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### **Notice of Data Security Incident**



The Center for Vein Restoration, LLC recently experienced a data security incident that may have involved your protected health information ("PHI"). We take the privacy and security of your information seriously, and sincerely apologize for any concern or inconvenience this incident may cause you. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information and resources we are making available to help you.

## What Happened?

On October 6, 2024, we were alerted to unusual activity involving our information technology environment. In response, we initiated an investigation, took steps to secure our systems, and notified law enforcement. Additionally, a third-party forensic firm was engaged to assist in the investigation.

#### What Information Was Involved?

While in our IT environment, the unauthorized party may have accessed files that contain some of your information, including your name in combination with some or all of the following: address, date of birth, Social Security Number, driver's license number, medical record number, diagnosis, lab results, medications, treatment information, health insurance information, provider names, dates of treatment, and/or financial information.

## What We Are Doing:

To help prevent something like this from happening again, we have implemented, and will continue to adopt, additional safeguards and technical security measures to further protect and monitor our systems. Additionally, we are offering identity theft protection services through TransUnion.

In response to the incident, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

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## How do I enroll for the free services?

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <a href="https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate">https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate</a> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

# What You Can Do:

We recommend you financial statements you receive from your healthcare providers and health insurance plans. If you see any services that were not received, please contact the provider or health plan immediately.

Additional information about protecting your identity is included in this letter, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file.

#### For More Information:

If you have any questions or concerns, please call at 1-833-799-4382 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Eastern Time. Your trust is our top priority, and we deeply regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you.

Sincerely,

Center for Vein Restoration

#### 1. Website and Enrollment.

You can follow the recommendations on the following page to help protect your personal information. You can also enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring services being offered to you by logging on to <a href="https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate">https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate</a> and following the provided instructions. When prompted, please provide the following unique code: . To receive the monitoring services, please enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and email account and may not be available to minors. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

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2. Review your credit reports. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

3. Place Fraud Alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three bureaus is as follows:

### **Credit Bureaus**

Equifax Fraud Reporting
1-866-349-5191
1-888-397-3742
1-800-680-7289
P.O. Box 105069
P.O. Box 9554
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
Www.equifax.com
Www.experian.com
Www.transunion.com

It is necessary to contact only ONE of these bureaus and use only ONE of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well.

You will receive confirmation letters in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review. An initial fraud alert will last for one year.

Please Note: No one is allowed to place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

4. Security Freeze. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.

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5. You can obtain additional information about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following agencies. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them.

California Residents: Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (<u>www.oag.ca.gov/privacy</u>) for additional information on protection against identity theft.

**Kentucky Residents:** Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, www.ag.ky.gov, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

**Maryland Residents:** Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

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 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 a 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. rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act your www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504 cfpb summary 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.

New York Residents: the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; https://ag.ny.gov/.

North Carolina Residents: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, Telephone: 1-919-716-6400.

**Oregon Residents:** Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392.

Rhode Island Residents: Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, Telephone: 401-274-4400. A total of [XX] Rhode Island residents were notified of this incident.

All US Residents: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, www.consumer.gov/idtheft, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261.