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Dear Sample A. Sample:

East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine ("Brody"), a member of ECU Health, is writing to let you know of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information. At this time, we have no reason to believe your information has been misused in any way. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to provide you with guidance on what you can do to protect yourself, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

On December 21, 2023, we discovered certain files on our network were inadvertently made accessible to ECU students, employees and certain ECU Health employed clinicians, beyond the individuals who required access, between July 2022 and January 2024. Upon discovery, we restricted access to the files. As of this letter, we have no evidence any of the information has been or will be misused. Because the files were available to users who were not authorized to access them, we reviewed the files for personal information. Starting on January 12, 2024, we learned your information was contained in one of the files. The information that may have been viewed included your name, health insurance information, and diagnostic and/or clinical information pertaining to services you received from Brody clinicians.

Based on the information available to us, the information did NOT include any social security numbers, driver's license numbers or credit card numbers. None of these files were available to the general public. This incident was not the result of a cyberattack.

We are taking steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future, including reviewing employee training and technical security measures. While we have no indication that the information was misused in any way, we are including tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes, and steps you can take to avoid identity theft, in the enclosed Additional Important Information sheet.

We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy. We take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously and apologize for any inconvenience this incident might cause. As part of our commitment to support you, please contact the dedicated call center we have established to address your questions. The call center can be reached at 833-918-1257 toll-free from 9am to 9pm Eastern Time Monday through Friday (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number B116794.

Sincerely,

East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine

ECU Health

Additional Important Information

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any 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.

The District of Columbia and Massachusetts law also allow consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze can be placed without any charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online security freeze request procedures:

Equifax Security Freeze Experian Security Freeze TransUnion Security Freeze

https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

 services/credit-freeze/
 P.O. Box 9554
 P.O. Box 160

 P.O. Box 105788
 Allen, TX 75013
 Woodlyn, PA 19094

Atlanta, GA 30348

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security Number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for lifting a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for removing a security freeze, and include proper identification (name,

address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

<u>Credit Reports</u>: By law, you may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies. The three national credit reporting agencies have also agreed to provide free weekly online credit reports. You can obtain your free credit report by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action. Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

 Equifax
 Experian
 TransUnion

 1-866-349-5191
 1-888-397-3742
 1-800-888-4213

 www.equifax.com
 www.experian.com
 www.transunion.com

 P.O. Box 740241
 P.O. Box 2002
 P.O. Box 1000

 Atlanta, GA 30374
 Allen, TX 75013
 Chester, PA 19016

<u>Fraud Alerts</u>: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

<u>Credit and Security Freezes</u>: By law, you have the right to place a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information:

Equifax Security Freeze Experian Security Freeze TransUnion Security Freeze 1-888-298-0045 1-888-397-3742 1-888-909-8872

https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit- https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

 report-services/credit-freeze/
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This notification was not delayed by law enforcement.

<u>lowa Residents</u>: lowa residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the lowa Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General of lowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319, 515-281-5164.

<u>Maryland Residents</u>: Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023, http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/.

<u>New Mexico Residents:</u> Individuals have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfp consumer-rights-summary 2018-09.pdf, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

<u>New York State Residents</u>: New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft; (800) 771-7755.

<u>North Carolina Residents</u>: North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; www.ncdoi.gov.

<u>Oregon Residents</u>: Oregon residents are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Federal Trade Commission and the Oregon Attorney General. Oregon residents can contact the Oregon Attorney General at 1162 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096; 503-378-4400; https://www.doj.state.or.us/.

<u>Vermont Residents:</u> If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).

<u>District of Columbia Residents</u>: District of Columbia residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 202-727-3400, <u>oag@dc.gov</u>, <u>https://oag.dc.gov/</u>. The District of Columbia law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports without any charge.