

January 13, 2022

Re: Notice of Data Breach

At the Medical Review Institute of America (“MRIoA”), we value transparency and respect the privacy of your information, which is why, as a precautionary measure, we are writing to let you know about a data security incident that may involve your protected personal information, what we did in response, and steps you can take to protect yourself against possible misuse of the information. Please note that you are receiving this letter because Ambetter from Home State Health provided us information to facilitate a clinical peer review of a health care service you requested or received.

### **What Happened**

On November 9, 2021, we learned that we were the victim of a sophisticated cyber-attack. Once we found out, we quickly took steps to secure and safely restore our systems and operations. Further, we immediately engaged third-party forensic and incident response experts to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident's nature and scope and assist in the remediation efforts. We also contacted the FBI to inform them of the incident and seek guidance. On November 12, 2021, we discovered that the incident involved the unauthorized acquisition of information.

On November 16, 2021, to the best of our ability and knowledge, we retrieved and subsequently confirmed the deletion of the obtained information. Our investigation into the cause of the incident is ongoing. However, once we retrieved the information, we began determining the individuals impacted in the incident. Further, based on a comprehensive review, we discovered that your protected health information was included in the incident.

***However, as of now, we have no evidence indicating misuse of any of your information.***

### **What Information Was Involved**

The types of protected health information potentially involved (only if this information was provided to MRIoA by the organization named above) are your demographic information (i.e., first and last name, gender, home address, phone number, email address, date of birth, and social security number); clinical information (i.e., medical history/diagnosis/treatment, dates of service, lab test results, prescription information, provider name, medical account number, or anything similar in your medical file and/or record); and financial information (i.e., health insurance policy and group plan number, group plan provider, claim information).

### **What We Are Doing**

As explained above, we took immediate steps to secure our systems and engaged third-party forensic experts to assist in the investigation. Further, in response to this incident, we implemented and/or are continuing to implement additional cybersecurity safeguards to our existing robust infrastructure to better minimize the likelihood of this type of event occurring again, including:

- Constant monitoring of our systems with advanced threat hunting and detection software;
- Adding additional authentication protections when attempting to access the systems;
- New servers built from the ground up to ensure all threat remnants were removed;
- Working with external third-party cybersecurity experts to assist us in our security efforts;
- Deploying a hardened and new backup environment;
- Enhancing our employee cybersecurity training; and
- Reviewing, revising, and amending our existing cybersecurity policies as necessary.

### **What You Can Do**

The security and privacy of the information contained within our systems is a top priority for us. Therefore, while we have no evidence indicating your information was misused, we strongly recommend that you remain vigilant, monitor and review all of your financial and account statements, and report any unusual activity to the institution that issued the record and law enforcement. In addition, please see “***OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION***” on the following pages for guidance on how to best protect your identity.

We are providing members affected by this incident with one-year of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services. Instructions on how to enroll in this service were included in the letter sent to affected members.

### **For More Information**

We sincerely regret this incident occurred and any concern it may cause. We understand that you may have questions about it beyond what is covered in this letter. To assist you with questions regarding this incident, please call the helpline at 1-888-653-0511. Representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Sullivan, President/CEO

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Obtain and Monitor Your Credit Report.** We recommend that you obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>, calling toll-free 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 access the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/requestReport/requestForm.action>. Alternatively, you can elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. The three nationwide credit reporting agencies' contact information are provided below to request a copy of your credit report or general identified above inquiries.

<b>Equifax</b> <b>(888) 766-0008</b> P.O. Box 740256 Atlanta, GA 30348 <a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>	<b>Experian</b> <b>(888) 397-3742</b> P.O. Box 2104 Allen, TX 75013 <a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>	<b>TransUnion</b> <b>(800) 680-7289</b> P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016 <a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>
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**Security Freeze (also known as a Credit Freeze).** Following is general information about how to request a security freeze from the three credit reporting agencies. While we believe this information is accurate, you should contact each agency for the most accurate and up-to-date information. 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. In addition, in some states, the agency cannot charge you to place, lift or remove a security freeze. There might be additional information required, and as such, to find out more information, please contact the three nationwide credit reporting agencies (contact information provided above).

<b>Equifax Security Freeze</b> P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/</a>	<b>Experian Security Freeze</b> P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 <a href="http://www.experian.com/freeze">www.experian.com/freeze</a>	<b>TransUnion Security Freeze &amp; Fraud Victim Assistance Dept.</b> P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016 <a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze">https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</a>
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**Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit Report.** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least twelve months. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you before establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>

**Remain Vigilant, Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity.** As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by closely reviewing your account statements and credit reports. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, we strongly advise that you promptly notify the financial institution or company that maintains the account. Further, you should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including your state attorney general and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). To file a complaint or to contact the FTC, you can (1) send a letter to the *Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; (2) go to [IdentityTheft.gov/databreach](http://IdentityTheft.gov/databreach); or (3) call 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338). Complaints filed with the FTC will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, a database made available to law enforcement agencies.

**Take Advantage of Additional Free Resources on Identity Theft.** We recommend that you review the tips provided by the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information website, a valuable resource with some helpful tips on how to protect your information. Additional information is available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity-online-security>. For more information, please visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf/0009_identitytheft_a_recovery_plan.pdf) or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338). In addition, a copy of Identity Theft – A Recovery Plan, a comprehensive guide from the FTC to help you guard against and deal with identity theft, can be found on the FTC's website at [https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf/0009\\_identitytheft\\_a\\_recovery\\_plan.pdf](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf/0009_identitytheft_a_recovery_plan.pdf).

**District of Columbia Residents:** You can obtain information from the FTC and the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia about steps to take to avoid identity theft. You can contact the D.C. Attorney General at: 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 202-727-3400, [www.oag.dc.gov](http://www.oag.dc.gov). **Iowa residents** may also wish to contact the Office of the Attorney general on how to avoid identity theft by calling 515-281-5164 or by mailing a letter to the Attorney General at: *Office of the Attorney General of Iowa*, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. **Maryland residents** may wish to review the information the Attorney General, who can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, or visiting [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us). **Massachusetts residents:** State law advises you that you have the right to obtain a police report. Further, you have the right to obtain a security freeze on your credit report free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. To request a security freeze be placed on your credit report, please be prepared to provide any or all of the following: your full name, social security number, address(es), date of birth, a copy of a government issued identification card, a copy of a utility bill, bank or insurance information, or anything else the credit reporting agency needs to place the security freeze. Further information regarding credit freezes, including the contact information for the credit reporting agencies, may be found above in section titled "Security Freeze (also known as a Credit Freeze)." **New Hampshire residents** have the right to ask that the three nationwide credit reporting agencies place fraud alerts in their file (as described above) and or request a security freeze (as described above). To place or fraud alert on your file or request the security freeze, please contact three credit reporting agencies identified above. **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 agencies 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. **New York Residents:** You may also contact the following state agencies for information regarding security breach response and identity theft prevention and protection information: New York Attorney General's Office Bureau of Internet and Technology, (212) 416-8433, <https://ag.ny.gov/internet/resource-center> and or NYS Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection, (800) 697-1220, <https://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>. **North Carolina residents** may wish to review the information provided by the North Carolina Attorney General at [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov), or by contacting the Attorney General by calling 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina) or by mailing a letter to the Attorney General at *North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division*, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699. **Oregon Residents:** State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the Oregon Attorney General at: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, (877) 877- 9392, [www.doj.state.or.us](http://www.doj.state.or.us). **Rhode Island residents** have the right to obtain a police report (if one was filed. Alternatively, you can file a police report). Further, you can obtain information from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General about steps you can take to help prevent identity theft. You can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov). As noted above, you have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report at no charge, but note that consumer reporting agencies may charge fees for other services. **West Virginia residents** have the right to ask that the three nationwide credit reporting agencies place fraud alerts in their file (as described above) and or request a security freeze (as described above). To place or fraud alert on your file or request the security freeze, please contact three credit reporting agencies identified above.