Bishop Eye Center

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To Enroll, Please Call:

1-833-903-3648

Or Visit:

<a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a>
Enrollment Code:

Via First-Class Mail

April 7, 2022

# Notice of Network Security Incident

Dear

Bishop Eye Center is an ophthalmology practice with offices in Hilton Head, Bluffton, and Hardeeville, South Carolina. We are writing to let you know of an incident that may have exposed your personal and medical information, and provide you with resources you can use to protect your information.

### What Happened and What Information Was Involved:

On February 7, 2022, we detected and stopped a network security incident. An unauthorized third party accessed and disabled our computer systems, and demanded money in order to restore their functionality. We immediately engaged third-party forensic specialists to assist us with securing the network environment and investigating the extent of any unauthorized activity. Our investigation determined the unauthorized party may have compromised certain personal and medical information during the incident.

We found no evidence that your information has been specifically misused, however, it is possible that the following information could have been compromised by an unauthorized third party: first and last name, address, and one or more of either date of birth, social security number, health insurance policy number, and / or diagnosis code. Please be assured your entire medical file was not compromised as a result of this incident.

# What We Are Doing:

Upon detecting this incident, we moved quickly to initiate a response which included conducting an investigation with the assistance of cybersecurity experts and confirming the security of our network environment. We have also notified law enforcement. We have reviewed and enhanced our policies, procedures, and network security software relating to the security of our systems and servers, and have revised how we store and manage data.

We are offering free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX, a leading identity protection technology company. IDX services include: 24 months of credit monitoring and fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

### What You Can Do:

We encourage you to enroll in free IDX services by calling 1-833-903-3648 Monday through Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm EST, or going to <a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a>. Your enrollment code is provided above. Please note the deadline to enroll is July 7, 2022.

Enclosed you will find additional information regarding the resources available to you and the steps that you can take to further protect your personal and medical information.

# For More Information:

We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call IDX's call center at 1-833-903-3648, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-9:00pm EST.

We value the security of the personal data we protect, and apologize for any inconvenience this incident has caused.

Sincerely,

Bishop Eye Center

#### **Additional Information**

**Credit Reports**: You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</a>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-800-349-9960	1-888-397-3742	1-800-909-8872
https://www.equifax.com/person	www.experian.com/freeze/cent	www.transunion.com/credit-
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Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax (<a href="https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf">https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf</a>);
- TransUnion (https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts); or
- Experian (<a href="https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html">https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html</a>).

A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are listed above.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**File Police Report**: You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**FTC and Attorneys General:** You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also

encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

**For Maryland residents**, the Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, and <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us">www.oag.state.md.us</a>.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-underfcra.pdf">www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-underfcra.pdf</a> or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**For North Carolina residents**, the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400, and <a href="www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>.

**For New York residents**, the Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, and <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/">https://ag.ny.gov/</a>.

**For Rhode Island residents**, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, <a href="www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>, and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident.