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RE: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear << Name 1>>:

QRS, Inc. ("QRS") hosts the electronic patient portal for <<Variable Data 2/Entity>>. QRS takes the protection of your information seriously and is writing to inform you about a recent incident that involved some of your personal information.

What Happened? On August 26, 2021, QRS discovered that an unknown, unauthorized third party accessed a QRS server associated with our patient portal and may have acquired certain protected health information ("PHI") stored in the server. Upon discovering the incident, we immediately took the server offline and began an investigation. We also engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of our network, analyze the incident, and determine the extent of the PHI that may have been accessed or acquired by the third party. Our investigation has determined that the third party accessed the server from August 23, 2021, to August 26, 2021. During this time, the third party accessed, and may have acquired, files in the server that contained your PHI. This incident did not involve any other QRS or <<Variable Data 3>> systems. We provided an initial notification of the incident to <<Variable Data 3>> on September 7, 2021. Following additional investigation, we provided further notification of the incident to <<Variable Data 3>> on or about October 1, 2021. We have since been working with <<Variable Data 3>> to notify individuals as quickly as possible.

What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined that the incident involved unauthorized access, and potentially unauthorized acquisition, of your personal information, including your name, Social Security number, date of birth, patient number, and portal username. The accessed or acquired information may have also contained an address and limited medical treatment or diagnosis information if it was uploaded to the QRS portal. At this time, we are not aware of any identity theft or fraud to any person as a result of this incident.

What We Are Doing. Data security is one of our highest priorities. As discussed above, upon discovering the incident, we immediately took the server offline, began an investigation, and engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of our network. We will keep this particular server offline permanently. We have taken steps to further secure our network and reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future, including implementing multifactor authentication on core QRS systems for key administrators and implementing a Security Information and Event Management System (SIEM). QRS is also reviewing and updating its information security policies.

What You Can Do. Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft involving your information, on behalf of <<Variable Data 3>> we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

Other Important Information. You can find more information on steps to protect yourself against identity theft or fraud in the enclosed Additional Important Information sheet.

For More Information. We value the trust placed in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call 855-675-3080 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. This toll-free number is provided on behalf of << Variable Data 3>>.

Sincerely,

QRS, Inc.

### ACTIVATING YOUR COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary** two-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

### Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

- 1. ENROLL by: << Enrollment Deadline>> (Your code will not work after this date.)
- 2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- 3. PROVIDE the Activation Code: << Activation Code>>

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide engagement number << Engagement Number>> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian Identity Works:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

# Activate your membership today at <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit">https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit</a> or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

#### **Additional Important Information**

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring 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 should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

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. Massachusetts and Washington, DC law also allow consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze can be placed without any 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.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online security freeze request procedures:

<sup>\*</sup>Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Equifax Security Freeze 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 Experian Security Freeze 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 Trans Union Security Freeze 1-888-909-8872 www.transunion.com P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

- 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, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. 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 three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. 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.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for lifting a security freeze, and include proper identification (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 or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days 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 send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for removing a security freeze, and include 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 three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

<u>Credit Reports</u>: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by 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 can print a copy of the request form at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action">https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action</a>.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax 1-866-349-5191 www.equifax.com P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion 1-800-888-4213 www.transunion.com P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016

Fraud Alerts: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.

Washington, DC Residents: Washington, DC residents can obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at: 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; www.oag.dc.gov.