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Dear Parent or Guardian of << Name>>:

We are writing to inform you of an incident at Brandywine Pediatrics, P.A. ("Brandywine") that may have resulted in the disclosure of your name and health insurance policy number. We take the security of your information very seriously, and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This letter contains information about the incident and the steps you can take to protect your information.

What happened and what information was involved:

On October 25, 2016, we discovered that our file server was rendered inaccessible by a computer virus. We immediately restored our files from backup tapes and began an investigation to determine what information may have been impacted. We retained a forensic computer expert to assist us with our investigation, and determined that files containing your name and insurance policy number may have been accessed by an unauthorized person. There is no evidence that any additional information was taken. The files did NOT include any Social Security numbers, medical diagnoses or treatment information or payment card information.

What we are doing and what you can do:

Although we are unaware of any misuse of your information, out of an abundance of caution, the enclosed information sheet contains steps you can take to protect yourself and your information.

We take the privacy and security of your information very seriously and have taken steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. Our efforts include improving the security of our systems and reviewing our policies and procedures.

For more information:

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you, and remain dedicated to protecting your information. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 844-258-5505, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern.

Sincerely,

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Additional Important Information

For residents of *Hawaii*, *Michigan*, *Missouri*, *Virginia*, *Vermont*, and *North Carolina*: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that 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 nationwide three 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.

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 *Oregon*:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Illinois, and North Carolina:

You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorneys General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

Maryland Office of the Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us North Carolina Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division

9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com **Federal Trade Commission**

Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft

For residents of Massachusetts:

It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. 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. The contact information for all three credit bureaus is below:

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

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, or 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, 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. The consumer reporting agency may charge a small fee to place, life, or remove a freeze, but is free if you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim of identity theft, and you have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft incident to the consumer reporting agency. You may obtain a security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348

www.equifax.com/help/credit-freeze/en_cp

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze TransUnion (FVAD) P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 www.transunion.com

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.