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**VIA EMAIL DELIVERY (Idtheft@oag.state.md.us)**

Office of the Attorney General

Attn.: Security Breach Notification

200 St. Paul Place

Baltimore, MD 21202

**Re: Notice of Data Breach**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents Chicago Cardiology Institute (“Chicago Cardiology”) in connection with the above-referenced matter. Please accept the following as formal *Security Breach Notification* with respect to a security incident involving Chicago Cardiology’s information.

It was determined that on July 16, 2024, an unauthorized third party gained brief access to a single account within the Chicago Cardiology email tenant. Upon discovery, Chicago Cardiology took prompt action to secure the email environment, launched an internal investigation into this incident, and retained external, nationally recognized computer forensic experts to confirm these findings and to identify the full extent of data potentially exposed as a result of this incident. Based on a thorough investigation of the data, it was determined that information related to individual’s name, referring physician’s name, date of birth, reason for appointment and insurance provider were subject to unauthorized access. At this time, we are not aware of any misuse of this information.

Chicago Cardiology has made immediate enhancements to its systems, security and practices. Additionally, they have engaged appropriate experts to assist in conducting a full review of its security practices and systems to ensure that enhanced security protocols are in place going forward. Chicago Cardiology is committed to helping those people who may have been impacted by this unfortunate situation. Chicago Cardiology has secured the services of Experian to provide identity theft protection and credit monitoring services to the affected individuals for 12 months at no cost. Based on findings from the investigation, Chicago Cardiology has determined that certain personal information belonging to one (1) Maryland resident was contained in affected email account.

Chicago Cardiology provided direct notice to the impacted Maryland resident on or about October 11, 2024. A draft of the notification letter sent to the Maryland resident is attached as Exhibit A. The notification outlines the nature of the incident, the steps that Chicago Cardiology took to remediate the incident and offers complimentary identity theft protection



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and credit monitoring services to the affected individual. The letter also contains specific instructions for enrolling in the free services previously described.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at (614) 245-8418 or at [edmund.brown@pierferd.com](mailto:edmund.brown@pierferd.com).

Very truly yours,

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