**Claris Vision Holdings** 









February 14, 2025

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

Dear

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Claris Vision Holdings, LLC ("Claris Vision") including our affiliate partners Eye Health Associates Inc., Eye Health Associates of RI Inc., Koch Eye Associates LLP, Candescent Eye Surgicenter LLC dba St. James Surgery Center, and Candescent Eye Health Surgicenter LLC dba Greater New Bedford Surgery Center. We are writing with important information regarding a data security incident. As such, we want to provide you with information about the incident, tell you about the services that we are providing to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

Upon learning of this 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 comprehensive document review, on December 18, 2024, we determined your personal data may have been subject to unauthorized access, which occurred between July 10, 2024 and August 5, 2024. The information potentially impacted includes your

While we have no evidence of financial fraud or identity theft related to this data, we want to make you aware of the incident. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary 24-month membership of Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. 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 you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

This letter provides other 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 financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

Claris Vision cares about you and your eyecare, including the privacy and security of your personal information. We have and will continue to take many precautions to safeguard it. Claris Vision continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

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 **Example 1**. This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect your information. The response line is available 8:00am to 8:00pm EST Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Sincerely,

Claris Vision Holdings, LLC 51 State Road Dartmouth, MA 02747

## - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -



#### 1. Enrolling in Complimentary 24-Month Credit Monitoring.

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

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. 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.

### 2. Obtain and Monitor Your Credit Report

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the three major nationwide credit reporting companies. You can obtain a free copy of your credit report by calling **1-877-322-8228**, visiting <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, 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 can access the request form at <u>https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action</u>. Alternatively, you can elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies' contact information are provided below.

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105069	P.O. Box 9554	Fraud Victim Assistance Department
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Allen, TX 75013	P.O. Box 2000
https://www.equifax.com/personal/	https://www.experian.com/fraud/	Chester, PA 19016-2000
credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/	center.html	https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts
(800) 525-6285	(888) 397-3742	(800) 680-7289

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.

### 3. <u>Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.</u>

We recommend that you place an initial 1-year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least twelve months. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you before establishing any accounts in your name. 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. Additional information is available at

https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/.

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Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Allen, TX 75013	P.O. Box 2000
https://www.equifax.com/personal/	https://www.experian.com/fraud/	Chester, PA 19016-2000
credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/	<u>center.html</u>	https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts
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### 4. <u>Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File</u>.

Following is general information about how to request a security freeze from the three credit reporting agencies at no charge. While we believe this information is accurate, you should contact each agency for the most accurate and up-to-date information. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware

that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit, mortgages, employment, housing, or other services. There might be additional information required, and as such, to find out more information, please contact the three nationwide credit reporting agencies (contact information provided below). 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/
credit-report-services/credit-freeze/	(888) 397-3742	credit-freeze
(888) 298-0045		(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you will 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.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in any credit monitoring service, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

### 5. <u>Protecting Your Medical Information</u>.

We have no evidence that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. However, the following practices can provide additional safeguards to protect against 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 statement" which you receive from your health insurance company. Follow up with your insurance company or care provider for any items you do not recognize. If necessary, contact the care provider on the explanation of benefits statement and ask for copies of medical records from the date of the potential access (noted above) to current date.

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.

### 6. <u>Additional Helpful Resources</u>.

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.

**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.