Northern California Fertility Medical Center c/o Cyberscout 38120 Amrhein Road Livonia, MI 48150







# Via First-Class Mail

Notice of Data Incident September 28, 2022

Dear .

We are writing in order to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have resulted in unauthorized access to your personal information. At this time, we are unaware of any fraudulent misuse of your information. However, we take the privacy of your personal information seriously, and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information. This letter contains information about the incident and information about how to protect your personal information going forward.

## What Happened and What Information was Involved:

Recently, Northern California Fertility Medical Center ("NCFMC") detected and stopped a network security incident. An unauthorized third-party infiltrated our network and attempted to encrypt some of our data. We immediately shut off all access to the network and engaged specialized third-party forensic and technical resources to respond to the incident. NCFMC has secured and remediated its network and the data that we maintain.

Once our environment was secure, we immediately initiated a comprehensive investigation into the cause and extent of the unauthorized activity. Although we have found no evidence that your information has been misused as a result of the incident, an investigation revealed that the following categories of your information may have been exposed to the unauthorized party during the compromise: name and status regarding an ultrasound performed at NCFMC and/or cryopreserved tissue stored at NCFMC. We have found no evidence that your medical records were compromised. NCFMC does **NOT** store social security numbers and does **NOT** store credit card information on our servers.

## As of this writing, NCFMC has not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident.

## What We Are Doing:

Data privacy is among NCFMC's highest priorities, and we are committed to doing everything we can to protect the privacy and security of the personal information in our care. Upon detecting this incident, we moved quickly to initiate our incident response, which included fully securing and remediating our network and the data that we maintain. We conducted an investigation with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists, and have reported this matter to law enforcement. We have reviewed and altered our tools, policies, and procedures relating to the security of our systems and servers.

# What You Can Do:

We encourage you to contact Cyberscout representatives with any questions you may have at 1-800-405-9108. Cyberscout representatives are available Monday through Friday excluding holidays, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time.

Again, at this time, there is no evidence that your information has been misused. Cyberscout representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

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

## For More Information:

We recognize you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please contact Cyberscout at 1-800-405-6108.

NCFMC values the privacy and importance of your personal data, and we apologize for any inconvenience or concern that this incident has caused.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murray, MD Laurie Lovely, MD Sahar Stephens, MD Manuel Doblado, MD

Northern California Fertility Medical Center (Enclosure)

### **Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your 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 www.annualcreditreport.com, 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 https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) 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.

**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.

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### Experian

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

#### **TransUnion**

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 1-800-680-7289

www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts

#### Equifax

P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-525-6285

https://www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services/credit-fraud-alerts/

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**

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

#### **TransUnion**

P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

### **Equifax**

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 1-888-298-0045

https://www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-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, www.identitytheft.gov, 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 Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island:

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); www.identitytheft.gov

**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 www.coag.gov

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

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; www.oag.state.md.us

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

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

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