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## NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

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Dear Client:

I value your business and respect the privacy of your information, which is why, as a precautionary measure, I am writing to let you know about a data security incident which may involve your personal information.

### **What happened?**

On July 19, 2016 two laptop computers belonging to the medical offices of Dr. Brian Halevie-Goldman were stolen. The laptops were password protected, secured in a carrying case and locked inside a vehicle when the theft occurred. It is not known whether the information contained on the laptops was or will be accessed by the thief. It is possible that the laptops themselves and not the information they contained were the target of the thief.

### **What information was involved?**

The information contained on the laptops included your name, birthdate and patient chart notes. The information did **NOT** include any of your financial information or social security numbers.

### **What we are doing?**

A report (Case # 16-5629) was filed with the Vacaville California Police Department immediately after the theft was discovered. I am cooperating fully with the Vacaville Police Department during their investigation of this incident.

### **What you can do:**

While there is a possibility that any information viewed could be used inappropriately or further disclosed, I believe the risk is limited. Again, the theft of this equipment appears to have been for the purpose of selling the machines for profit, and not for the disclosing or misuse of personal health information. There is no indication that any protected health information has been used for fraud or other illegal activity. I have enclosed a pamphlet from the California Attorney General's office which will provide you with resources and information to assist you in avoiding any negative repercussions as a result of this data breach.

I value your privacy and deeply regret that this incident occurred. My office staff is conducting a thorough review of the potentially affected records, and will notify you if there are any significant developments. We assure you that safeguarding your information is one of our highest priorities. Again, if you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact us at 925-478-8678, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday– Friday.

Sincerely,

BRIAN D. HALEVIE-GOLDMAN, M.D.