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March 23, 2021

## **VIA EMAIL and FEDEX**

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald Consumer Protection Bureau Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301 DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov

Re: <u>Data Breach Notification</u>

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We are counsel to Personal Touch Holding Corp. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries Personal Touch Home Care of Greater Portsmouth, Inc., Personal Touch Home Care of Ohio, Inc., Personal Touch Home Care of S.E. Mass., Inc., Personal Touch Home Care of VA, Inc. Personal Touch Home —Aides, Inc. (MA), Personal-Touch Home Care of N.Y., Inc., Personal Touch Home Aides of Baltimore, Inc., Personal Touch Home Care of Long Island, Inc., Personal-Touch Home Care of N.J., Inc., PTS of Westchester, Inc. (collectively, the "Company"). Pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 359-C:20, we are writing to notify you of a breach involving approximately eight thousand six hundred and fifty-nine (8,659) New Hampshire residents.

On January 27, 2021, the Company discovered it suffered a ransomware attack on the its private cloud hosted by its managed service providers. Information of both patients and employees of the Company were compromised in the breach. The patient information may have included medical treatment information, insurance card and health plan benefit numbers, medical record numbers, first and last name, address, telephone numbers, date of birth, Social Security number, driver's license numbers, and financial information, including check copies, credit card numbers, and bank account information. The employee information may have included first and last name, address, telephone numbers, date of birth, Social Security numbers (including dependent and spouse Social Security numbers), driver's license number, passport numbers, birth certificates, background and credit reports, demographic information, usernames and passwords used at the Company, personal email addresses, fingerprints, insurance card and health and welfare plan benefit numbers, retirement benefits information, medical treatment information, check copies, and other financial information necessary for payroll.



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Upon discovering the breach, the Company retained outside counsel to conduct a privileged investigation into the incident. Outside counsel engaged third-party forensic investigators on the Company's behalf to conduct a privileged forensic investigation into the event. This investigation is still ongoing. The Company also notified the Federal Bureau of Investigations of the breach. The Company is also notifying its primary regulator, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights.

Pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 359-C:20, we intend to notify residents on or about March 24, 2021 through March 26, 2021. We have attached copies of the notifications that will be provided to residents.

Please be assured that the Company is committed to its patients' and employees' privacy. Please feel free to contact me at 516-663-6687 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicole E. Della Ragione

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# PERSONAL TOUCH HOLDING CORP.

1985 Marcus Avenue, Suite 202, Lake Success, NY 11042 • 718-736-7234

C/O IDX P.O Box 989728 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728 March 24, 2021



#### **NOTICE OF DATA BREACH**

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

Personal Touch Holding Corp. ("Business Associate")<sup>1</sup> is hereby providing you with a notification regarding a breach that may have affected your protected health information and other personally identifiable information.

### **WHAT HAPPENED:**

On January 27, 2021, the Business Associate discovered it suffered a cybersecurity attack on its private cloud hosted by its managed service providers. We believe the cybersecurity attack occurred on or about January 20, 2021 through January 27, 2021. Upon discovery of the breach on January 27th, the Business Associate retained outside counsel and independent forensic experts to begin an investigation. While the investigation is ongoing, and we cannot confirm the extent to which your data was compromised, we are notifying you that the breach occurred, in our efforts to comply with the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and with applicable state data breach notification laws.

## **WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED:**

The Business Associate's private cloud stored business records of the Business Associate and its direct and indirect subsidiaries where your personally identifiable information and protected health information were contained. This information may include medical treatment information, insurance card and health plan benefit numbers, medical record numbers, first and last name, address, telephone numbers, date of birth, Social Security number, and financial information, including check copies, credit card numbers, and bank account information.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING:

Upon discovering the breach, the Business Associate retained a team of third-party forensic technical experts to investigate the origins and scope of the breach. The Business Associate also notified the Federal Bureau of Investigations ("FBI") of the breach.

Pursuant to applicable law, we will be notifying the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights ("OCR"), which is responsible for enforcing the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules. We will comply with OCR to meet requirements of the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule, which requires that patients be notified and will cooperate with regard to any further inquiry they may have. We will also be notifying state regulators as required by law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Personal Touch Holding Corp. is a business associate to its direct and indirect subsidiaries listed in Schedule A on page 4 of this notification.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

As recommended by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), we recommend that you remain vigilant and monitor your account statements, explanation of benefits, and credit bureau reports closely. The FTC also recommends you place a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert notifies creditors that they must contact you before they open any new accounts or make changes to your existing accounts. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts. The initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for 90 days. You may renew it after 90 days. Additional information is available at <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a>. For more information regarding what you can do, see the "Further Information and Steps You Should Take" guidance attached to this letter.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

We value your privacy and deeply regret that this breach occurred. We appreciate the trust you place in us as a current or former patient of Personal Touch Holding Corp., and our direct and indirect subsidiaries, and we remain committed to your privacy. For further information and assistance please contact us at our toll free number 833-416-0906 between the hours of 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or by e-mail to PatientQuestions@pthomecare.com.

Sincerely,

Personal Touch Holding Corp.

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By:

Name: Robert Caione

Title: Chief Executive Officer

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We recommend that you remain vigilant for an incident of fraudulent activity and/or identify theft by monitoring your account statements, explanation of benefits, and free credit monitoring reports closely. We recommend that you obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, calling toll-free 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 access the request form at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com/requestReport/requestForm.action">https://www.annualcreditreport.com/requestReport/requestForm.action</a>. You can also 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 requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is provided below:

<b>Equifax</b>		
(866) 349-5191		
www.equifax.com		
P.O. Box 740241		
Atlanta, GA 30374		

Experian		
(888) 397-3742		
www.experian.com		
P.O. Box 2002		
Allen, TX 75013		

# TransUnion (800) 888-4213 www.transunion.com 2 Baldwin Place P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016

The FTC also suggests that you request that all three credit reports be sent to you, free of charge, for your review. Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the FTC recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. In some states, you have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file. A security freeze (also known as a credit freeze) makes it harder for someone to open a new account in your name. It is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to apply for a new credit card, wireless phone, or any service that requires a credit check. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. To place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement, or insurance statement. There is no charge to request a security freeze or to remove a security freeze. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft, you should contact your local law enforcement, Attorney General's Office and/or the Federal Trade Commission. You can file a report or obtain a report from your local law enforcement. You can also obtain from these sources more information about steps that you can take to avoid identify theft and information about fraud alerts and security freezes. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT(1-877-438-4338), https://www.ftc.gov/or http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

**California Residents:** Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (<u>www.oag.ca.gov/privacy</u>) for additional information on protection against identity theft.

**Kentucky Residents:** Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, www.ag.ky.gov, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

**Maryland residents** may also wish to review information provided by the Maryland Attorney General on how to avoid identity theft at <a href="http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/default.aspx">http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/default.aspx</a>, or by sending an email to idtheft@oag.state.md.us, or calling 410-576-6491.

**Massachusetts residents** have the right to obtain a police report regarding this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

**New Mexico residents**, in addition to the rights set forth above, you have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act (NMSA 1978, § 56-3A-1).

**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; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/">https://ag.ny.gov/</a>.

**North Carolina residents** may wish to review information provided by the North Carolina Attorney General at <a href="http://www.ncdoj.gov/Help-for-Victims/ID-Theft-Victims.aspx">http://www.ncdoj.gov/Help-for-Victims/ID-Theft-Victims.aspx</a>, by calling 877-566-7226, or writing to 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699.

**Rhode Island residents** may request additional information by contacting the Rhode Island, Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, (401) 274-4400. You also have the right to file or obtain a police report regarding this incident. Approximately ninety (90) Rhode Island residents were affected in this breach.

**Washington D.C. residents** may request additional information by contacting the Washington D.C. Office of the Attorney General at https://oag.dc.gov/ or by calling 202-727-3400 or 202-442-9828.

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **Direct and Indirect Subsidiaries**

PT Intermediate Holding, Inc.

Personal-Touch Home Care of W. Va. Inc.

PT Hospice of PA Inc.

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C/O IDX P.O Box 989728 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728 March 24, 2021

To Enroll, Please Call: 833-416-0906 Or Visit:

https://response.idx.us/personaltouch Enrollment Code: [XXXXXXXX]

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<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>

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### **WHAT WE ARE DOING:**

Upon discovering the breach, the Company retained a team of third-party forensic technical experts to investigate the origins and scope of the breach. The Company also notified the Federal Bureau of Investigations ("FBI") of the breach. Pursuant to applicable law, we will be notifying state regulators as required.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: 12 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A list of the direct and indirect subsidiaries is listed on Schedule A on page 4 of this notification.

We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services by calling 833-416-0906 or going to <a href="https://response.idx.us/personaltouch">https://response.idx.us/personaltouch</a> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is June 27, 2021.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

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