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# Re: Notice of Data [Event/Breach]

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Sight Partners Physicians, P.C. ("Sight Partners") is writing to notify you of a recent incident experienced by our third-party vendor, Eye Care Leaders ("ECL"), that may affect the security of some of your information. Although there is no indication that your information has been misused in relation to this incident, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response to it, and what you may do to better protect your personal information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

*What Happened*? On or about April 15, 2022, Sight Partners was informed by its former third-party Electronic Health Record ("EHR") hosting vendor, ECL, that ECL experienced a cyber-attack. Sight Partners' historical patient records are stored in ECL's Integrity EHR system. ECL reported that the incident occurred on or about December 4, 2021, and impacted some ECL databases where patient records are maintained. ECL conducted an investigation in an effort to confirm the nature and scope of the incident. Although the investigation was unable to determine whether files stored in the impacted databases had actually been viewed or taken by the unauthorized actor, ECL could not rule out the possibility of such activity. Therefore, in an abundance of caution, Sight Partners ran reports through the practice management system in an effort to identify the patient information that would be stored in the ECL database, and it was determined that your information may have been impacted.

*What Information was Involved?* The following types of Sight Partners' patient information are stored by ECL and may have been present in the impacted ECL databases at the time of the incident: full name, address, date of birth, medical information, including provider's name, medical record number, treatment, diagnosis, and/or prescription information. <u>Sight Partners did not store patients'</u> <u>Social Security numbers, financial account information, and health insurance information in the ECL database and that information was not impacted by this event.</u>

*What We Are Doing.* Sight Partners takes this event and the security of information in our care very seriously. In June 2021, prior to the occurrence of this event, Sight Partners ceased using ECL as its EHR vendor. As such, all data stored in Sight Partner's Integrity EHR system predates June 2021. In addition to notifying potentially impacted patients of this event, Sight Partners is notifying appropriate governmental regulators, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ECL also notified law enforcement including the FBI of the incident.

Although we are unaware of any misuse of your information as a result of this incident, as an added precaution, Sight Partners is offering you [Extra1\_12or24] months of identity and credit monitoring services at no cost to you through Experian. For more information on these services, please review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. Please follow the instructions provided below to enroll in the identity and credit monitoring services Sight Partners is making available to you, as we are unable to enroll you in these services on your behalf.

*What You Can Do.* Sight Partners encourages you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements, explanations of benefits, and monitoring your credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Please review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information* which contains information on what you can do to better protect against possible misuse of your information. You may also enroll in the free credit monitoring services Sight Partners is providing to you.

*For More Information*. We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated call center at (866) 579-4744. This toll-free line is available Monday through Friday 8 am - 10 pm CST, Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 7 pm CST (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Sincerely,

Kristi Bailey, M.D. Sight Partners Physicians, P.C.

### **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary [Extra1\_12or24]-month membership of Experian's<sup>®</sup> IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by: September 30, 2022 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/credit
- Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (866) 579-4744 by **September 30, 2022.** Be prepared to provide engagement number **[Engagement Number]** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

# ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at (866) 579-4744. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

### **Monitor 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 <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> 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

<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

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, military identification, 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 fraud alert or 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
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-395-6938
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; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 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: 400 6th St. NW, 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 <u>www.oag.state.md.us</u>. Sight Partners is located at 2707 Colby Avenue, Suite 1200, Everett, WA 98201-3568.

*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 violator. 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. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Ne encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Ne encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act pursuant 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 <u>https://ag.ny.gov/</u>.

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.

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event. There are 3 known Rhode Island residents impacted by this event.