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VIA U.S. Mail and email ndag@nd.gov

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent CHS Inc. located at 5500 Cenex Drive, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55077-1721. We are writing to notify your office of the inadvertent disclosure of personal information of North Dakota residents. While we do not believe this constitutes a notifiable breach or that any of the information has been misused or will be used inappropriately, we are submitting this notice to be as transparent as we can about this incident.

On February 6, 2019, a file with personal information of CHS employees and their dependents was inadvertently sent via email to a CHS vendor. CHS immediately became aware of the mistake and that same day promptly notified the vendor. The vendor confirmed that the personal information had not been accessed and the files with personal information were promptly deleted. To the best of our knowledge, the security, confidentiality, and integrity of the personal information that was inadvertently disclosed for a very short period of time was never misused or compromised in any way.

Notice to Residents

CHS has provided written notice of this incident to all of those North Dakota residents whose personal information was disclosed.

What Information Was Involved?

The information on the file was old data from 2014 and was related to employee benefits and included names, addresses, and the employee number for employees, and the names, birthdates, gender, type of dependent, benefits enrolled in, smoking status, life insurance amounts, the health insurance plan election, and the social security numbers of dependents.

What Steps did CHS Take in Response?

Immediate action was taken to make sure that the files with any personal information were deleted. CHS has been assured by the vendor that no further unauthorized disclosure or use was made of

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the data. In addition, CHS is taking steps to make sure that such inadvertent disclosure does not happen again.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this incident or notification please contact me at 612 632 3345

Very truly yours,


Michael R. Cohen

cc: Naomi Moore (via email)