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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Montana Department of Justice
Attorney General
Office of Consumer Protection
555 Fuller Ave,
Helena, MT 59601
contactocp@mt.gov

Re: Notice of Breach in the Security of Personal Information

To Whom It May Concern:

I represent Jefferson Medical Associates (“JMA” or “the Company”), a private Mississippi-based medical group. This letter is being provided to your office pursuant to MCA § 30-14-1704, which requires that your office be notified in the event of a breach in the security of personal information affecting residents of the state of Montana.

JMA has recently learned that, on June 1, 2016, a database containing limited prescription history and other information for a small portion of its patients was accessed by an unauthorized individual not affiliated with JMA. Based on JMA’s investigation so far, it appears that this individual unlawfully accessed and made a copy of the database. The information in the database included patient names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, addresses, phone numbers, and a limited history of prescriptions initiated by JMA, including drug names, dosages, and refill quantities.

At this point in its investigation, JMA does not believe the individual who copied the database has used the information or disclosed it to anyone else. Instead, it appears that the individual accessed the database only in order to demonstrate his ability to do so. Through its investigation, however, JMA also has learned that other remote connections were made to this database from unknown sources at various times between March 25, 2014, and June 1, 2016. JMA has not been able to determine whether any of these other connections actually resulted in any acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of personal information, but it is possible. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, JMA has taken steps to notify all potentially affected patients and offer them credit monitoring and identity protection services.

This incident affected a total of 10,401 individuals, but only one resident of Montana. JMA believes that the unauthorized person(s) may have accessed documents or records containing personally identifiable information of the Montana resident, including his or her full name, date of birth, address, phone number, Social Security number, and limited history of prescriptions initiated by JMA, including drug names, dosages, and refill quantities.

Written notice was mailed to all of the affected individuals on June 28 and 29, 2016. As an added precaution, JMA is offering all affected individuals 12 months of free monitoring and identity protection service through AllClear ID™. JMA also is taking steps to help prevent this from happening again. In that regard, JMA has reported the incident to law enforcement and is cooperating with its investigation. It also has secured the affected database, disabled the ability for remote connections to it, and transferred the information to a new, encrypted database. JMA also is conducting a security analysis of its entire computer system and is implementing additional measures to further strengthen its data security.

I believe this provides you with all information necessary for your purposes and to comply with Montana law. However, if anything further is needed, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Cole".

David A. Cole