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July 11, 2024

Via Email

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Security Breach Notifications
Office of the Attorney General
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom it May Concern:

Our office represents Freudenberg Medical, LLC ("Freudenberg Medical"), located at 40 Sam Fonzo Drive, Beverly, MA 01915.

On November 11, 2023, Freudenberg Medical experienced an information security incident in which certain systems were temporarily disabled. Freudenberg Medical took immediate steps to contain the threat and bring its systems back online. It also promptly commenced a diligent and detailed investigation in conjunction with outside consultants to investigate the incident, remediate its effects, and identify any systems and personal information that might have been impacted by the incident.

On June 18, 2024, Freudenberg Medical determined that the personal information of some Maryland residents may have been exposed. Notices are being mailed beginning July 11, 2024, and include offers of complimentary credit monitoring and credit restoration services/insurance from IDX. Thirty-one (31) Maryland residents will receive notifications. A template notification letter is enclosed.

To prevent future incidents, Freudenberg Medical replaced its firewalls and VPN, implemented Zero Trust principles, reconfigured internal networks, increased remote access security, expanded the use of multifactor authentication, updated access controls, implemented identity and client-management improvements, and expanded the deployment of EDR tools.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



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Sincerely,

Dykema Gossett PLLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dante Stella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dante A. Stella

Enclosure

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MEDICAL

P.O. Box 989728

West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

<<Address1>>

<<Address2>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

<<Country>>

Enrollment Code: <<ENROLLMENT>>

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

July 11, 2024

Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

The protection of your personal information is a priority at Freudenberg Medical, LLC (Freudenberg Medical). We are writing to inform you of a security incident that may have involved your personal information. We take this matter very seriously and understand the personal nature of the information at issue. The security of your information is of the highest importance to us, and we are handling this incident with the greatest of care.

What Happened

On November 11, 2023, there was an unauthorized attempt to disable certain Freudenberg Medical systems. Immediately upon learning of this, we took steps to contain the threat, confirm the security of our systems, and bring our systems back online. We also promptly commenced a diligent and detailed investigation in conjunction with outside consultants to investigate the incident, remediate its effects, and identify any personal information that might have been impacted by the incident. We determined on June 18, 2024, that your personal information may have been exposed in this incident.

What Information Was Involved

In the incident, personal information exposed may have included your: <<Data Elements>>.

What We Are Doing

We take this event, your privacy, and the security of information in our care very seriously. As discussed above, upon learning of the suspicious activity, we moved to confirm the security of our network, restore affected systems, investigate the incident, and determine the extent of impacted systems and information. We have also hardened our existing data security in order to prevent attacks from occurring in the future.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, A ZeroFox Company, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: <<12/24 months>> of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

What You Can Do

We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in the free identity protection services by calling 1-888-282-0092, going to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is October 11, 2024.

We encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. IDX representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

For More Information

You will find detailed instructions for enrollment on the enclosed Recommended Steps document. Also, you will need to reference the enrollment code at the top of this letter when calling or enrolling online, so please do not discard this letter.

Please call 1-888-282-0092 or go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> for assistance or for any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Steffen Nitschke
Global Data Privacy Manager
Freudenberg Medical, LLC



Recommended Steps to Help Protect your Information

- 1. Website and Enrollment.** Scan the QR image or go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.
- 2. Activate the credit monitoring** provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- 3. Telephone.** Contact IDX at 1-888-282-0092 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.
- 4. Review your credit reports.** We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

5. Place Fraud Alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert 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 bureaus is as follows:

Credit Bureaus

Equifax Fraud Reporting
1-866-349-5191
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
www.equifax.com

Experian Fraud Reporting
1-888-397-3742
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com

TransUnion Fraud Reporting
1-800-680-7289
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022-2000
www.transunion.com

It is necessary to contact only ONE of these bureaus and use only ONE of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well. You will receive confirmation letters in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review. An initial fraud alert will last for one year.

Please Note: No one is allowed to place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

6. Security Freeze. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.

7. You can obtain additional information about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following agencies. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them.

California Residents: Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (www.oag.ca.gov/privacy) for additional information on protection against identity theft. Office of the Attorney General of California, 1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone: 1-800-952-5225.

District of Columbia Residents: Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, oag.dc.gov, 1-202-727-3400.

Kentucky Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, www.ag.ky.gov, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

Maryland Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

New Mexico Residents: You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from a violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

New York Residents: the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

North Carolina Residents: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, Telephone: 1-919-716-6400.

Oregon Residents: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 1-877-877-9392.

Rhode Island Residents: Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, Telephone: 1-401-274-4400.

All US Residents: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, <https://consumer.ftc.gov>, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261.