



Heywood Healthcare

Athol Hospital | Heywood Hospital | Heywood Medical Group

December 10, 2025

RE: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear :

Heywood Healthcare Inc. including Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, Athol Memorial Hospital, and Heywood Medical Group, Inc. Heywood cares deeply about our patients and takes seriously its obligation to safeguard information entrusted to us, which is why we are advising you of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information. **While we have no evidence that your information has been misused for the purpose of committing fraud or identity theft as a result of this incident**, we want to make you aware of the incident and provide guidance on what you can do to protect yourself, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On October 12, 2025, we discovered suspicious activity on a portion of our computer network. We promptly took steps to contain our network, began an internal investigation, and got in touch with law enforcement. We also engaged a leading forensic security firm to assist with our investigation and confirm the security of our network. The forensic investigation determined that an unauthorized third party accessed our computer network and may have viewed or acquired certain files on October 12, 2025.

What Information Was Involved? We reviewed the involved files to determine what, if any personal information they contained. On December 2, 2025, we determined that the files contained some of your personal information, including your name, DOB, procedure performed, medical record number, account number and diagnosis

What We Are Doing. In addition to the actions discussed above, we are taking steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future, including further enhancing our technical security measures. We are also notifying you of this incident and encouraging you to remain vigilant and follow best practices to support the protection of your personal information.

What You Can Do. You can learn about more steps to protect yourself against possible identity theft or fraud in the enclosed *Additional Important Information* sheet.

For More Information. We value the trust you place in us. We take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously and apologize for any inconvenience this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call (844) 572-2740 from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Heywood Healthcare

Additional Important Information

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you 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). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

The District of Columbia and Massachusetts law also allow consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze can be placed without any charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online security freeze request procedures:

Equifax Security Freeze

1-888-298-0045

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>

P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze

1-888-397-3742

<https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>

P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion Security Freeze

1-800-916-8800

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

P.O. Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security Number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you

to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for lifting a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for removing a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

Credit Reports: By law, you may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies. The three national credit reporting agencies have also agreed to provide free weekly online credit reports. You can obtain your free credit report by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>. Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax
1-866-349-5191
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion
1-800-888-4213
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016

Fraud Alerts: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

District of Columbia Residents: District of Columbia residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 202-727-3400, oag@dc.gov, <https://oag.dc.gov/>. The District of Columbia law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports without any charge.

