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#### **Notice of Data Event**

## Dear <<FirstName>><<LastName>>:

Artistic Family Dental writes to inform you of a recent event that may impact some of your personal information. Artistic Family Dental takes this event seriously and the privacy, security, and confidentiality of information in our care is among our highest priorities. While Artistic Family Dental is not aware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information to perpetrate financial fraud, out of an abundance of caution, we are providing you with an overview of the event, our response, and resources to help further protect your information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

# What Happened?

On or about November 11, 2024, Artistic Family Dental became aware of unusual activity in its network environment. Upon becoming aware, Artistic Family Dental promptly began an investigation into the scope and nature of the suspicious activity and retained legal counsel and third-party forensic specialists to investigate the suspicious activity.

Per that investigation, Artistic Family Dental determined that an unauthorized actor(s) may have accessed and acquired certain data stored by Artistic Family Dental. Artistic Family Dental then conducted a comprehensive review of the potentially impacted data to identify potentially impacted individuals. This review was completed on January 31, 2025.

## What Information Was Involved?

Artistic Family Dental determined that the following information related to you may have been acquired without authorization as a result of the event: name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, date of service, group health insurance number, subscriber health insurance number, and amount billed for services rendered. For a limited number of individuals, Social Security numbers may also have been copied without authorization.

# What We Are Doing

The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care are among our highest priorities. Upon becoming aware of the event, we moved promptly to investigate and respond to the event and notify potentially affected individuals. We are notifying potentially affected individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to best protect your information, should you feel it is necessary to do so.

# What You Can Do

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious or unauthorized activity. Additionally, security experts suggest that you contact your financial institution and all major credit bureaus to inform them of such a breach and then take whatever steps are recommended to protect your interests, including the possible placement of a fraud alert on your credit file. Please review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*, to learn more about how to protect against potential information misuse.

# **For More Information**

We understand that you may have questions about this event that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 1-773-261-8515 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Tuesday through Saturday, excluding holidays.

Sincerely,

Artistic Family Dental

## **Steps Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information**

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877¬322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers 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 the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

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

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

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit- help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

## **Additional Information**

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

misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported.