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April 7, 2025

Subject: Notice of Data <<Variable Text 1>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have affected your personal or protected health information. Alabama Ophthalmology Associates (“AOA”) takes the privacy and security of all information in our possession very seriously. This letter has information about the incident and steps you can take to protect your information, including enrolling in the complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services we are making available to you.

What Happened. On January 30, 2025, AOA became aware of unusual network activity and immediately took steps to secure our systems. We engaged cybersecurity experts to assist with the process. The investigation determined that certain AOA data may have been acquired without authorization between January 22 and January 30, 2025. As a result, AOA undertook a review of the potentially affected files, which concluded on March 19, 2025. Our review identified that some of your information may have been involved.

What Information Was Involved. The potentially affected information may have included your name, date of birth, Social Security number or other government ID, diagnosis or treatment information, and/or other health-related information.

What We Are Doing. As soon as AOA discovered the incident, we took the steps described above and implemented measures to enhance network security and minimize the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. We have also been in contact with law enforcement and will cooperate with any resulting investigation.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, a data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include <<12/24>> months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your information is compromised.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in the free identity protection services by calling 1-877-280-2754, going to <https://response.idx.us/aoapc/>, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Central Time. Please note, the deadline to enroll is July 7, 2025.

You can also review the guidance included with this letter for best practices to protect your information. We also encourage you to always review account statements and explanation of benefits forms and report any errors or activity you do not recognize to your insurance carrier.

For More Information. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact our dedicated call center for this incident at 1-877-280-2754 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Central Time (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Please accept our sincere apologies for any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Alabama Ophthalmology Associates
1000 19th St S,
Birmingham, AL 35205

Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com/, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, 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 also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax

P.O. Box 105851
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian

P.O. Box 9532
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

Fraud Alert: 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 one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580
consumer.ftc.gov
877-438-4338

Maryland Attorney General

200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD
888-743-0023

Oregon Attorney General

1162 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301
www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection
877-877-9392

California Attorney General

1300 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
www.oag.ca.gov/privacy
800-952-5225

New York Attorney General

The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224
800-771-7755
ag.ny.gov

Rhode Island Attorney General

150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
www.riag.ri.gov
401-274-4400

Iowa Attorney General
1305 E. Walnut Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov
888-777-4590

NY Bureau of Internet and Technology
28 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10005
www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/
212.416.8433

Washington D.C. Attorney General
400 S 6th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection
202-442-9828

Kentucky Attorney General
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
www.ag.ky.gov
502-696-5300

NC Attorney General
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
ncdoj.gov/protectingconsumers/
877-566-7226

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf.