

## Notice of Data Security Event

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Berman Skin Institute is providing notice of an event that may affect certain individuals' information. Although we have no indication of identity theft or fraud in relation to this event, we are providing information about the event, the response, and additional measures individuals can take to help protect their information, should they feel it appropriate to do so.

**What Happened?** On February 26, 2025, Berman Skin Institute and our management company DermCare Management, became aware of suspicious activity related to our computer systems. We quickly took steps to secure our network and investigate what occurred. On March 3, 2025, we learned that certain patient information could have been copied from our network without permission by an unknown actor.

**What Information Was Involved?** We are conducting a full review of the affected files to determine what information related to Berman Skin Institute patients, if any, was contained within. Once the identity and contact information of affected individuals is verified, additional notice will be provided by mail.

Based on the information known at this time, the types of information potentially affected by this event may include individuals' Social Security number, driver's license number, financial account information, medical information, and health insurance information. Not all patients are impacted, and impacted information per individual may vary.

**What We Are Doing.** We are providing this notice and guidance about free resources that are available to assist with monitoring relevant accounts, credit reports, and how to place a fraud alert or security freeze on one's credit file.

**What Individuals Can Do.** We encourage individuals to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing their account statements and monitoring their free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Individuals can also review the below "Steps Individuals Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information".

**For More Information.** If individuals have questions about this matter, we have a dedicated assistance line with agents ready to answer their questions. Please contact our toll-free dedicated assistance line at 833-998-7517, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm EST, excluding holidays. Individuals may also write to us at Berman Skin Institute, Attn: Compliance, 4000 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 215-S, Hollywood, FL, 33021

Sincerely,

Berman Skin Institute

### STEPS INDIVIDUALS CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of

credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to 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, etc.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

<b>Equifax</b>	<b>Experian</b>	<b>TransUnion</b>
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/</a>	<a href="https://www.experian.com/help/">https://www.experian.com/help/</a>	<a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-help">https://www.transunion.com/credit-help</a>
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

### **Additional Information**

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect their personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state attorney general. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20580; [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov); 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state attorney general. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For District of Columbia residents*, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 1-202-442-9828; and [oag.dc.gov](http://oag.dc.gov).

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

*For New Mexico residents*, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage consumers to review their rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf), or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20580.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov>.

*For Massachusetts Residents*, under Massachusetts law, individuals have the right to obtain a police report regarding this event. If individuals are the victim of identity theft, they also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov). Under Rhode Island law, individuals have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event.

#### **STEPS INDIVIDUALS CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT A MINOR DEPENDENT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Typically, credit reporting agencies do not have a credit report in a minor's name. To find out if a minor has a credit report or to request a manual search for a minor's Social Security number each credit bureau has its own process. To learn more about these processes or request these services, consumers may contact the credit bureaus by phone, writing, or online:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/help/article-list/-/h/a/request-child-credit-report/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/help/article-list/-/h/a/request-child-credit-report/</a>	<a href="https://www.experian.com/help/minor-request.html">https://www.experian.com/help/minor-request.html</a>	<a href="https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resources/child-identity-theft">https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resources/child-identity-theft</a>
1-800-685-1111	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016

To request information about the existence of a credit file in a minor's name, search for a minor's Social Security number, place a security freeze or fraud alert on a minor's credit report (if one exists), or request a copy of a minor's credit report consumers may be required to provide the following information:

- A copy of their driver's license or another government issued identification card, such as a state identification card, etc.;
- Proof of address, such as a copy of a bank statement, utility bill, insurance statement, etc.;
- A copy of the minor's birth certificate;
- A copy of the minor's Social Security card;
- The minor's full name, including middle initial and generation, such as JR, SR, II, III, etc.;
- The minor's date of birth; and
- The minor's previous addresses for the past two years.