



Notice to Attorney General

April 29, 2011

James Boffetti, Esq.
New Hampshire Attorney General
Consumer Protection and Anti-trust Bureau
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Reporting under RSA 359-C:19

Dear Attorney Boffetti:

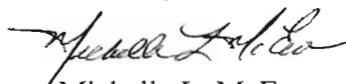
On April 4, 2011, Speare Memorial Hospital became aware of an incident involving the potential loss of personal information when an employee reported that a laptop computer was stolen from her secured, parked automobile. The computer was password protected, however that does not afford complete protection from unauthorized access. The personal information included names and in some instances, National Provider Identifiers, NH Medical License Numbers, DEA numbers and in one case, an organization's Tax Identification Number. In one instance, the personal information included a social security number. Many of the records compromised did not include personal information.

This notification is provided pursuant to NH RSA 359-C: 19, I(b). Speare Memorial Hospital is fully committed to protecting the security of the information maintained in our systems. Upon learning of this incident the day after, we immediately undertook a process to identify the extent of information on the computer and engaged experts to assist us in assessing potential procedural changes to help prevent similar incidents in the future. A police report has also been filed.

Written notice of this incident is being provided to the 54 individuals affected by the security breach. The notice contains background information about the stolen computer and the type of information available as a result of a potential breach. We have also informed the affected individuals that they may contact us toll free at 866-331-1226, or via email at patientinfo@spearehospital.com, should they have any questions or concerns regarding their personal information.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


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