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Notice of Security Incident

(Kansas City, MO) Dec. 4, 2022– Polsinelli PC announced today that it recently discovered an incident involving the personal information or protected health information of certain patients of The Community Hospital of Brazosport d/b/a CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport, located at 100 Medical Dr., Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Polsinelli serves as legal counsel in corporate matters to the hospital, including a dispute with one of the hospital’s vendors that involved certain individuals’ health information.

On September 27, 2022, Polsinelli identified the potential data security incident and immediately engaged a forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of its computer systems. As part of that investigation, it was determined that on September 9, 2022, some files were accessed from two discrete locations on our system by an unauthorized individual. We confirmed that there was never a threat to our network, and that they did not access our firm’s main document repository.

On October 3, 2022, Polsinelli learned that files related to its representation of the hospital were potentially affected, and on October 5, 2022, after confirming that this was the case, Polsinelli notified the hospital. Polsinelli determined that in some cases, the personal information included the patient’s name, along with one or more of the following: social security number, date of birth, address, medical record number, patient account number, health insurance carrier, health plan member or subscriber number, and in some cases very limited clinical information, such as date of service or general description of service (e.g., inpatient, outpatient, emergency department, CPT code, etc.). After working to identify the exact individuals whose information was potentially affected and gathering relevant contact information, Polsinelli began sending written notifications to individuals on December 2, 2022. In addition to the notification, Polsinelli has taken steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident from occurring in the future, including implementing additional technical safeguards.

Notified individuals should refer to the notice they will receive in the mail regarding steps they can take to protect themselves. Polsinelli has no reason to believe that any personal information has or will be used to commit individual fraud or identity theft, but as a precautionary measure, individuals should remain vigilant by, among other things, reviewing their account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. They should promptly report any suspected fraudulent activity or identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and their state’s attorney general. Potentially affected individuals may also wish to review the tips provided by the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps that they can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). Individuals whose social security numbers were potentially affected have been offered free identity and credit fraud monitoring through Experian, as is explained in the individual notifications sent to such individuals.

Additional information related to the incident can be obtained via toll-free inquiry to (855)842-6259 from 9:00 a.m - 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.