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#### NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

## Dear << Name 1>>:

We are writing to notify you of a recent incident involving some of your personal information. This letter provides details about the incident, measures taken to date, and resources available to help protect your information.

## **Background**

You are a part of a DaVita Inc. program known as VillageHealth. VillageHealth uses a vendor, PracticeMax, to share information for care coordination services.

## What Happened

The PracticeMax network experienced a ransomware attack, during which it was subject to unauthorized access, beginning on April 17, 2021 and ending on May 5, 2021. On May 1, 2021, upon discovery of the incident, PracticeMax immediately initiated a review of the incident, engaged legal counsel and hired a security forensics firm to conduct a thorough investigation.

PracticeMax regained access to its systems on May 6, 2021 and determined one server containing Protected Health Information (PHI) was accessed and certain files may have been removed.

On August 19, 2021, PracticeMax concluded its investigation, conducted by its third-party security forensics firm. The investigation revealed that some of your personal information may have been accessed by an unauthorized individual.

# What Information Was Involved

The information that was potentially accessed includes your first and last name, date of birth, address, phone number, Member ID number and clinical data pertaining to services that you received through VillageHealth. This incident did not impact your financial information or Social Security Number.

# What We Are Doing

PracticeMax is committed to safeguarding your personal information. Upon learning of the incident, PracticeMax moved quickly to confirm the security of their systems. As part of PracticeMax's ongoing commitment to the privacy of information in our care, we reviewed our existing policies and procedures and implemented additional safeguards to further secure the information in our systems. These included rebuilding systems, enhancing firewalls, and installing additional endpoint software, among other things. We also notified regulatory authorities and law enforcement.

As an added precaution, we arranged to have Equifax provide credit monitoring services for twenty-four (24) months at no cost to you. Instructions for enrollment are included in the enclosed "Steps You Can Take To Protect Your Information."

## What You Can Do

We do not have reason to believe your personal information will be used inappropriately because of this incident. However, we ask you to remain vigilant. There are steps you can take to protect yourself.

Review the following for suspicious activity:

- Explanation of Benefit (EOB) letters
- SmartSummary statements
- Medical records

Watch for services you did not receive. If you find unfamiliar activity on the statements you receive, please notify us immediately. Keep a copy of this notice in case of future problems with your medical records.

You can also review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take To Protect Your Information" for more information.

## **For More Information**

If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 855-675-3083 (toll free), Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., EST.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this incident may cause you. Protecting your information is very important to us, and we remain committed to safeguarding the information in our care.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson

CEO

Enclosures

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

## **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

<<Name 1>> **Enter your Activation Code:** << Enrollment Code>> **Enrollment Deadline:** << Enrollmend Deadeline>>

# Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold

\*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product.

# **Key Features**

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report
- WebScan notifications1 when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts<sup>2</sup>, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock<sup>3</sup>
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft<sup>4</sup>

#### **Enrollment Instructions**

Go to www.equifax.com/activate.

Enter your unique Activation Code of << Enrollment Code>> then click "Submit" and follow these 4 steps:

### Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue".

If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4.

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

## **Verify Identity:**

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

## **Checkout:**

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

## You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment. Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

<sup>1</sup>WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 email addresses, and up to 10 medical ID numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers' personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers' personal information is at risk of being traded.

The Automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax

Consumer Services LLC.

 $^3$ Locking your Equifax credit report will prevent access to it by certain third parties. Locking your Equifax credit report will not prevent access to your credit report at any other credit reporting agency. Entities that may still have access to your Equifax credit report include: companies like Equifax Global Consumer Solutions, which provide you with access to your credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report as part of a subscription or similar service; companies that provide you with a copy of your credit report or credit score, upon your request; federal, state and local government agencies and courts in certain circumstances; companies using the information in connection with the underwriting of insurance, or for employment, tenant or background screening purposes; companies that have a current account or relationship with you, and collection agencies acting on behalf of those whom you owe; companies that authenticate a consumer's identity for purposes other than granting credit, or for investigating or preventing actual or potential fraud; and companies that wish to make pre-approved offers of credit or insurance to you. To opt out of such pre-approved offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.com.

<sup>4</sup>The Identity Theft Insurance benefit is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company, under group or blanket policies issued to Equifax, Inc., or its respective affiliates for the benefit of its Members. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to 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, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/credit-help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

## **Additional Information**

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may 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); and 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 and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 441 4th St. NW #1100 Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag@dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us. PracticeMax is located at 9382 East Bahia Drive Suite B202, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

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 bureaus 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 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 New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov/.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.