

## ***Northwest Dental and Denture - Notice of Privacy Incident***

Northwest Denture Center, Inc. (“NDC”) is announcing a recent event that may impact the privacy of information related to certain current or former NDC patients. NDC is providing information about the incident, steps taken since discovering the incident, and resources available to individuals to help protect their information from possible misuse, should they feel it is appropriate to do so.

On or about May 28, 2025, NDC became aware of suspicious activity on its network. NDC immediately took steps to secure our environment and launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the activity. Our investigation determined that there was unauthorized access to NDC’s systems on May 27, 2025. Our investigation also determined that certain patient records at our Bellingham office were deleted and not recoverable as a result of this event. As a result, NDC began an extensive review of the impacted files to determine if any sensitive information could be affected and to whom it relates and to identify missing address information for the impacted individuals. We recently completed this review on June 27, 2025, and are providing this notice in an abundance of caution.

The information potentially affected may include a combination of certain individuals’ names, addresses, Social Security numbers, drivers’ license numbers, patient identification numbers, medical information, and date of birth.

The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care is one of our highest priorities. Upon becoming aware of this incident, we immediately took steps to confirm the security of our network and to determine what information was potentially impacted. We implemented additional cybersecurity measures and reviewed existing security policies to further protect against similar incidents moving forward.

This notice is being provided by NDC in its capacity as a covered entity and in accordance with substitute notice requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (“HITECH”) Act. NDC has notified impacted individuals and relevant regulatory bodies, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”).

If you believe you are potentially impacted by this incident or have additional questions, please call 1-833-380-8294 from 5:00 a.m. PST to 5:00 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday, excluding major U.S. holidays. You may also write to NDC at 200 Gilkey Road, Burlington, Washington, 98233.

### **STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

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>                                                                                     |
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| <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/data-breach-help">https://www.transunion.com/data-breach-help</a> |
| 1-888-298-0045                                                                                                                  | 1-888-397-3742                                                              | 1-833-799-5355                                                                                        |
| Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069<br>Atlanta, GA 30348-5069                                                                  | Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013                        | TransUnion, P.O. Box 2000,<br>Chester, PA 19016                                                       |
| Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788<br>Atlanta, GA 30348-5788                                                                | Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013                      | TransUnion, P.O. Box 160,<br>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 Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 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 California Residents.* You can obtain additional information from the California Department of Justice's Privacy Enforcement and Protection Unit (<https://oag.ca.gov/privacy>) to learn more about protection against identity theft.

*For District of Columbia residents,* the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400

*For Iowa Residents.* You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. The Iowa Attorney General's Office can be reached at: Iowa Attorney General's Office, Director of Consumer Protection Division, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319; 1-515-281-5926; [www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.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/>. Northwest Dental and Denture is located at 2710 Meridian Street, Bellingham, Washington, 98225.

*For Massachusetts residents,* 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.

*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. N.W., Washington, D.C. 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 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 Oregon Residents*. State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the Oregon Department of Justice at: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301; 1-877-877-9392; [www.doj.state.or.us](http://www.doj.state.or.us).