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Upon discovering this error, Blue Shield immediately took action to correct the error. Blue Shield is not aware of any misuse of your information. However, out of an abundance of caution, Blue Shield is notifying you of this incident.

WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED

Your personal information that may have been accessed included your name and Social Security Number.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Blue Shield is committed to safeguarding your personal information and took immediate steps to mitigate and remediate the issue. Blue Shield has also taken steps to improve its processes to ensure that events like this do not occur in the future. Blue Shield has made policy and process changes to limit its disclosure of this type of information and to ensure that there are additional quality assurance checks before provider treatment cost estimator reports are mailed.



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If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with the agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed, an Experian Identity Restoration agent will be available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at <u>www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration</u>.

While <u>identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary one-year membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by March 31, 2022 (Your code will not work after this date.)
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If you have questions about this product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-890-9332 by **March 31, 2022**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **ENGAGE#** as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

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Sincerely,

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H1684-L01-0000001 T00001 P001 *******SCH 5-DIGIT 12345 SAMPLE A SAMPLE - L01 BOTH SSN APT ABC 123 ANY STREET ANYTOWN, ST 12345-6789

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