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VIA EMAIL

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

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

To Whom It May Concern:

Gregory Brewer, MD PLLC (“Dr. Brewer”) has a business associate agreement in place with QRS, Inc. (“QRS”), which is headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee and provides software solutions for private medical practices including Dr. Brewer. Dr. Brewer received notification from QRS in connection with a data security incident QRS suffered described in greater detail below.

1. Nature of the Security Incident.

On August 26, 2021, QRS discovered that an unknown, unauthorized third party accessed a QRS server associated with its patient portal and may have acquired certain protected health information (“PHI”) stored in the server. Upon discovering the incident, QRS immediately took the server offline and began an investigation. QRS also engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of its network, analyze the incident, and determine the extent of the PHI that may have been accessed or acquired by the third party. QRS’ investigation determined that the third party accessed its server from August 23, 2021, to August 26, 2021. During this time, the third party accessed, and may have acquired, files in the server that contained certain PHI. QRS then worked to notify individuals as quickly as possible. QRS advised this practice on September 20, 2021.

The potentially impacted personal information included names, addresses, Social Security numbers, patient identification numbers, portal usernames, and/or medical treatment or diagnosis information.

2. Number of New Hampshire Residents Affected.

QRS notified one (1) potentially affected New Hampshire resident via first class U.S. mail on October 22, 2021. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this correspondence.

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3. Contact Information.

Dr. Brewer remains dedicated to protecting the personal information of his patients. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Richard.Goldberg@lewisbrisbois.com or (215)977-4060.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Richard W. Goldberg

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RE: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear <<Name 1>>:

QRS, Inc. (“QRS”) hosts the electronic patient portal for <<Variable Data 2/Entity>>. QRS takes the protection of your information seriously and is writing to inform you about a recent incident that involved some of your personal information.

What Happened? On August 26, 2021, QRS discovered that an unknown, unauthorized third party accessed a QRS server associated with our patient portal and may have acquired certain protected health information (“PHI”) stored in the server. Upon discovering the incident, we immediately took the server offline and began an investigation. We also engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of our network, analyze the incident, and determine the extent of the PHI that may have been accessed or acquired by the third party. Our investigation has determined that the third party accessed the server from August 23, 2021, to August 26, 2021. During this time, the third party accessed, and may have acquired, files in the server that contained your PHI. This incident did not involve any other QRS systems. We have since been working to notify individuals as quickly as possible.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined that the incident involved unauthorized access, and potentially unauthorized acquisition, of your personal information, including your name, Social Security number, date of birth, patient number, and portal username. The accessed or acquired information may have also contained an address and limited medical treatment or diagnosis information if it was uploaded to the QRS portal. At this time, we are not aware of any identity theft or fraud to any person as a result of this incident.

What We Are Doing. Data security is one of our highest priorities. As discussed above, upon discovering the incident, we immediately took the server offline, began an investigation, and engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of our network. We will keep this particular server offline permanently. We have taken steps to further secure our network and reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future, including implementing multifactor authentication on core QRS systems for key administrators and implementing a Security Information and Event Management System (SIEM). QRS is also reviewing and updating its information security policies.

What You Can Do. Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft involving your information we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B. 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. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. **For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.**

Other Important Information. You can find more information on steps to protect yourself against identity theft or fraud in the enclosed *Additional Important Information* sheet.

For More Information. We value the trust placed in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call 855-675-3080 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

QRS, Inc.

ACTIVATING YOUR COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary** one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1. **ENROLL** by: <<Enrollment deadline>> (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. **VISIT** the **Experian IdentityWorks** website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>
3. **PROVIDE** the **Activation Code**: <<Activation Code>>

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide engagement number <<Engagement Number>> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance^{**}:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Activate your membership today at <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit> or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

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.

Credit Reports: 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 <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>.

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:

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Equifax
1-866-349-5191
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion
1-800-888-4213
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 2000
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 www.annualcreditreport.com.

Credit and Security Freezes: 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
1-888-298-0045
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion Security Freeze
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 160
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 https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfc_consumer-rights-summary_2018-09.pdf, 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.

Maryland Residents: 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, <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

New York State Residents: 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; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>; (800) 771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: 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; www.ncdoj.gov.

Rhode Island Residents: We believe that this incident affected 30 Rhode Island residents. Rhode Island residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400, www.riag.ri.gov. You have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to 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.

Vermont Residents: 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).