



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

Dear :

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Bridgeway Care and Rehab Center at Hillsborough and The Avalon Assisted Living Residence at Hillsborough. We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident that may have impacted your information. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your personal information.

We recently discovered unauthorized access to our network occurred between March 3, 2021 and March 7, 2021. Upon learning of the issue, we immediately took steps to secure our network and mitigate against any additional harm. We launched an investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations to analyze these types of situations to analyze the extent of any compromise of the information on our network. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on September 7, 2021 that documents containing your personal and/or protected health information were acquired from our network as a result of the incident. Based on our extensive manual review and analysis of the data at issue, we determined that certain data removed from our network contained your

To date, we are not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of your personal information as a direct result of this incident. Out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: 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 identity is compromised.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and 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. To the extent it is helpful, we have also provided information on protecting your medical information on the following pages.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our 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 statement of the professionals. This response line is staffed with professionals

familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9am to 9pm Eastern time.

Sincerely,

Bridgeway Care and Rehab Center at Hillsborough and The Avalon Assisted Living Residence at Hillsborough

## - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

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

### Activate IDX Identity Protection Membership Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: (Your code will not work after this date.)

2. VISIT the **IDX website** to enroll:

3. PROVIDE the Found above in this letter

If you have questions about the product or if you would like to enroll over the phone, please contact IDX at



## 2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 24 month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year "Fraud Alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. 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.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/</a>
(800) 525-6285

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<a href="https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html">https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html</a>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 6790
Fullerton, PA 92834-6790
<a href="https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts">https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts</a>
(800) 680-7289

### 3. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

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

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<a href="http://www.transunion.com/security-freeze">http://www.transunion.com/security-freeze</a>
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll 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 the credit monitoring service as described above, 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.

# 4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. 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.

# 5. Additional Helpful Resources.

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.

If this notice letter states that your financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

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.

# 6. Protecting Your Medical Information.

If this notice letter indicates that your medical information was impacted, we have no information to date indicating that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. As a general matter, however, the following practices can help to protect you from 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.