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# VIA E-MAIL (ATTORNEYGENERAL@DOJ.NH.GOV)

The Honorable John Formella Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301

# Re: Notification of a Potential Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Formella:

We represent Harrisburg Medical Center ("HMC"), 100 Dr. Warren Tuttle Drive, Harrisburg, Illinois, 62946 in connection with an incident that may have involved the personal information of certain New Hampshire residents. HMC is reporting the incident pursuant to N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 359-C:20. This notice will be supplemented, if necessary, with any new significant facts discovered subsequent to this submission. While HMC is notifying you of this incident, HMC does not waive any rights or defenses relating to the incident, this notice, or the applicability of New Hampshire law on personal jurisdiction.

# NATURE OF THE INCIDENT

On or about December 23, 2022, HMC discovered unusual activity on its computer network. Upon identifying the issue, HMC promptly began an internal investigation. HMC also worked with law enforcement and engaged a forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of its computer systems. The forensic investigation determined that an unknown third party may have accessed and acquired certain documents from HMC's systems between December 19, 2022, until December 23, 2022.

HMC conducted a comprehensive review of the relevant documents and on August 24, 2023, determined that they contained three (3) New Hampshire residents' personal information, including their

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HMC is not aware of any evidence of harm to the New Hampshire residents or that any of their personal information has been misused.

# NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

On December 12, 2023, HMC mailed notification letters to the three (3) New Hampshire residents. The notification letter included an offer for of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection. Attached is a sample of the notification letter mailed to the residents via first-class United States mail.

# STEPS TAKEN RELATING TO THE INCIDENT

Upon learning of the incident, HMC promptly began an internal investigation. HMC also worked with law enforcement and engaged a forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of its computer systems. HMC also conducted a comprehensive search for any personal information in the relevant documents. HMC is implementing steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future. Finally, as discussed above, HMC is notifying the residents and providing them with information on how they can protect themselves against fraudulent activity and identity theft. The notification letter also includes an offer for of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any further information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Radke

Enclosure



<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address 1>> <<Address 2>> <<City>><<State>><<Zip>>

Postal IMB Barcode

<<Date>>

Dear <<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Harrisburg Medical Center ("HMC") values and respects the privacy of your information, which is why we are writing to advise you of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information.

**What Happened?** Upon discovering unusual activity on our computer network on or about December 23, 2022, we promptly began an internal investigation. We also worked with law enforcement and engaged a forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of our computer systems. The forensic investigation determined that an unknown third party accessed our systems from December 19, 2022, until December 23, 2022, and may have accessed and acquired certain documents from our systems as a part of the incident.

**What Information Was Involved?** We conducted a comprehensive review of the relevant documents and on August 24, 2023, determined that they contained your personal information, including

What We Are Doing. In addition to the actions described above, we have taken steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future, including enhancing our technical security measures. Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft involving your information, we are also offering a complimentary one-year membership of Equifax Complete<sup>TM</sup> Premier. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. Equifax Complete<sup>TM</sup> Premier is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and Equifax Complete<sup>TM</sup> Premier, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

What You Can Do. While we have no evidence that your personal information has been misused, we encourage you to take advantage of the complimentary credit monitoring included in this letter. You can also find more information on steps to protect yourself against possible identity theft or fraud in the enclosed *Additional Important Information* sheet.

**For More Information.** We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call 877-880-1006 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Sincerely,

Rodney Smith VP/Administrator



# Equifax Complete<sup>TM</sup> Premier

\*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product

# Key Features

- Annual access to your 3-bureau credit report and VantageScore<sup>1</sup> credit scores
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report and 1-bureau VantageScore credit score
- 3-bureau credit monitoring<sup>2</sup> with email notifications of key changes to your credit reports
- WebScan notifications<sup>3</sup> when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts<sup>4</sup>, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock<sup>5</sup>
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft<sup>6</sup>.
- Lost Wallet Assistance if your wallet is lost or stolen, and one-stop assistance in canceling and reissuing credit, debit and personal identification cards.

### **Enrollment Instructions**

### Go to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code of <<<ACTIVATION CODE>> then click "Submit" and follow these 4 steps:

### 1. Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue". If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

2. <u>Create Account</u>:

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

### 3. Verify Identity:

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

4. Checkout:

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

### You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The credit scores provided are based on the VantageScore ® 3.0 model. For three-bureau VantageScore credit scores, data from Equifax®, Experian®, and TransUnion® are used respectively. Any one-bureau VantageScore uses Equifax data. Third parties use many different types of credit scores and are likely to use a different type of credit score to assess your creditworthiness. <sup>2</sup>Credit monitoring from Experian and TransUnion will take several days to begin. <sup>3</sup>WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers' personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers' personal information is at risk of being traded. <sup>4</sup>The Automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC. <sup>5</sup>Locking your Equifax credit report will not prevent access to your credit report at any other credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report will prevent access to it by certain third parties. Locking your Equifax Credit meport will not prevent access to your credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report and local government agencies and courts in of a subscription or similar service; companies like Equifax Global Consumer Solutions, which provide you with access to your request; federal, state and local government agencies acting on behalf of those whom you owe; companies that authenticate a consumer's identity for purposes other than granting credit, or for investigating or preventing actual or potential fraud; and companies that wish to make

## **Additional Important Information**

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

<u>Credit Reports</u>: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <u>https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action</u>.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
1-866-349-5191	1-888-397-3742	1-800-888-4213
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	<u>www.transunion.com</u>
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 2002	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016

**Fraud Alerts:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>.

<u>Credit and Security Freezes</u>: You may have the right to place a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A credit freeze can be placed without any charge and is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094

This notification was not delayed by law enforcement.

Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting <u>https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfp\_consumer-rights-summary\_2018-09.pdf</u>, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

**Iowa Residents**: Iowa residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Iowa Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319, 515-281-5164.

<u>Maryland Residents</u>: Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023, <u>http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/</u>.

<u>New York State Residents</u>: New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; <u>https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft;</u> (800) 771-7755.

<u>North Carolina Residents</u>: North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; <a href="http://www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>.

<u>Vermont Residents</u>: If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).