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<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address 1>> <<Address 2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<ZIP>>

October 6, 2022

# Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Liberty Healthcare Group ("LHG") is writing to inform you of a recent cybersecurity incident ("Incident") that may have involved your protected health information ("PHI"). LHG takes the privacy of patient information very seriously and sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience this Incident may cause. This letter contains details about the Incident, steps we have taken in response to mitigate any risk, and services we are making available to protect your information.

# What Happened?

On or about April 19, 2022, LHG first became aware of possible unauthorized access to its email environment. Upon discovering the potential incident, LHG immediately engaged a third-party cybersecurity forensics team to conduct a thorough investigation into its network. On May 17, 2022, the investigation determined that a number of LHG email accounts had been accessed by an unauthorized user. Upon discovering the unauthorized access, on May 20, 2022, LHG began investigating which individuals' information may have been impacted by the incident. While LHG worked to aggregate a list of individuals to notify of the Incident, on July 19, 2022, LHG posted a public notice of the incident on the homepage of its websites. On August 24, 2022, the final notice population was identified. Since that time, LHG has been working on the mailing of notification letters to individuals, setting up a call center for individuals with additional questions or concerns, and providing credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to all individuals whose information was impacted as a result of the Incident.

# What Information Was Involved?

The investigation confirmed that patient information stored in our email environment may have been subject to unauthorized access. The data contained in this system may include protected health information such as your: name, <<data elements>>.

While LHG has no reason to believe that any patient's information has been misused, we are nonetheless notifying our patients out of an abundance of caution.

# What We Are Doing

LHG takes the privacy and security of our patient information very seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. We are working with cybersecurity counsel to determine the actions to take in response to the incident. Together, we continue to investigate and closely monitor the situation. Further, we are taking steps to strengthen our security posture to prevent a similar event from occurring again in the future. In response to the Incident,

LHG immediately changed all passwords within its systems and continued the implementation of a number of data security processes including multi-factor authentication.

In order to address any patient concerns and mitigate any exposure or risk of harm following this Incident, LHG has arranged for IDX to provide complimentary credit monitoring services and identity theft protection services to our patients free of charge for a period of <<twelve (12)/twenty-four (24)>> months.

# What You Can Do

To enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring service that we are offering you, please go to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and using Enrollment Code <<<u>Insert Unique Activation Code</u>>>, follow the steps to receive the credit monitoring service online within minutes. If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll, please call IDX's toll-free hotline at 1-833-423-2975.

You can sign up for the credit monitoring service anytime between now and January 6, 2023. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain <<twelve (12)/twenty-four (24)>> months of credit monitoring that will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, CyberScan monitoring, access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

We encourage you to remain vigilant, monitor your accounts, and immediately report any suspicious activity or suspected misuse of your personal information. We also encourage our patients to remain vigilant and review the enclosed addendum titled "*Additional Important Information*" outlining additional steps you can take to protect your information.

# **For More Information**

LHG recognizes that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 1-833-423-2975 (toll free) during the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding U.S. national holidays).

LHG sincerely regrets any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause and remains dedicated to ensuring the privacy and security of all information in our control. Sincerely,

Effrey S. Wilson

Jeffrey S. Wilson Chief Operating Officer Liberty Healthcare Group LLC

# Additional Important 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 <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, 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 <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</u>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone or online. 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.

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 105069
Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016	Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289	1-800-525-6285
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts	https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-
		report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and by monitoring your credit report for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Identity Protection PIN:** You can get a six-digit Identity Protection PIN to prevent someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. An IP PIN is used by the IRS to verify your identity when filing your electronic or paper tax return. To receive an IP Pin, you must register to validate your identity at <u>IRS.gov</u>. Use the Get an IP PIN tool available between mid-January through mid-November to receive your IP PIN.

# https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin

**Security Freeze:** You 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:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872	1-888-298-0045
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	www.transunion.com/credit-freeze	https://www.equifax.com/personal/
		credit-report-services/credit-freeze/

**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, <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>, 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. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement.

**For residents of** *Iowa***:** State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**For residents of** *Massachusetts***:** It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a 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.

For residents of New Mexico: State law advises you to review personal account statements and credit reports, as applicable, to detect errors resulting from the security breach. 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 Fair Credit review vour rights pursuant to the Reporting Act at www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**For residents of** *Oregon***:** State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

**For residents of** *Rhode Island***:** It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to file or obtain a police report in regard to this incident.

For residents of Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode <u>Island:</u> You can obtain information from the Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

**Federal Trade Commission -** Consumer Response Center: 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580; 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>

Arizona Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection & Advocacy Section, 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 1-602-542-5025

**Colorado Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection 1300 Broadway, 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80203 1-720-508-6000 <u>www.coag.gov</u>

**District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General** – Office of Consumer Protection: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; <u>www.oag.dc.gov</u>

Illinois office of the Attorney General - 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-866-999-5630; www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

Maryland Office of the Attorney General - Consumer Protection Division: 200 St. Paul Place, 16<sup>th</sup> floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; <u>www.oag.state.md.us</u>

**New York Office of Attorney General** - Consumer Frauds & Protection: The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; 1-800-771-7755; <u>https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft</u>

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General - Consumer Protection Division: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; 1-877-566-7226; <u>www.ncdoj.com</u>

**Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General -** Consumer Protection: 150 South Main St., Providence RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>