

Notice to Longs Peak Family Practice patients regarding Privacy Incident

Longs Peak Family Practice, PC ("LPFP") is notifying patients about a potential disclosure of personal health information. We deeply regret that this incident occurred. We are committed to protecting patients' privacy.

On November 5, 2017, LPFP discovered suspicious activity on its computer network and determined that a hacker had penetrated the network. LPFP immediately began investigating and took actions to attempt to secure the network, but the hacker executed malicious code within the network before it could be stopped. The malicious code included ransomware that encrypted certain files on our computers. We had a separate secure backup of our patients' files from which to rebuild and restore our network. On November 10, after discovering a second hack into the network that did not involve ransomware, LPFP immediately hired a leading firm with forensic computer expertise to assist in the investigation to identify any malware and further investigate any unauthorized access that may have occurred because of the hacking activity. LPFP's forensic investigation concluded on December 5. Although there was no specific evidence that any data including our patients' health information was removed or accessed from our network, there was evidence of unauthorized access to some parts of our computer system on November 5, 9 and 10. We did not find evidence of any patient files being opened on the LPFP computers, but because some of the software installed by the hackers could have been used to download computer files and some files were encrypted, we cannot be sure that health information was not compromised.

The type of information that could have been compromised includes patients' electronic charts, which may include full name, LPFP's patient ID number, date of birth, address, phone numbers, email address, social security number, insurance carrier, insurance payment codes with associated costs, driver's license, dates of service, clinical information including medical conditions, diagnoses, medications, labs and diagnostic studies, and copies of notes or reports by LPFP or other healthcare providers. The information did NOT include credit card or bank account information or invoices for medical services. Final statements for any accounts sent to a collection agency may have been involved.

We have taken immediate steps to enhance the protective measures that were in place before this incident. Because of this incident, we have made changes to how our network may be accessed. We have upgraded our system in consultation with seasoned IT professionals, including the purchase of a new enhanced firewall, and are further analyzing the tools and procedures we use to monitor and attempt to block malicious attempts to hack into our network. We are re-analyzing our network and our policies to attempt to further safeguard against potential threats. We are reinforcing and providing additional privacy and security training to all our workforce. We reported the hacking incidents to law enforcement for further investigation.

LPFP wants to make all our patients aware of steps they may promptly take to guard against any potential harm. We encourage our patients to remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud and identity theft by regularly reviewing their financial statements, credit reports, and explanation of benefits (EOBs) from health insurers. If patients identify services that they did not receive or accounts, charges or withdrawals that they did not authorize, they should contact and report to the involved company or credit-reporting agency immediately to follow procedures to freeze transactions or accounts, obtain new cards, and/or to challenge any unauthorized purchases. Please review the Information about Identity Theft Protection that follows this Notice for additional information on ways our patients may protect themselves.

As an added precaution, LPFP has arranged to have AllClear ID, a data breach response company, provide further information to our involved patients about the incident and to protect our involved patients' identities for 12 months at no cost. The identity protection services offered by AllClear ID are available and can be used by LPFP's involved patients at any time starting on **December 27, 2017** and during the following 12 months up **through December 26, 2018**. The services available to involved patients during this period include:

AllClear Identity Repair: This service is automatically available to involved patients with no enrollment required. If a problem arises, simply call toll free **1-855-553-2939** and, after AllClear ID confirms that you are on the list of involved patients, a dedicated investigator will help recover financial losses, restore your credit and make sure your identity is returned to its proper condition.

AllClear Credit Monitoring: This service offers additional layers of protection including credit monitoring and a \$1 million identity theft insurance policy. To use this service, our involved patients will need to provide their personal information to AllClear ID. After AllClear confirms that you are on the list of involved patients, it will provide you a redemption code and enrollment instructions. Patients with a redemption code may sign up online at enroll.allclearid.com or by phone by calling **1-855-553-2939**. Please note: Additional steps may be required by patients to activate phone alerts and monitoring options.

LFPF is mailing notice letters to involved patients on December 27, 2017. Any individuals who were patients of LFPF before the November 10, 2017 incident and who have questions or need additional information about the incident or the identity protection services being provided by AllClear ID are encouraged to contact the call center by calling the toll-free number, **1-855-553-2939**, Monday - Saturday, 7 am – 7 pm, Mountain Time (closed on U.S. observed holidays).

We highly value our relationships with our patients and very much regret that this incident occurred. If you are a patient and you have questions or need additional information, please call the toll-free number **1-855-553-2939**.

Information about Identity Theft Protection

We recommend that you regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

Equifax: P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Georgia 30374-0241, 1-800-685-1111, www.equifax.com
Experian: P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013, 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com
TransUnion: P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19022, 1-800-888-4213, www.transunion.com

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or creditor inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. Look for information, such as home address and social security number, that is not accurate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

We recommend you remain vigilant with respect to reviewing your account statements and credit reports, and promptly report any suspicious activity or suspected identity theft to us and to the proper law enforcement authorities, including local law enforcement, your state's attorney general and/or the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). You may contact the FTC or your state's regulatory authority to obtain additional information about avoiding identity theft.

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.ftc.gov/idtheft

For residents of Maryland: You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General:

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

For residents of Massachusetts: You also have the right to obtain a police report.

For residents of North Carolina: You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division
9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-5-NO-SCAM, www.ncdoj.gov

We recommend that you regularly review the explanation of benefits statement that you receive from your insurer. If you see any service that you believe you did not receive, please contact your insurer at the number on the statement. If you do not receive regular explanation of benefits statements, contact your provider and request them to send such statements following the provision of services in your name or number.

You may want to order copies of your credit reports and check for any medical bills that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, call the credit reporting agency at the phone number on the report. Keep a copy of this notice for your records in case of future problems with your medical records. You may also want to request a copy of your medical records from your provider, to serve as a baseline. If you are a California resident, we suggest that you visit the web site of the California Office of Privacy Protection at www.privacy.ca.gov to find more information about your medical privacy.

Fraud Alerts: There are also two types of fraud alerts that you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud: an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for at least 90 days. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary

proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling the toll-free fraud number of any of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

Equifax: 1-888-766-0008, www.equifax.com
Experian: 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289, fraud.transunion.com

Credit Freezes (for Non-Massachusetts Residents): You may have the right to put 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 a 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. In addition, you may incur fees to place, lift and/or remove a credit freeze. Credit freeze laws vary from state to state. The cost of placing, temporarily lifting, and removing a credit freeze also varies by state, generally \$5 to \$20 per action at each credit reporting company. *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: P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, www.equifax.com
Experian: P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com
TransUnion LLC: P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA, 19022-2000, freeze.transunion.com

You can obtain more information about fraud alerts and credit freezes by contacting the FTC or one of the national credit reporting agencies listed above.

Credit Freezes (for Massachusetts Residents): Massachusetts law gives you the right to place a security freeze on your consumer reports. A security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. Using a security freeze, however, may delay your ability to obtain credit. You may request that a freeze be placed on your credit report by sending a request to a credit reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail or regular stamped mail to the address below:

Equifax: P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, www.equifax.com
Experian: P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com
TransUnion LLC: P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA, 19022-2000, freeze.transunion.com

Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. The following information should be included when requesting a security freeze (documentation for you and your spouse must be submitted when freezing a spouse's credit report): full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; social security number; date of birth (month, day and year); current address and previous addresses for the past five (5) years; and applicable fee (if any) or incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles. The request should also include a copy of a government-issued identification card, such as a driver's license, state or military ID card, and a copy of a utility bill, bank or insurance statement. Each copy should be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue (statement dates must be recent). The credit reporting company may charge a reasonable fee of up to \$5 to place a freeze or lift or remove a freeze, unless you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim of identity theft, and have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft to the credit reporting company.

AllClear Identity Repair Terms of Use

If you become a victim of fraud using your personal information without authorization, AllClear ID will help recover your financial losses and restore your identity. Benefits include:

- 12 months of coverage with no enrollment required.
- No cost to you — ever. AllClear Identity Repair is paid for by the participating Company.

Services Provided

If you suspect identity theft, simply call AllClear ID to file a claim. AllClear ID will provide appropriate and necessary remediation services (“Services”) to help restore the compromised accounts and your identity to the state prior to the incident of fraud. Services are determined at the sole discretion of AllClear ID and are subject to the terms and conditions found on the AllClear ID website. AllClear Identity Repair is not an insurance policy, and AllClear ID will not make payments or reimbursements to you for any financial loss, liabilities or expenses you incur.

Coverage Period

Service is automatically available to you with no enrollment required for 12 months from the date of the breach incident notification you received from Company (the “Coverage Period”). Fraud Events (each, an “Event”) that were discovered prior to your Coverage Period are not covered by AllClear Identity Repair services.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for Services under AllClear Identity Repair coverage, you must fully comply, without limitations, with your obligations under the terms herein, you must be a citizen or legal resident eighteen (18) years of age or older, and have a valid U.S. social security number. Minors under eighteen (18) years of age may be eligible, but must be sponsored by a parent or guardian. The Services cover only you and your personal financial and medical accounts that are directly associated with your valid U.S. social security number, including but not limited to credit card, bank, or other financial accounts and/or medical accounts.

How to File a Claim

If you become a victim of fraud covered by the AllClear Identity Repair services, you must:

- Notify AllClear ID by calling 1.855.434.8077 to report the fraud prior to expiration of your Coverage Period;
- Provide proof of eligibility for AllClear Identity Repair by providing the redemption code on the notification letter you received from the sponsor Company;
- Fully cooperate and be truthful with AllClear ID about the Event and agree to execute any documents AllClear ID may reasonably require; and
- Fully cooperate with AllClear ID in any remediation process, including, but not limited to, providing AllClear ID with copies of all available investigation files or reports from any institution, including, but not limited to, credit institutions or law enforcement agencies, relating to the alleged theft.

Coverage under AllClear Identity Repair Does Not Apply to the Following:

Any expense, damage or loss:

- Due to
 - Any transactions on your financial accounts made by authorized users, even if acting without your knowledge, or
 - Any act of theft, deceit, collusion, dishonesty or criminal act by you or any person acting in concert with you, or by any of your authorized representatives, whether acting alone or in collusion with you or others (collectively, your “Misrepresentation”);
- Incurred by you from an Event that did not occur during your coverage period; or
- In connection with an Event that you fail to report to AllClear ID prior to the expiration of your AllClear Identity Repair coverage period.

Other Exclusions:

- AllClear ID will not pay or be obligated for any costs or expenses other than as described herein, including without limitation fees of any service providers not retained by AllClear ID; AllClear ID reserves the right to investigate any asserted claim to determine its validity.
- AllClear ID is not an insurance company, and AllClear Identity Repair is not an insurance policy; AllClear ID will not make payments or reimbursements to you for any loss or liability you may incur.
- AllClear ID is not a credit repair organization, is not a credit counseling service, and does not promise to help you improve your credit history or rating beyond resolving incidents of fraud.
- AllClear ID reserves the right to reasonably investigate any asserted claim to determine its validity. All recipients of AllClear Identity Repair coverage are expected to protect their personal information in a reasonable way at all times. Accordingly, recipients will not deliberately or recklessly disclose or publish their social security number or any other personal information to those who would reasonably be expected to improperly use or disclose that Personal Information.

Opt-out Policy

If for any reason you wish to have your information removed from the eligibility database for AllClear Identity Repair, please contact AllClear ID:

<u>E-mail</u> support@allclearid.com	<u>Mail</u> AllClear ID, Inc. 823 Congress Avenue Suite 300 Austin, Texas 78701	<u>Phone</u> 1.855.434.8077
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