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**Notice of Data Breach** 

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from Genworth Life Insurance Company, Genworth Life and Annuity Insurance Company, or Genworth Life Insurance Company of New York

RE: Case Number #

#### Dear:

Genworth respects your privacy and works hard to protect your confidential information. We are writing you about an error in mailing correspondence that may affect you.

What Happened:

On August 5, 2019, we were notified that correspondence dated July 23, 2019, relating to your Life Insurance policy was sent to an unauthorized third party following an erroneous address update to your policy. The address was incorrectly updated on February 16, 2010, and all billing notices had been directed to the incorrect address until we were notified of the error. The recipient of the July 23, 2019 correspondence attested to destroying the related information.

## What Information Was Involved:

The correspondence included your name and policy number.

#### What You Can Do:

We have no indication your information was misused, nevertheless, we encourage you to take steps to protect yourself from the risk of identity theft or other potential harm as described in the enclosed Guide.

What We Are Doing:

In response to this incident, we have corrected your address in our system and provided feedback to the associate involved. Please note, this notification was not delayed due to a law enforcement investigation.

For More Information:

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact us at 866.381.2906 Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

Genworth Data Security Team

# **Guide to Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft**

**Fraud Alert**: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert and/or credit freeze on your credit file by calling any of the consumer reporting agencies. They will notify the other agencies to do the same. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before they open a new account in your name or change your existing accounts. A fraud alert will, however, make it harder to take advantage of 'instant credit' offers from retailers.

Free Credit Freeze: A free credit freeze will restrict access to your credit file, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. You can request a credit freeze online, by phone, or by mail. If you choose to request a freeze online or by phone, the agency must place the freeze within one (1) business day. If you request a lift of the freeze, the agency must lift it within one (1) hour. If you choose to make your request to place or lift a credit freeze by mail, the agency must place or lift the credit freeze within three (3) business days of receipt of your request.

Equifax 877-478-7625 PO Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374-0241 www.equifax.com

Experian 888-397-3742 PO Box 9532 Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion 800-680-7289 PO Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

www.experian.com www.transunion.com

**Review Credit Reports:** We recommend that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring your credit reports. You can get a free credit report once a year from each of the three agencies. Go to <u>annualcreditreport.com</u> or call 877-322-8228. You may order one, two or all three credit reports at the same time or you may stagger your requests over a 12-month period to keep an eye on the accuracy and completeness of the information in your reports.

Review your credit reports carefully. Look for accounts you did not open and for inquiries from creditors you do not recognize. Look for wrong information, such as a wrong home address, the wrong employer or a wrong social security number. If you see anything you do not understand or that looks odd or unusual, call the credit agency at the telephone number on the report.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity at first, continue to regularly review your credit reports, bank, credit and other account statements for any unauthorized or suspicious activity. Identity thieves sometimes do not use information right away.

If You Become a Victim of Identity Theft: If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or believe your personal information is being misused:

- Call your local police or sheriff's office and file a report of identity theft. Get a copy of the police report because many creditors will want it.
- File a complaint with the FTC at <a href="ftc.gov/idtheft">ftc.gov/idtheft</a> or by calling 877-ID-THEFT. Your complaint will be accessible to law enforcers for their investigations.
- Report identity theft or fraud to your financial institutions.
- Report identity theft or fraud to the consumer reporting agencies.

You can obtain additional information about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following:

#### For California Residents:

Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (<u>www.privacy.ca.gov</u>) for additional information on protection against identity theft

#### For Iowa Residents:

Office of Iowa Attorney General 1305 E. Walnut, Des Moines, IA 50319 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov Telephone: 1-888-777-4590.

## For Kentucky Residents:

Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 www.ag.ky.gov Telephone:1-502-696-5300

## For North Carolina Residents:

Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 www.ncdoj.com/

Telephone: 1-919-716-6400

#### For Maryland Residents:

Office of the Attorney General of Maryland Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer
Telephone: 1-888-743-0023

#### For New York Residents:

The provisions of the insurance component of the credit monitoring may be restricted in New York.

# For West Virginia Residents:

You may call 888-GENWORTH to learn what types of information Genworth maintains about individuals and what information Genworth maintains about you.

#### For all other US Residents:

Identity Theft Clearinghouse Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 www.consumer.gov/idtheft 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) TDD: 1-202-326-2502

#### For Massachusetts Residents:

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed 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.

You may also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. 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. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com); Experian (www.experian.com); and TransUnion (www.transunion.com). To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-349-9960
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/

Experian Security Freeze
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide some or all of the following information to the credit reporting agency, depending on whether you do so online, by phone, or by mail:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security Number;
- 3. Date of birth:
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
- 7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2;
- 8. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report, based upon the method of your request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password (or both) that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.