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July 1, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Consumer Protection Bureau
Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Sir or Madam:

On the behalf of our client, Professional Business Systems, Inc. d/b/a *Practicefirst* Medical Management Solutions and PBS Medcode Corp., (“*Practicefirst*”), we provide this letter to inform your office of a recent data incident. By providing this notice, *Practicefirst* does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, and the applicability of the New Hampshire data notification laws or personal jurisdiction.

On December 30, 2020, *Practicefirst* became aware that an unauthorized actor attempted to deploy ransomware to encrypt *Practicefirst* systems and copied files that contained limited patient and employee personal information (the “Incident”). Upon becoming aware of the Incident, *Practicefirst* immediately alerted law enforcement, implemented measures to further improve the security of its systems and practices, and worked with a leading privacy and security firm to aide in its investigation and response. After conducting an extensive investigation, *Practicefirst* was able to determine the extent of the data affected by the Incident, the number of affected individuals, as well as the identity of individuals on May 5, 2021, before concluding the process of confirming state residency on June 25, 2021.

The files copied in this Incident contained the following data elements: name, address, email address, date of birth, driver’s license number, Social Security number, diagnosis, laboratory and treatment information, patient identification number, medication information, health insurance identification and claims information, tax identification number, employee username with password, employee username with security questions and answers, and bank account and/or credit card/debit card information. This describes general categories of information involved in this Incident, many records did not include all categories.

A total of 1,210,688 individuals, including 284 New Hampshire residents, may have been affected by this Incident. Beginning on June 30, 2021, letters were mailed to potentially affected individuals for whom *Practicefirst* had complete addresses. A copy of the letter mailed to potentially affected individuals is attached hereto. For potentially affected individuals without a complete address, *Practicefirst* will notify national and state-wide media via press release on July 2, 2021, and posted a notice on its website on June 30, 2021. *Practicefirst* notified Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian of this Incident on July 1, 2021. *Practicefirst* is providing two years of Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, Minor Identity Monitoring, and Identity Theft Restoration services to affected individuals.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 716-898-2102 or dgreene@beckage.com.

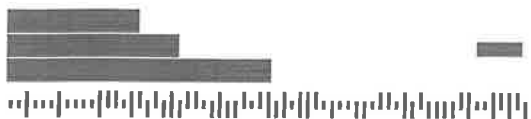
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Greene', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel P. Greene, Esq.
Certified Information Privacy Professional, United States (CIPP/US)
Certified Information Privacy Professional, Europe (CIPP/E)

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June 30, 2021



Dear [REDACTED],

Professional Business Systems d/b/a Practicefirst Medical Management Solutions and PBS Medcode Corp., (“Practicefirst” or “We”) is a medical management company that processes data for health care providers. We write to advise you that We were recently the victim of a data security incident (the “Incident”). We are writing to let you know that this Incident may have affected your personal information (“Information”) and, as a precaution, to provide steps you can take to help protect your Information. We are unaware of any misuse of the Information, but We are contacting you to share what We know about the Incident.

What Happened?

On December 30, 2020, We learned that an unauthorized actor who attempted to deploy ransomware to encrypt our systems copied some files from our system, including files that contain limited patient and employee personal Information. Upon learning of this, We shut down our systems, changed passwords, alerted law enforcement, and retained national privacy and security experts.

Our investigation revealed that the Incident involved your Information. We are not aware of any fraud or misuse of any of your Information as a result of this Incident. The actor who took the copy has advised that the Information is destroyed and was not shared.

Why Does Practicefirst Have My Personal Information?

We provide billing and coding services on behalf of health care providers, including hospitals, laboratories, and doctors’ offices. We may have your Information because of the services We provide to your health care provider or your employer.

What Information Was Involved?

The Information, copied from our system by the unauthorized actor before it was permanently deleted, included your name and may have included one or more of the following categories of information: address, email address, date of birth, driver’s license number, Social Security number, diagnosis, laboratory and treatment information, patient identification number, medication information, health insurance identification and claims information, tax identification number, employee username with password, employee username with security questions and answers, bank account and/or credit card/debit card information. Note that this describes general categories of information involved in this Incident, and likely includes categories that are not relevant to you.

As noted above, We have no evidence that any of your Information was misused.

What We Are Doing.

We immediately reported the Incident to appropriate law enforcement authorities and implemented measures to further improve the security of our systems and practices. We worked with a leading privacy and security firm to aid in our investigation and response, and will report this Incident to relevant government agencies. We also implemented additional security protocols designed to protect our network, email environment, and systems.

What You Can Do.

It is always recommended that you regularly review account statements and report any suspicious activity to financial institutions. Please also review the enclosed "Additional Resources" section included with this letter, which describes additional steps you can take to help protect your Information.

While We are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your Information as a result of this Incident, We are offering, at no cost to you, two years of identity monitoring services as provided by Kroll, a global leader in risk mitigation and response; their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data.

Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until **10/28/2021** to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: [REDACTED]

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

For More Information.

If you have any questions about the Incident or your health care provider(s) that were associated with this Incident, please call 1-855-731-3351, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding some U.S. national holidays).

Sincerely,



Tom Maher
President & CEO

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Free Credit Report. We remind you to be 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. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents:

You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

Security Freeze. Security freezes, also known as credit freezes, restrict access to your credit file, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. You can freeze and unfreeze your credit file for free. You also can get a free freeze for your children who are under 16. And if you are someone's guardian, conservator or have a valid power of attorney, you can get a free freeze for that person, too.

How will these freezes work? Contact all three of the nationwide credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. If you request a freeze online or by phone, the agency must place the freeze within one business day. If you request a lift of the freeze, the agency must lift it within one hour. If you make your request by mail, the agency must place or lift the freeze within three business days after it gets your request. You also can lift the freeze temporarily without a fee.

Do not confuse freezes with locks. They work in a similar way, but locks may have monthly fees. If you want a free freeze guaranteed by federal law, then opt for a freeze, not a lock.

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For New Mexico residents: You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

For Colorado and Illinois residents: You may obtain information from the credit reporting agencies and the FTC about security freezes.

Fraud Alerts. A fraud alert tells businesses that check your credit that they should check with you before opening a new account. As of September 18, 2018, when you place a fraud alert, it will last one year, instead of 90 days. Fraud alerts will still be free and identity theft victims can still get an extended fraud alert for seven years.

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Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft. You may contact the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

For Maryland Residents: You may contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us, 1-888-743-0023.

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For Rhode Island Residents: You may contact the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, <http://www.riag.ri.gov>, 401-274-4400.

Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.

You have the right to obtain any police report filed in the United States in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of fraud or identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report.

For Iowa residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Iowa Attorney General.

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

June 30, 2021



To the Family of [REDACTED],

Professional Business Systems d/b/a Practicefirst Medical Management Solutions and PBS Medcode Corp., (“Practicefirst” or “We”) is a medical management company that processes data for health care providers. We write to advise you that We were recently the victim of a data security incident (the “Incident”). We are writing to let you know that this Incident may have affected some of your family member’s personal information (“Information”) and, as a precaution, to provide steps you can take to help protect your family member’s Information. We are unaware of any misuse of the Information, but We are contacting you to share what We know about the Incident.

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Our investigation revealed that the Incident involved your family member’s Information. We are not aware of any fraud or misuse of any of your family member’s Information as a result of this Incident. The actor who took the copy has advised that the Information is destroyed and was not shared.

Why Does Practicefirst Have My Personal Information?

We provide billing and coding services on behalf of health care providers, including hospitals, laboratories, and doctors’ offices. We may have your family member’s Information because of the services We provide to your family member’s health care provider or your employer.

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What We Are Doing.

We immediately reported the Incident to appropriate law enforcement authorities and implemented measures to further improve the security of our systems and practices. We worked with a leading privacy and security firm to aid in our investigation and response, and will report this Incident to relevant government agencies. We also implemented additional security protocols designed to protect our network, email environment, and systems.

What You Can Do.

Please review the enclosed "Additional Resources" section included with this letter. This section describes additional steps you can take to help protect your family member's identity, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your family member's credit file.

For More Information.

If you have any questions about the Incident or your family member's health care provider(s) that were associated with this Incident, please call 1-855-731-3351, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding some U.S. national holidays).

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Membership Number: XXXXXXXXXX

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You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

Minor Identity Monitoring

Minor Identity Monitoring detects when names, addresses, and credit information is associated with your child's Social Security number. An alert will be sent to you when activity is detected. The presence of a credit file may be an indicator of identity theft or fraud for children who, as minors, should not have a credit history.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.