

Data Breach Notification: Unauthorized Access to Medical Records

Dear Valued Patients,

We are writing to inform you about a recent data breach that may have affected your personal medical information. It is with deep regret that we must notify you of this incident and reassure you that we are taking immediate action to protect your privacy.

What Happened?

On 9/16/2024, we detected unauthorized access to our system, which exposed sensitive personal information. This breach was the result of a cyber-attack against a remote connection utilized by a vendor of River Region Cardiology. Upon discovery, we took the vendor offline to prevent further access to the systems.

What Information Was Involved?

The exposed information includes the following personal medical data:

- Full Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Weight
- Height
- Sex

What Are We Doing?

We are working diligently with cybersecurity experts to strengthen the security of our systems and prevent future incidents. Our investigation is ongoing, and we are cooperating with law enforcement and regulatory authorities to address the situation.

What You Can Do

At this time, there is no indication that your data has been used maliciously. However, we recommend that you remain vigilant by taking the following steps:

- Monitor your personal accounts and medical records for any unusual activity.
- Be cautious of unsolicited emails or phone calls asking for personal information.

- Contact your healthcare provider immediately if you notice anything unusual related to your medical records.

Our Commitment to You

We understand how important your privacy is, and we deeply regret any concern this incident may cause. We are committed to safeguarding your personal information and will provide updates as our investigation progresses.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact our office at 334-387-0948.

We apologize for this incident and appreciate your understanding as we work to resolve it.

Sincerely,

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