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ASPR/CIP HPH Cyber Notice: Hidden Cobra and Microsoft Updates

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Two reports were released by Microsoft and DHS this week about multiple vulnerabilities with Microsoft products, including the Windows operating system, and a threat by a group DHS labels as “Hidden Cobra”. Both relate to the same type of vulnerability that allowed WannaCry to spread. Importantly, simply installing the Microsoft patches will not necessarily protect from “Hidden Cobra” since they use a wide range of vulnerabilities. DHS states “Hidden Cobra” targets are “...the media, aerospace, financial, and critical infrastructure sectors in the United States and globally”, so targeting of the Healthcare and Public Health sector systems and devices in the U.S. is possible.

Please review the [HHS Cybersecurity Program compilation of technical information and resources](#) to support your efforts in mitigating this threat.

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