

UnitedHealthcare Privacy Office
185 Asylum Street
CT039-020A
Hartford, CT 06103



Date

First Name Last Name
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
City, STATE, Zip Code

Dear First Name Last Name,

We are writing to let you know about a privacy issue involving some of your health information. On May 6, 2019, we discovered that between March 21, 2019 and March 28, 2019 a code change caused an error on the myuhc portal leading to a disclosure of your health information to a dependent/former dependent. We believe the incident occurred on March 21, 2019.

The information that was involved includes your name, member ID number, claims information including your provider's name, date of service and billed/paid amounts. Additionally, if you are the subscriber on the account, it is possible that the last four digits of your HRA/FSA account number were viewed.

We deeply regret this incident and any inconvenience or concern that it may cause. Upon discovery, we took prompt action to investigate the matter.

Upon investigation, we determined that this issue was caused by a coding error, which allowed a dependent or former dependent on the plan to access a view on the myuhc.com portal as if they were the subscriber.

We took immediate action to put additional protections in place to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents, including implementation of and testing of revised coding.

As a precaution to protect against misuse of your health information, we recommend that you regularly monitor the explanation of benefits statements that you receive from [us/your plan], and your bank and credit card statements to check for any unfamiliar activity. If you notice any health care services that you did not receive listed on an explanation of benefits statement, please contact your plan at the number on your member ID card. If you do not regularly receive explanation of benefits statements, you may request that your plan send you these statements following the provision of any health care services in your name or plan number by contacting your plan at the number on your member ID card. If you notice any suspicious activity on either your bank or credit card statement, please immediately contact your financial institution and/or credit card company.

In addition, you may want to order copies of your credit reports from each of the three national credit reporting agencies to check for any inaccurate information, particularly medical services

or medical bills that you do not recognize. If you notice any suspicious activity, contact the credit reporting agencies using the contact information provided on the report or as listed below:

Equifax Information Services LLC
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

You may obtain your free annual credit report from each of the national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling 1-877-322-8228 or by mailing your request to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

We suggest that you retain this notice for your records in case of any future problems with your medical records.

UnitedHealthcare takes this matter very seriously and is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. We are reinforcing our existing policies and practices with employees and evaluating additional safeguards to help prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future. We deeply regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident.

Sincerely,



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UnitedHealthcare Privacy Office

Reference Guide

Order Your Free Credit Report

You are entitled to receive your credit report from each of the three national credit reporting agencies once per year, free of charge. You may obtain your free annual credit report from each of the national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free at 877-322-8228, or by mailing your request to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Do not contact the three credit bureaus individually. They provide free annual credit reports only through the website or toll-free number.

When you receive your credit report(s), review them carefully. Look for any inaccurate information and contact the appropriate credit reporting agency to notify of any incorrect information, including accounts you did not open; requests for your credit report from anyone that you did not apply for credit with; or inaccuracies regarding your personal identifying information, such as your home address and Social Security number. If you find anything that you do not understand or that is incorrect, contact the appropriate credit reporting agency using the contact information on the credit report as soon as possible so the information can be investigated, and if found to be in error, corrected.

Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission

If you detect any unauthorized transactions in your financial accounts, promptly notify your credit card company or financial institution. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to your local law enforcement authorities, your state Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) has created a one-stop resource site that provides and interactive checklist that walks through the steps people need to take upon learning that their identity has been stolen or their personal information has been compromised in a data breach. The FTC recommends that you take these additional 4 steps right away when you become a victim:

Step 1: Call the companies where you know fraud occurred.

Step 2: Place a fraud alert and get your credit report.

Step 3: Report identity theft to the FTC.

Step 4: File a report with your local police department.

A checklist of the steps listed above and links to forms and other helpful information can be found on the site at IdentityTheft.gov.

You can learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft by contacting the FTC at the address below or visiting the website below:

Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)
TTY: 1-866-653-4261
<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft>

Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File

To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be a victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can report potential identity theft to all three of the major credit bureaus by calling any one of the toll-free fraud numbers below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three bureaus.

Credit Agency	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Website
Equifax	Equifax Information Services LLC P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	800-525-6285	www.equifax.com
Experian	Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	888-397-3742	www.experian.com
Trans Union	TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016	800-680-7289	https://fraud.transunion.com/

Place a Security Freeze on Your Credit File

You may wish to place a “security freeze” on your credit file. A security freeze generally will prevent creditors from accessing your credit file at the three nationwide credit bureaus without your consent. You can request a security freeze by contacting the credit bureaus at:

Credit Agency	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Website
Equifax	Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348	Automated line: 800-685-1111 (NY residents, please call 800-349-9960)	www.freeze.equifax.com
Experian	Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013		www.experian.com
TransUnion	TransUnion Fraud Victim Assistance Department P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016	888-909-8872	https://freeze.transunion.com

The credit bureaus may charge a reasonable fee to place a freeze on your account, and may require that you provide proper identification prior to honoring your request.

For Maryland and North Carolina Residents. You can obtain information from your state’s Attorney General’s Office about steps you can take to help prevent identity theft.

You can contact the Maryland Attorney General at:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
1-888-743-0023/TDD: 1-410-576-6372
<http://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer/index.htm>

You can contact the North Carolina Attorney General at:

North Carolina Attorney General’s Office
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
1-919-716-6400
<http://www.ncdoj.gov/Protect-Yourself/2-4-3-Protect-Your-Identity.aspx>

For California Residents. You can obtain additional information from the California Department of Justice's Privacy Enforcement and Protection Unit (<http://oag.ca.gov/privacy>) to learn more about protection against identity theft.

Precautions to Help You Avoid Becoming a Victim

1. Be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, visits, or email messages from individuals asking about you, your employees, your colleagues or any other internal information. If an unknown individual claims to be from a legitimate organization, try to verify his or her identity directly with the company.
2. Do not provide personal information or information about your organization, including its structure or networks, unless you are certain of a person's authority to have the information.
3. Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information. This includes following links sent in email.
4. Do not send sensitive information over the Internet before checking a website's security (for more information, see Protecting Your Privacy, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-013>).
5. Pay attention to the URL of a website. Malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., .com vs. .net).
6. If you are unsure whether an email request is legitimate, try to verify it by contacting the company directly. Do not use contact information provided on a website connected to the request; instead, check previous statements for contact information. Information about known phishing attacks is also available online from groups such as the Anti-Phishing Working Group (<http://www.antiphishing.org>).
7. Install and maintain anti-virus software, firewalls, and email filters to reduce some of this traffic (for more information, see Understanding Firewalls, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-004>; Understanding Anti-Virus Software, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-005>; and Reducing Spam, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-007>).
8. Take advantage of any anti-phishing features offered by your email client and web browser.
9. Employees should take steps to monitor their personally identifiable information and report any suspected instances of identity theft to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.