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We are writing to inform you of a data security incident at Lexington Medical Center involving some of your information. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

What Happened?

On October 4, 2023, an unauthorized party accessed one (1) employee email account and the employee's individual data drive.

What We Are Doing.

Upon detecting the unauthorized activity, we immediately contained the incident and commenced an immediate and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we engaged leading cybersecurity experts to identify what personal information, if any, was involved.

What Information Was Involved?

After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on or about January 18, 2024 that a limited number of the files contained in the employee email account and/or the employee's associated individual data drive contained billing-related documents that may have included your full name, date of birth, medical record number, health insurance identification number, patient charge descriptor information, billing codes, and Social Security number. There is no way to determine with certainty whether the unauthorized party accessed these specific files, however, out of abundance of caution, we want to make you aware. Please be assured that your electronic medical record was <u>not</u> accessed as a result of this matter.

What You Can Do.

We have no evidence that any personal information has been or will be misused as a direct result of this incident. Out of an abundance of caution to protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering complimentary access to Experian Identity WorksSM Credit 3B for months. For more information on identity theft prevention and Experian Identity WorksSM, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary months membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. To the extent that it is helpful, we are also suggesting steps you can take to protect your medical information on the following pages.

For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9:00am-9:00pm EST.

Sincerely,

	- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -	
1	Enrolling in Complimentary months Credit Monitoring	
	To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian Identity Works SM for months.	
	If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. 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 from the date of the incident (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).	
	Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 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.	
	While identity restoration assistance is <u>immediately available to you</u> , we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:	
	 Ensure that you enroll by Visit the Experian Identity Works website to enroll: Provide your activation code: 	

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at . Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS **CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:**

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian Identity Works. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian Identity Works:

- 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, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and noncredit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian Identity Works membership has expired.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.
- * Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.
- ** 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.

2. Placing a Fraud Alert.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year "Fraud Alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraudalerts/
(800) 525-6285

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
https://www.experian.com/fr
aud/center.html
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion
Fraud Victim Assistance
Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
https://www.transunion.com/fraud-

(800) 680-7289

3. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file at no cost. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three nationwide credit reporting companies. To find out more on how to place a security freeze, you can use the following contact information:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/
(888)-298-0045

Experian Security
Freeze
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
http://experian.com/freeze
e
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If you do place a security freeze prior to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call 1-877-322-8228 or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

5. Protecting Your Medical Information.

We have no evidence that your medical information involved in this incident was or will be used for any unintended purposes. However, the following practices can provide additional safeguards to protect against medical identity theft.

• Only share your health insurance cards with your health care providers and other family members who are covered under your insurance plan or who help you with your medical care.

- · Review your "explanation of benefits statement" which you receive from your health insurance company.
- Follow up with your insurance company or care provider for any items you do not recognize. If necessary, contact
 the care provider on the explanation of benefits statement and ask for copies of medical records from the date of the
 potential access (noted above) to current date.
- · Ask your insurance company for a current year-to-date report of all services paid for you as a beneficiary.
- Follow up with your insurance company or the care provider for any items you do not recognize.

6. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.