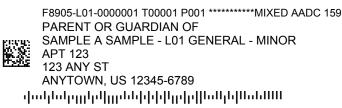
October 20, 2020



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# **Re:** Notice of Data Event

Dear Sample A Sample,

Timberline Billing Service, LLC is writing on behalf of [Extra1 - School District Name] to notify you of a data privacy incident that may impact the privacy of some of your minor dependent's personal information. While we are unaware of any actual misuse of your minor dependent's information, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and the steps you may take to better protect against possible misuse of your minor dependent's information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

Who is Timberline and Why Did They Have My Minor Dependent's Information? Timberline contracts with over 190 of the more than 320 school districts in Iowa. We support our clients claiming of Medicaid reimbursement for covered IEP services. As part of this process, the school district sends Timberline a listing of IEP students from the state IEP system.

**What Happened?** On March 5, 2020, Timberline noticed suspicious activity on its network impacting certain servers and systems. We launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of this activity. Working with outside computer forensic specialists, we determined that an unknown actor accessed our network between February 12, 2020 and March 4, 2020, encrypted certain files, and also removed certain information from our network; however, the investigation was unable to determine which specific information was actually removed. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, we undertook a comprehensive and time-intensive review of all files that could have been impacted. This review was recently completed and determined that protected health information and/or personal information relating to your minor dependent was present in files that may have been compromised. On September 2, 2020, we provided confirmation to school district with which your minor dependent's information is or was associated that your information was impacted by this incident.

**What Information Was Involved?** The investigation determined the following types of your minor dependent's information were involved: name and [Extra2 - Data Elements]. To date, Timberline is unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of personal information as a result of this incident.



*What We Are Doing.* The security, privacy, and confidentiality of your minor dependent's personal information are among our highest priorities. Upon learning of this incident, Timberline moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of relevant Timberline systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Timberline reported this incident to law enforcement and is also reporting this incident to certain regulatory authorities, as required. We are taking steps to enhance the security of our systems in addition to the robust security measures already in place including upgrading all servers and firewalls, resetting all user passwords and requiring frequent password rotations, and migrating school and student data to a cloud location. While we are unaware of any misuse of your minor dependent's information as a result of this incident, we are offering your minor dependent access to 12 months of minor identity monitoring through Experian at no cost to you.

*What You Can Do.* Please review the instructions contained in the attached "Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information," to enroll in these services.

*For More Information.* We recognize that you may have questions that are not addressed in this notice. If you have additional questions or concerns, please call our toll-free dedicated assistance line at (844) 439-7669. This toll-free line is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm CT and Saturday – Sunday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm CT.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience this event may cause you. We remain committed to safeguarding the information in our care and will continue to take steps to ensure the security of our systems.

Sincerely,

Dann Stevens Chief Executive Officer Timberline Billing Service, LLC

# Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Minor Dependent's Information

# **Enroll in Complimentary One-Year of Identity Monitoring Service**

To help protect your minor's identity, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian's<sup>®</sup> IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate this membership and start monitoring your minor's personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by: January 31, 2021 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <u>https://www.experianidworks.com/minorplus</u>
- Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI
- Provide your minor's information when prompted

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration for your minor or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (844) 439-7669 by **January 31, 2021.** Be prepared to provide engagement number **DB23244** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

# Additional details regarding the 12-MONTH 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 for your minor:

- Social Security Number Trace: Monitoring to determine whether enrolled minors in your household have an Experian credit report. Alerts of all names, aliases and addresses that become associated with your minor's Social Security Number (SSN) on the Experian credit report.
- Internet Surveillance: Technology searches the web, chat rooms & bulletin boards 24/7 to identify trading or selling of your personal information on the Dark Web.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE**<sup>TM</sup>: Receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after the 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 minor's information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at (844) 439-7669. 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).

<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.



Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to your minor for one year from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

To protect against the possibility of identity theft or other financial loss, we encourage you to remain vigilant, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. While minors under the age of 18 typically do not have credit files, the following information relates to protecting one's credit once established.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. You should report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement or the attorney general. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security 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 security 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 security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872	1-800-685-1111
www.experian.com/freeze/	www.transunion.com/credit-	www.equifax.com/personal/
<u>center.html</u>	freeze	credit-report-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will 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.);
- 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.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your 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 agencies listed below:

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/fraudvictim-resource/place-fraud-alert Equifax P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-888-766-0008 www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services

#### **Additional Information**

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 or the Federal Trade Commission. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>, 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. 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.

