity theft.

Here is a copy of the MyChart phishing email presently being circulated

The image shows the MyChart logo, which consists of the word "MyChart" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The logo is centered within a light gray rectangular background.

Hello XXXX,

You have a new message in MyChart! Please sign in to read your message.

Thanks for using MyChart

MyChart is available on the go!



To change what notifications you receive and how you receive them, log in to MyChart and choose Notifications from the Preferences menu

TIPS

This is a particularly insidious phishing email because the email address from which it was sent is obviously an email address of someone whose email account was hacked and made a part of such phishing emails. Also, the targeted victim's name was included in the email.

As with all phishing emails, two things can happen if you click on the links provided. Either you will be taken to a phony website where you will be prompted to input personal information that will be used to make a scam worse, merely by clicking on the link, you may download keystroke logging malware that will steal information from your computer or smartphone and use it to make you a victim of identity theft.

If you receive an email like this and think it may possibly be legitimate, merely call your health care provider. If it is a scam, but make sure that you dial the telephone number correctly because scammers have been known to use just a digit off of legitimate numbers to trap you if you make a mistake in dialing the real number.

For those of you receiving the Scam of the day through an email, I just want to remind you that if you receive a Coronavirus scam go to the first page of the <http://www.scamicide.com> website and click on the tab "Coronavirus Scams." Scamicide has been cited by the New York Times as one of three top sources for identifying scam related scams.

If you are not a subscriber to Scamicide.com and would like to receive daily emails with the Scam of the day for free using this link. <https://scamicide.com/scam-of-the-day/>

Trouble clicking? Copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<https://scamicide.com/2021/09/10/scam-of-the-day-september-11-2021-mychart-phishing-scam/>