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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

Dear

We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident. The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to CareNet Medical Group PC ("CMG"). We wanted to provide you with information about the incident and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your personal information.

## What Happened?

CMG recently detected unauthorized access to our network.

## What We Are Doing

Upon learning of this issue, we contained and secured the threat and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. We immediately launched an investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations to help determine whether any sensitive data had been compromised because of the incident. Our investigation determined that between May 9, 2022 and June 4, 2022, the unauthorized individual(s) removed certain files and folders from portions of our network which contained protected health information.

### What Information Was Involved

On April 26, 2023, following an extensive manual review and analysis of the data at issue, we discovered that certain files and folders removed from our network contained your

### What You Can Do

We have no indication that any of your information has been misused. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, this letter provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements, explanation of benefits statements, and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

## **For More Information**

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. In response to this incident, we have strengthened our network and implemented additional security improvements recommended by third-party cyber security experts. These include resetting account passwords and

strengthening our password security policies, implementing multi-factor authentication for network access, upgrading our endpoint detection software, integration of a 24/7 third-party security monitoring service and coordinating additional employee training related to network security and threat detection.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at 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 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

CareNet Medical Group, PC

#### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

# 1. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

We recommend that you place an initial one-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 <u>one</u> 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	Experian	TransUnion		
P.O. Box 105069	P.O. Box 9554	Fraud	Victim	Assistance
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Allen, TX 75013	Department		
https://www.equifax.com/personal/	https://www.experian.com	P.O. Box 2000		
credit-report-services/credit-fraud-	/fraud/center.html	Chester, PA 19016-2000		
alerts/	(888) 397-3742	https://www.transunion.com/frau		
(800) 525-6285		d-alerts		
		(800) 680	)-7289	

# 2. <u>Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.</u>

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 contacting <u>all three</u> nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to <u>all three</u> credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
https://www.equifax.com/personal/	http://experian.com/freeze	https://www.transunion.com/cre
credit-report-services/credit-	(888) 397-3742	<u>dit-freeze</u>
<u>freeze/</u>		(888) 909-8872
(888) 298-0045		

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 reporting 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 <u>each</u> 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: 800-771-7755.

**Massachusetts Residents**: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report 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.

**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, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="www.ncdoj.gov/">www.ncdoj.gov/</a>, Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.