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June 26, 2025

Subject: Notice of Data <<Variable Text 1>>

Dear <</First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

I am writing to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have involved your personal information. Texas Centers for Infectious Disease Associates ("TCIDA") takes the privacy and security of all information within its possession very seriously. We are writing to notify you about the incident, provide you with information about steps you can take to help protect your information, and offer you the opportunity to enroll in complimentary identity protection services that TCIDA is making available to you.

What Happened? On July 19, 2024, we received notice of suspicious activity within our network. Upon discovering this activity, we immediately took steps to secure the network and launched an investigation, aided by independent cybersecurity experts, to determine what happened and whether sensitive information may have been affected. As a result of the investigation, we learned that an unauthorized actor may have accessed or acquired certain files and data stored within our systems, as the result of an incident experienced by our former third-party billing vendor. Upon learning this, we launched a comprehensive review of all potentially affected information to identify any personal information that could have possibly been acquired. Following the completion of this comprehensive review, we confirmed on June 17, 2025, that your personal information may have been involved in the incident. Since that time, we have been working to gather contact information for individuals and prepare notification to all affected individuals of this incident.

What Information Was Involved? The potentially affected information varies for each individual but may have included your name, <<Variable Text 2>>. We emphasize that we have no evidence of any actual or attempted misuse of this information.

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered this incident, we took measures to further secure our network and enlisted outside cybersecurity experts to conduct a forensic investigation. We have implemented additional security measures to help reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. We also notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the incident and will provide whatever cooperation is necessary to hold the perpetrators accountable.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, a data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include <<12/24>> months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your information is compromised.

What Can You Do? Receiving this letter does not mean that you are the victim of identity theft. We recommend that you activate your complimentary services using the membership number provided above. We also recommend that you review the guidance included with this letter about how to protect your information.

To enroll in the free identity protection services, please call (855) 202-9059 or go to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and use the Enrollment Code provided above. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is September 26, 2025.

Again, at this time, there is no evidence that your information has been misused. However, we encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. Representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

For More Information: Further information about protecting your private information appears on the following pages. You can also contact the dedicated call center at (855) 202-9059 for more information, available 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

We take your trust in us and this matter very seriously. Please accept our sincere apologies for any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Texas Centers for Infectious Disease Associates 1025 College Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Additional Steps You Can Take to Further Protect Your Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC").

Personal Information of a Minor: You can request that each of the three national consumer reporting agencies perform a manual search for a minor's Social Security number to determine if there is an associated credit report. Copies of identifying information for the minor and parent/guardian may be required, including birth or adoption certificate, Social Security card, and government issued identification card. If a credit report exists, you should request a copy of the report and immediately report any fraudulent accounts to the consumer reporting agency. You can also report any misuse of a minor's information to the FTC at https://www.identitytheft.gov/. For more information about Child Identity Theft and instructions for requesting a manual Social Security number search, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0040-child-identity-theft. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies is below.

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

| Equifax | Experian | TransUnion |
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| P.O. Box 105851 | P.O. Box 9532 | P.O. Box 1000 |
| Atlanta, GA 30348 | Allen, TX 75013 | Chester, PA 19016 |
| 1-800-525-6285 | 1-888-397-3742 | 1-800-916-8800 |
| www.equifax.com | www.experian.com | www.transunion.com |

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

| Federal Trade Commission | Maryland Attorney General | |
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| 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW | 200 St. Paul Place | |
| Washington, DC 20580 | Baltimore, MD 21202 | |
| consumer.ftc.gov | www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD | |
| 877-438-4338 | 888-743-0023 | |

Oregon Attorney General 1162 Court St., NE Salem, OR 97301 www.doj.state.or.us/consumerprotection 877-877-9392 California Attorney General 1300 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 www.oag.ca.gov/privacy 800-952-5225

Iowa Attorney General

1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines, Iowa 50319 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov 888-777-4590

Kentucky Attorney General

700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 www.ag.ky.gov 502-696-5300

New York Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224 800-771-7755 ag.ny.gov

NY Bureau of Internet and Technology 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/ 212-416-8433 Rhode Island Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u> 401-274-4400

Washington D.C. Attorney General 400 S 6th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection 202-442-9828

NC Attorney General

9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 ncdoj.gov/protectingconsumers/ 877-566-7226

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <u>www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</u>.