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https://ide.myidcare.com/highpoint
Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXXX>>

July 20, 2020

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

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have resulted in the disclosure of your personal information without your consent. The information involved may include your medical records. Highpoint Foot & Ankle Center takes the privacy and security of your information very seriously and we sincerely apologize for any concern or inconvenience this may cause you. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information and resources we are making available to help you.

What Happened and What Information was Involved:

On May 20, 2020, Highpoint Foot & Ankle Center learned of a data security incident involving our electronic patient records. An internal investigation started immediately, and it appears that an unknown individual, through an unauthorized remote access attack on our servers, may have had access to patient records. This incident may have resulted in the unauthorized access of your patient record, which contained information such as your name, address, date of birth, phone number, Social Security number, and protected health information, such as information about your diagnosis and treatment.

Highpoint Foot & Ankle Center, however, is not aware of any evidence of any unauthorized use or disclosure of your information from this event. In addition, we have not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident (May 20, 2020 to present).

What We Are Doing:

Highpoint Foot & Ankle Center remains committed to the appropriate maintenance and protection of the records for all of its current and former patients. As soon as the unauthorized access was discovered, to help prevent this type of event from happening again, Highpoint changed the access credentials and implemented additional safeguards for its patient records. We also reported the incident to the appropriate authorities.

In an abundance of caution, we are offering identity theft protection services through ID Experts®, a data breach and recovery services expert, to provide you with MyIDCareTM. MyIDCare services include 12 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed ID theft recovery services. With this protection, MyIDCare will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

Again, at this time, there is no evidence that your information has been misused. However, we encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. MyIDCare representatives are fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding the protection of your personal information

Your trust is a top priority for the Highpoint Foot & Ankle Center and we deeply regret any concern this may cause. We remain dedicated to providing you with the best medical care and look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Highpoint Foot & Ankle Center

U.S. State Notification Requirements

<u>For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina:</u> 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 by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

 Equifax
 Experian
 TransUnion

 P.O. Box 105139
 P.O. Box 2002
 P.O. Box 6790

 Atlanta, GA 30374
 Allen, TX 75013
 Fullerton, CA 92834

 1-800-685-1111
 1-888-397-3742
 1-800-916-8800

 www.equifax.com
 www.experian.com
 www.transunion.com

You may also obtain a free copy of your credit report online at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>) 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, as well as the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, 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 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 Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)

www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft

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 send a request to each consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, or regular stamped mail. 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 fee of up to \$5.00 to place a freeze or lift 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.equifax.com **Experian Security Freeze** P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013 http://www.experian.com/freeze TransUnion (FVAD)

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022 www.transunion.com

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