



May 29, 2025

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

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

I am writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have affected you and your personal information. At Next Step Healthcare, LLC ("Next Step"), we take the privacy and security of our clients' information very seriously. This is why we are informing you of the incident and providing you with steps you can take to protect your personal information.

What Happened. On June 5, 2024, Next Step discovered evidence of unusual activity in our environment. In response, we immediately took measures to secure our network, systems, and data. In addition, we retained independent cybersecurity experts to conduct a forensic investigation into the incident and assist us in determining what happened. This forensic investigation determined that certain Next Step data may have been accessed or acquired without authorization in connection with this incident. As a result, we launched a comprehensive review of the potentially affected data. This review concluded on May 22, 2025 and identified some of your information within the potentially affected dataset.

What Information Was Involved. The potentially affected information included your name and *<<Variable Text: Data Elements>>*.

What We Are Doing. As soon as we discovered the incident, we took the steps described above, including performing a thorough review of our email environment to investigate the incident and implemented additional security measures to protect our digital environment and minimize the likelihood of future incidents.

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 You Can Do. 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.

For More Information. We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services at no cost to you by calling 1-877-674-1598, going to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u>, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is August 29, 2025.

Please accept our sincere apologies and know that we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

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Janelle Fairbrother, VP of Administration Next Step Healthcare, LLC, 400 Trade Center, Suite 7950 Woburn, MA 01801

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
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
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

NC Attorney General

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

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

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>.