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VIA U.S. MAIL

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Re: VEP Healthcare, Inc. – Incident Notification

Dear Sir or Madam:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents VEP Healthcare, Inc. (“VEP”). I am writing to provide notification of an incident at VEP that may affect the security of personal information of approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. VEP’s investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, VEP does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

VEP learned recently that a limited number of employee email accounts were compromised from what appears to be a phishing incident, which resulted in an unauthorized party temporarily obtaining access to the impacted email accounts between November 15, 2019 and January 20, 2020. Upon learning of this issue, VEP immediately commenced a thorough investigation. As part of this investigation, VEP has been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. VEP devoted considerable time and effort to determine what information was contained in the affected email accounts. Based on its comprehensive investigation and manual document review, VEP discovered on March 11, 2021 that the compromised email accounts contained a limited amount of personal information, including the affected resident’s full name and financial account information.

VEP has no indication that any information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, VEP wanted to inform you (and the affected resident) of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected resident against identity fraud. VEP will provide the affected resident notification of this incident commencing on or about March 26, 2021 in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. VEP is advising the affected resident to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. VEP is advising the affected resident about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected resident is also being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

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At VEP, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. VEP is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. VEP continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of personal information.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248) 220-1354 or jgiszczak@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



James J. Giszczak

Encl.



C/O IDX
10300 SW Greenburg Rd. Suite 570
Portland, OR 97223



Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing with important information regarding a security incident. The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to VEP Healthcare, Inc. ("VEP"). As such, we wanted to provide you with information about the incident and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

What Happened?

A limited number of VEP employee email accounts were compromised, from what appears to be a phishing incident, resulting in unauthorized access to the email boxes.

What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of the issue, we immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on March 11, 2021 that the impacted email accounts that were accessed between November 15, 2019 and January 20, 2020, contained some of your personal information. We have no evidence that any of the information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident.

What Information Was Involved?

The impacted email accounts that were accessed contained some of your [REDACTED]

What You Can Do.

We have no evidence that any of your information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident. This letter provides precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on your credit files, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. To the extent it is helpful, we have also provided information on protecting your medical information on the following pages.

For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal and protected health information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information. To that end, we have increased email security, updated policies and procedures, provided employees additional data security training, and are implementing two factor authentication.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our toll free response line at [REDACTED]
This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

1. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

We recommend that you place an initial 1-year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.equifax.com
1-800-525-6285

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

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
www.transunion.com
1-800-680-7289

2. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "security freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by sending a request in writing or by mail, to all three nationwide credit reporting companies. To find out more about how to place a security freeze, you can use the following contact information:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<https://www.freeze.equifax.com>
1-800-685-1111

Experian Security Freeze
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<http://experian.com/freeze>
1-888-397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze>
1-888-909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit monitoring company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the City in which you currently reside.

3. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

4. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or

by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If this notice letter states that your financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft>; Telephone: 800-771-775 (TDD/TYY Support: 800-788-9898).

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Department of Justice, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov/, Telephone: 877-566-7226.

Oregon Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392.

5. Protecting Your Medical Information.

If this notice letter indicates that your medical information was impacted, we have no information to date indicating that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. As a general matter, however, the following practices can help to protect you from medical identity theft.

- Only share your health insurance cards with your health care providers and other family members who are covered under your insurance plan or who help you with your medical care.
- Review your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) which is a statement you receive from your health insurance company after you have a medical visit. Follow up with your insurance company or care provider's billing office for any items you do not recognize. If necessary, contact the care provider on the EOB statement and ask for copies of medical records from the date of the potential access (noted above) to current date at no expense to you.
- Ask your insurance company for a current year-to-date report of all services paid for you as a beneficiary. Follow up with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.