**Redwood Coast Developmental Services** c/o Cyberscout PO Box 1286 Dearborn, MI 48120-9998



Redwood Coast Regional Center

<<Name>> <<Address>>. <<Address 2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zipcode>>

<<Date>>

Dear <</Name>>,

We are writing to inform you of a recent incident experienced by Redwood Coast Regional Center ("RCRC") which may have involved your information as outlined below. We take this incident very seriously and are providing you information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to protect your information out of an abundance of caution.

What Happened? On March 6, 2024, we experienced a network disruption that affected our ability to access certain systems. Upon discovery, we took immediate steps to secure our network and engage third-party specialists to assist in an investigation into the nature and scope of the incident. Our investigation determined that certain information was acquired by an unauthorized individual and subsequently worked to identify the impacted information and to whom it relates. On or around September 26, 2024, this review was completed, and we worked to confirm up-to-date contact information for potentially affected individuals to provide you with this notice.

What Information Was Involved? The information potentially impacted during the incident may have included your name in combination with one or more of the following data elements: addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, health insurance information, health insurance ID number, patient ID number, provider name, service date, diagnosis/treatment information, medical history information, prescription information, financial account information and/or Social Security numbers. Please note that we have no evidence of misuse of this information but are notifying you out of an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing. In response to this incident, we immediately took steps to secure our environment and undertook a thorough investigation. We have also implemented additional technical safeguards to further enhance the security of information in our possession. Additionally, we are providing you access to twenty-four (24) months of credit monitoring and identity protection services at no cost to you. These services provide you with alerts for twenty-four (24) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your TransUnion credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in the event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

What You Can Do. We recommend that you remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports, account statements, and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact the financial institution or company. You may also enroll in the credit monitoring and identity protection services we are making available to you. Instructions about how to enroll in these services and additional resources available to you are included in the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information.

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**For More Information:** Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this incident, please contact our dedicated assistance line at 1-833-543-6088 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). RCRC may also be contacted at 1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah, CA 95482.

Sincerely,

Redwood Coast Regional Center

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

#### **Enroll in Identity Defense Complete**

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to **www.mytrueidentity.com** and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: **FKPVHBJWVVDY**.

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports, account statements, and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a credit freeze on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Address for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

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Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion	Experian	Equifax
1-800-680-7289	1-888-397-3742	1-888-298-0045
www.transunion.com	www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
<b>TransUnion Fraud Alert</b>	<b>Experian Fraud Alert</b>	Equifax Fraud Alert
P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105069
Chester, PA 19016-2000	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
TransUnion Credit Freeze	Experian Credit Freeze	Equifax Credit Freeze
P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105788
Woodlyn, PA 19094	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

# **Additional Information**

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC.

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; and https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov.

*For New Mexico residents*, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act: (i) the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (ii) the consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (iii) access to your file is limited; (iv) you must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; (v) you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting <u>https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf</u>, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <u>https://ag.ny.gov</u>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>.

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be contacted at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are 0 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

*For Washington, D.C. residents*, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 400 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-442-9828, and <u>https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection</u>.