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We are writing to inform you of a data security incident at Eye Physicians, P.C. that may have resulted in the disclosure of your personal information, including your name and date of birth. We take patient privacy very seriously, and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause. This letter contains information about what happened and steps you can take to protect your information.

On October 7, 2017, we were the target of a ransomware attack that encrypted files maintained on some of our servers. In order to continue to see patients, we immediately restored our servers from a recent backup. We also engaged independent computer forensics experts to determine how the incident occurred and if information had been accessed by an unauthorized third party. Although the investigation did not identify any evidence of access to your information, we could not rule out the possibility that your personal information, including your name, date of birth, and ophthalmic imagery may be at risk. No Social Security numbers, financial transactions or payment information were involved in this incident.

Although we do not believe that the limited information that may have been accessed could be used to assume your identity or impact you financially, out of an abundance of caution, we are providing the attached information sheet on steps you can take to protect yourself from the possible misuse of your information.

We take the security of all information in our systems very seriously, and want to assure you that we have taken steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. This includes an in-depth network security assessment by an outside IT security consultant, as well as improved hardware and software upgrades.

We sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience that this matter may cause you, and remain dedicated to protecting your information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 844-324-7572, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time.

Sincerely,

Marcia S. Muhle
Practice Administrator

Additional Important Information

For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the nationwide three credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of Iowa:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, and North Carolina:

You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorneys General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

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

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection
150 South Main Street
Providence RI 02903
1-401-274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
1-877-566-7226
www.ncdoj.com

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

For residents of Massachusetts:

It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three credit bureaus is below:

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, or regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. The consumer reporting agency may charge a small fee to place, life, or remove a freeze, but is free if you are a victim of identity theft or the spouse of a victim of identity theft, and you have submitted a valid police report relating to the identity theft incident to the consumer reporting agency. You may obtain a security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.freeze.equifax.com
800-525-6285

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

TransUnion (FVAD)
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022
freeze.transunion.com
888-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.