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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Attorney General Joseph Foster
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Supplemental Notification

Dear Attorney General Foster:

I am writing on behalf of our client, LifeBridge Health (“LifeBridge”), to supplement its notification dated May 15, 2018, to the Attorney General’s Office. On May 15, 2018, LifeBridge mailed notification letters to New Hampshire residents pursuant to the requirements of the Health Insurance and Portability Act (“HIPAA”), 45 C.F.R. §§164.400-414 and N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §359-C:20.¹ As LifeBridge continued its investigation, LifeBridge identified social security numbers that were included in individuals’ insurance information. On July 30, 2018, LifeBridge mailed letters offering one-year of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services to 5 New Hampshire residents in substantially the same form as the attached letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Paulette M. Thomas
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Enclosure

¹ This report is not, and does not constitute a waiver of LifeBridge Health’s objection that New Hampshire lacks personal jurisdiction regarding this matter.



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Dear Estate of <<Name>>:

This correspondence is in follow up to a letter LifeBridge Health mailed you on May 15, 2018, regarding your family member.

After mailing you the letter, we continued to look into the incident and determined that your family member's insurance information may have included your family member's social security number. At this time we have no reason to believe that your information has been misused in any way. We have included information outlining steps recommended to protect the personal information and credit records of deceased individuals. We recommend that you review any billing statements or explanation of benefit statements that you receive. If you see services that your family member did not receive, please contact the insurer immediately.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause. If you have questions, please call 855-789-0909, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Eastern Time.

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Protecting Deceased Individuals

The following steps are recommended to help protect the personal information of deceased individuals. Typically, the Social Security Administration will notify the credit reporting agencies (CRAs) of a death when they update their files. It is advisable to contact the CRAs in writing to notify them of the death, request that a "deceased" alert be placed on the individual's credit report, and obtain a copy of the credit report for your records. A review of each report will provide information regarding active credit accounts that need to be closed, or any pending collection notices. The addresses for reporting this information to the three major CRAs are:

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Contact all credit issuers, collection agencies, and other financial institutions where the deceased individual had accounts to inform them of the death. Each entity may have its own required notification procedures, but the following general information can serve as a guide:

- Obtain at least 12 copies of the official death certificate when it becomes available. In some cases you may be able to use a photocopy, but certain entities will request an original. In some cases, a business may require additional information as proof of death.
- Include the following information in your correspondence:
 - Name and SSN of deceased
 - Last known address of the deceased, and previous addresses for the past 5 years
 - Date of birth and date of death
- To speed up processing, include all of the documentation required by that specific agency or organization in your first letter.
- Send important correspondence by certified mail with return receipt requested.
- Keep copies of all correspondence, noting date sent and any response(s) you receive.

Please note that the CRAs may require a court order or other paperwork to prove that you are the executor of an estate. Friends, neighbors, relatives and others do not have the same rights as the executor or a deceased individual's spouse. In most cases these other individuals are considered third parties, and a CRA may not disclose credit reports or update a consumer file without authorization from the spouse or executor. CRAs may make exceptions for unique situations, which they handle on a case-by-case basis. You may write to the CRA to explain your situation and request assistance.

If you have reason to believe your family member's personal information has been misused, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

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You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors.

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MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Even if you choose not to take advantage of this free credit monitoring, we recommend that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

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(410) 576-6300 (for calls originating outside Maryland)

Office of the Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, 1-617-727-8400, www.mass.gov/ago/contact-us.html

North Carolina Attorney General's Office, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699, www.ncdoj.gov, 1-919-716-6400

Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, 401-274-4400

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Credit Freezes: You may have the right to put 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 a freeze. A credit freeze 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. In addition, you may incur fees to place, lift and/or remove a credit freeze. Credit freeze laws vary from state to state. The cost of placing, temporarily lifting, and removing a credit freeze also varies by state, generally \$5 to \$20 per action at each credit reporting company. 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. **If you are a resident of Massachusetts the cost of placing a credit freeze is \$5.**

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The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number ("PIN") or password or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

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Fair Credit Reporting Act: You also have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, which promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. The FTC has published a list of the primary rights created by the FCRA (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>), and that article refers individuals seeking more information to visit www.ftc.gov/credit. The FTC's list of FCRA rights includes:

- You have the right to receive a copy of your credit report. The copy of your report must contain all the information in your file at the time of your request.
- Each of the nationwide credit reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – is required to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months.
- You are also entitled to a free report if a company takes adverse action against you, like denying your application for credit, insurance, or employment, and you ask for your report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action. The notice will give you the name, address, and phone number of the credit reporting company. You're also entitled to one free report a year if you're unemployed and plan to look for a job within 60 days; if you're on welfare; or if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft.
- You have the right to ask for a credit score.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.
- 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. And you must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.
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- Access to your file is limited. And you must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.
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Protecting Deceased Individuals

The following steps are recommended to help protect the personal information of deceased individuals. Typically, the Social Security Administration will notify the credit reporting agencies (CRAs) of a death when they update their files. It is advisable to contact the CRAs in writing to notify them of the death, request that a “deceased” alert be placed on the individual’s credit report, and obtain a copy of the credit report for your records. A review of each report will provide information regarding active credit accounts that need to be closed, or any pending collection notices. The addresses for reporting this information to the three major CRAs are:

Equifax, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111
Experian, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-916-8800

Contact all credit issuers, collection agencies, and other financial institutions where the deceased individual had accounts to inform them of the death. Each entity may have its own required notification procedures, but the following general information can serve as a guide:

- Obtain at least 12 copies of the official death certificate when it becomes available. In some cases you may be able to use a photocopy, but certain entities will request an original. In some cases, a business may require additional information as proof of death.
- Include the following information in your correspondence:
 - Name and SSN of deceased
 - Last known address of the deceased, and previous addresses for the past 5 years
 - Date of birth and date of death
- To speed up processing, include all of the documentation required by that specific agency or organization in your first letter.
- Send important correspondence by certified mail with return receipt requested.
- Keep copies of all correspondence, noting date sent and any response(s) you receive.

Please note that the CRAs may require a court order or other paperwork to prove that you are the executor of an estate. Friends, neighbors, relatives and others do not have the same rights as the executor or a deceased individual’s spouse. In most cases these other individuals are considered third parties, and a CRA may not disclose credit reports or update a consumer file without authorization from the spouse or executor. CRAs may make exceptions for unique situations, which they handle on a case-by-case basis. You may write to the CRA to explain your situation and request assistance.

If you have reason to believe your family member’s personal information has been misused, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.ftc.gov/idtheft

You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors.