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September 9, 2022

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley d/b/a <<Provider Name>> (“MATLV”) is writing to inform you of a recent incident that may affect the privacy of some of your information as described below. While we have no evidence of attempted or actual misuse of your information as a result of this incident, out of an abundance of caution, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to help protect your information.

**What Happened:** On July 3, 2022, MATLV became aware that we were victimized by a sophisticated ransomware attack that impacted our network. Upon discovery, we immediately took steps to secure our network and promptly began an investigation, aided by third-party forensic specialists, to confirm the nature and scope of the incident. We also reported this incident to federal law enforcement. Through the investigation, it was determined that, as part of the cyber-attack, certain files may have been subject to unauthorized access. As a result, we undertook a comprehensive and time-intensive process to identify what type of information may have been contained within the potentially impacted files, and to whom that information belonged. That process was completed on August 29, 2022. We are now notifying those individuals whose information was potentially impacted by the incident.

**What Information Was Involved:** The information believed to potentially be at risk may include your first and last name, in combination with one or more of the following: address, email address, date of birth, Social Security number, driver’s license number/State ID number, health insurance provider, medical diagnosis/medical treatment information, medications, and/or lab results.

**What We Are Doing:** Upon discovery, we immediately engaged third-party forensic specialists to fully investigate this matter. Out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for you to activate, at no cost to you, an online credit monitoring service for <<12/24>> months provided by IDX. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you directly. Additional information regarding how to activate the complimentary credit monitoring service is enclosed. We have also provided additional information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

**What You Can Do:** We recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all of your account statements and credit history to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact your financial institution or company. Additionally, you can enroll to receive the complimentary credit monitoring service we are making available to you. You can also review the enclosed “Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information” for additional resources.

**For More Information:** Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-833-875-0799, from 9 am to 9 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

We take the privacy and security of the information in our care seriously, and sincerely regret any worry or inconvenience this incident may cause you and your family.

Sincerely,

Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley

## **STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION**

**1. Website and Enrollment.** Go to <https://response.idx.us/matlv> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the deadline to enroll is December 9, 2022.

**2. Activate the credit monitoring** provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

**3. Telephone.** Contact IDX at 1-833-875-0799 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

**4. 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 [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) 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.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION**

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver’s license or identification card); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

<b>TransUnion</b> 1-800-680-7289 <a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>	<b>Experian</b> 1-888-397-3742 <a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>	<b>Equifax</b> 1-888-298-0045 <a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
<b>TransUnion Fraud Alert</b> P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000	<b>Experian Fraud Alert</b> P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	<b>Equifax Fraud Alert</b> P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
<b>TransUnion Credit Freeze</b> P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	<b>Experian Credit Freeze</b> P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	<b>Equifax Credit Freeze</b> P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

#### **Additional Information**

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov); 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For District of Columbia residents*, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th St. NW Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400; and [oag@dc.gov](mailto:oag@dc.gov). Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley may be contacted at 1605 North Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18104.

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us). Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley may be contacted at 1605 North Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18104.

*For 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 bureaus 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 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. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights\\_under-fcra.pdf](http://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.

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

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov); and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are 3 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.