



May 18, 2023

*Via Electronic Mail: DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov*

**Attorney General John M. Formella**  
New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Bureau  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: Client : Clarke County Hospital**  
**Matter : Data Security Incident**

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Dear Attorney General:

We are writing on behalf of Clarke County Hospital (“CCH”) with respect to a potential data security incident described in more detail below. CCH takes the security and privacy of the information in its control seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

This letter will serve to inform you of the nature of the security breach, the number of New Hampshire residents that were potentially affected, what information has been compromised, and the steps that CCH is taking to secure the integrity of its systems. We have also enclosed hereto samples of the notifications made to the potentially impacted individuals, which includes an offer of free credit monitoring.

1. Nature of the Security Incident

In the early morning of April 14, 2023, CCH discovered that it was the victim of a ransomware attack and some of its systems had been encrypted. Upon discovery of the Incident, CCH moved quickly to secure the environment by immediately shutting off all access to the network and engaging a specialized third-party forensic incident response firm to assist with securing the network environment and investigating the extent of unauthorized activity.

Based upon CCH’s review of their system and the information obtained during the investigation, it was determined on May 9, 2023, that the following personal information of its providers could have been acquired by an unauthorized third party:

. Notably, the types of information

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affected were different for each individual, and not every individual had all the above listed elements exposed.

Please also note that electronic medical records, banking information, credit card information, and/or financial information were not involved in this incident.

As of this writing, CCH is unaware of any misuse of personal information.

2. New Hampshire Residents Notified

One (1) New Hampshire resident was potentially affected by this security incident. A notification letter was mailed to the potentially impacted individual on May 17, 2023, by first class mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this letter.

3. Steps Taken

Although CCH is not aware of any evidence of misuse of personal information, CCH has extended to the potentially impacted individual an offer for free credit monitoring and identity theft protection through Sontiq. This service will include 12 months of credit monitoring, along with a fully managed identity theft recovery service, should the need arise. CCH has changed passwords, strengthened password requirements, and implemented stricter multi-factor authentication requirements.

4. Contact Information

CCH remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at

Very truly yours,

**Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP**

**Erica J. Lloyd, Esq.**

Enclosures: *Sample Notification Letter*

Clarke County Hospital  
c/o Cyberscout  
PO Box 1286  
Dearborn, MI 48120-9998



**Via First-Class Mail**

May 17, 2023

Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear [REDACTED],

Clarke County Hospital ("CCH") is writing to inform you of an incident that may have exposed your personal information. At CCH, we take your privacy seriously and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information. As such, this letter contains details about the incident and resources to help protect your personal information going forward.

What Happened and What Information Was Involved:

On April 14, 2023, CCH experienced a network security incident that involved an unauthorized party gaining access to our network environment. Upon detecting the incident, we immediately shut off all access to the network and engaged a specialized third-party forensic incident response firm to assist with securing the network environment and investigating the extent of unauthorized activity.

CCH has found no evidence that your information has been misused. However, it is possible that the following personal information could have been acquired by an unauthorized third party:

. We maintain this information for administrative, payroll, and human resources purposes.

**Please note that your banking information, credit card information, and/or financial information were not involved in this incident.**

What We Are Doing:

Data security is among CCH's highest priorities. We have made immediate enhancements to our systems, security and practices. Additionally, we have engaged appropriate experts to assist us in conducting a full review of our security practices and systems to ensure that enhanced security protocols are in place going forward. We are committed to helping those people who may have been impacted by this unfortunate situation.

Additionally, in response to the incident, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

What You Can Do:

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/clarkecounty> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

**Please keep this letter as you will need to reference the enrollment code above when calling or enrolling online.**

For More Information:

We encourage you to take full advantage of these services. Enclosed you will find additional materials regarding the resources available to you, and the steps you can take to further protect your personal information.

Cyberscout representatives are aware of the incident at CCH and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information. Please call [REDACTED], from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays for assistance or for any additional questions you may have.

CCH values the security of the personal data that we maintain, and understand the frustration, concern, and inconvenience that this incident may have caused.

Sincerely,

Brian Evans  
Chief Executive Officer  
Clarke County Hospital

### Additional Information

**Credit Reports:** You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

<b>Equifax Security Freeze</b> P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-349-9960 <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/</a>	<b>Experian Security Freeze</b> P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742 <a href="http://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html">www.experian.com/freeze/center.html</a>	<b>TransUnion Security Freeze</b> P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-800-909-8872 <a href="http://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze">www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</a>
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**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax ([https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\\_Alert\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf));
- TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or
- Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>).

A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at listed above.

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**File Police Report:** You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**FTC and Attorneys General:** You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov), 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

**For Maryland residents**, the Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, and [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us).

**For New Mexico residents**, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf) or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**For North Carolina residents**, the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400, and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

**For New York residents**, the Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, and <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

**For Rhode Island residents**, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov), and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident.