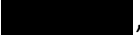


September 19, 2024



Dear ,

I am contacting you on behalf of Nantucket Cottage Hospital (NCH), a member of Mass General Brigham, to notify you of a recent issue concerning some of your protected health information.

NCH recently discovered that a workforce member may have accessed your electronic health record without an authorized business purpose between the dates of May 21, 2024, and August 10, 2024. Personal information involved may have included your name, date of birth, medical record number, Social Security Number (SSN), health insurance policy number, driver's license, address, phone number, and email address. Clinical information involved may have included diagnoses, labs, medications, and other treatment information, such as the names of your providers and dates of service.

**This incident did not involve your financial account or credit card numbers.** We are enclosing with this letter a list of various steps that you can take to protect against potential misuse of your protected health information.

NCH conducted and completed a full investigation into this matter on August 29, 2024. NCH is fully committed to protecting the information that you have entrusted to us and regrets this incident. NCH has taken appropriate steps to prevent incidents like this from occurring in the future. The individual is no longer employed by NCH and no longer has access to NCH information or systems. We continue to improve the safeguards in place to protect patient information and promote training, education, and accountability of our workforce.

If you have any questions about the incident, please feel free to contact the Mass General Brigham Privacy Office at 617-726-1300 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday or at [MassGeneralBrighamPrivacyOffice@mgb.org](mailto:MassGeneralBrighamPrivacyOffice@mgb.org). Please reference SJS-INC-6047 when you call.

We take the privacy and security of your data seriously. We regret any concern or inconvenience this incident may cause and hope the information provided in this letter will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

*Karen O'Brien*  
Privacy Manager  
Mass General Brigham

**Enclosures:    Steps you can take to protect your identity**  
**Details on Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>, including steps to activate the credit monitoring**

## **STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY**

**Security Freeze.** A security freeze prevents credit reporting bureaus from releasing information in your credit file. This can make it harder for identify thieves to open new accounts in your name. Please be aware, however, that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit, mortgages, or other services.

You have the right to request a security freeze for free. To place a security freeze on your file, you must contact each of the three national credit reporting bureaus. You can contact them by phone, online submission, or mail.

<b>Equifax Information Services</b> P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-685-1111  www.equifax.com/ personal/credit-report-services/	<b>Experian</b> P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742  www.experian.com/help	<b>TransUnion</b> P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 1-888-909-8872  www.transunion.com/ credit-help
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When requesting a security freeze, you will need to provide information to confirm your identity, such as your name, proof of your current address, your prior address if you've moved in the last five years, your date of birth, Social Security number, and other personal information.

A security freeze request made by phone or online will be effective within one hour. Requests by mail take up to three business days from when the bureau gets it to be effective. After requesting a freeze, you will be given a unique personal identification number (PIN) and/or a password. Keep this in a safe place as you will need it to temporarily lift or fully remove the security freeze.

The freeze will remain until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift or fully remove it. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift security freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request. There is no charge for placing, lifting, or removing a security freeze.

**Review Your Account Statements.** Carefully review statements sent to you from healthcare providers as well as from your insurance company to ensure that all of your account activity is valid. Carefully review your bank, credit card, and other account statements every month to ensure that your account activity is valid. Report any questionable charges promptly to the provider or company with which you maintain the account.

**Check Your Credit Report.** Check your credit report to ensure that all your information is correct. You can obtain a free credit report once per year by visiting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling 877-322-8228. If you notice any inaccuracies, report the dispute right away to the relevant credit reporting bureau. You can file a dispute on the relevant bureau's website or by contacting them at the number listed on your credit report. You can also report any suspicious activity to your local law enforcement, in which case you should request a copy of the police report and retain it for your records.

**Fraud Alert.** You have the right to request that the credit bureaus place a fraud alert on your file. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or increasing credit limits on your existing accounts. A fraud alert lasts for one year and is free of charge.

You need to contact only one of the three credit bureaus to place a fraud alert; the one you contact is required by law to contact the other two. For Fraud Alerts, use the credit bureau contact information, provided above in the Security Freeze section.

**Consult the Federal Trade Commission.** For more guidance on steps you can take to protect your information, you also can contact the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft), or at 877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338), or at the Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580.

**For Residents of Massachusetts.** You have the right to obtain a police report with respect 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.

**For Residents of New York.** You may also obtain information about security breach response and identity theft prevention and protection from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, [www.ag.ny.gov](http://www.ag.ny.gov).

## Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>

To help you detect the possible misuse of your personal information, we are providing you with a complimentary 24-month membership in Experian's IdentityWorks credit monitoring product at no cost to you.

This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

### Activate EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS<sup>SM</sup> MEMBERSHIP Now in Three Easy Steps

1. Ensure that you enroll by: **12/31/2024** (After this date, your code will not work, and you will not be able to enroll)
2. Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>
3. Provide your activation code: [REDACTED]

If you have questions or need an alternative to enrolling online, please contact Experian's customer care team at **877-890-9332** by **12/31/24** and provide engagement #: [REDACTED]

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

The Experian IdentityWorks enrollment and services are provided at no cost to you.

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

You have automatic and immediate access to fraud assistance through Experian. Contact Experian if you believe there was fraudulent use of your information. Once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks, you will have access to the following additional features:

- **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.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance<sup>\*\*</sup>:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

For additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s), refer to [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration).

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

\*\* Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions