SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN



HEALTH PROJECT, INC.

April 5, 2018

[Patient Name] [Patient Address]

Dear [Patient]:

We are sending this letter to you as part of the Sonoma County Indian Health Project's commitment to patient privacy. We take patient privacy very seriously, and it is important to us that you are made fully aware of a recent potential privacy breach. We have learned that your personal information, including name, date of birth, appointment dates and some health information may have been compromised.

On March 16, 2018, a potential privacy breach was discovered and reported. An investigation was started immediately. Our investigation reveals that an email was sent from the SCIHP computer of an employee, who is no longer employed with us, to that employee's personal e-mail address. The employee was authorized to access the information at the time, however the email was not encrypted or protected as is required by our policies and the law. The email has been completely deleted and we have no evidence that any unauthorized person viewed your information.

Your health information is very important to us. The organization is confident that the risk of identity theft is low since no specific financial, or social security information was included on the patient list. However, for those that are interested, we are offering one year of credit monitoring and reporting services at no cost to you. This service is performed through an organization that watches for and reports any unusual credit activity to you. They will also request that the three credit bureaus place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit report.

We understand that this may pose an inconvenience to you. Again, we sincerely apologize about this unfortunate incident, and want you know to know we are fully complying with our obligations under federal and state privacy laws and our own privacy policies to ensure your personal information is protected. If you want to take advantage of the free credit monitoring service, or if you have any questions, please contact 707-565-1018.

Sincerely,

Analicia Burnett, MS, CHC Corporate Compliance Officer/Privacy Officer