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Nationwide Anesthesia Partners, Inc., (“the Practice”), learned of an improper disclosure of a limited amount of your personal information. While we do not believe that the disclosure of your personal information constitutes a breach, based on our review of the facts, we have elected to notify you out of an abundance of caution.

The Practice is involved in a civil court case in Washington County in the state of Georgia regarding a matter unrelated to your care. During the pendency of the case, a legal filing was made that included certain business records. Among those business records was a printout that included limited information about a small number of patients including yourself. The information was limited to your name and your case. There was no disclosure of any sensitive information such as your date of birth, social security number, or address.

The above referenced legal filing was made on or about August 30, 2017. On September 1, 2017, attorneys for the Practice requested that the Court replace the filing with a redacted copy containing no personal information. It is our understanding that the original filing was not accessed by any member of the public and was never placed into the Court files. It is also our understanding that the original filing was sealed and is not accessible to anyone.

Given that the recipient of your information was a Court and given the quick action taken by the Practice and the Court, the Practice has no reason to believe that your information was further disclosed or used inappropriately in any manner. Federal law and Florida law requires the Practice to notify you that this loss of protected health information has occurred so that you may take protective steps if desired. Attached to this letter is information on how to monitor your credit and/or protect yourself from identity theft.

The Practice has taken steps to prevent mistakes like this from occurring in the future. Specifically, the Practice is in the process of revising its policies and procedures to prevent a similar occurrence in the future. If you have any questions concerning this correspondence you may contact us at 800-845-0992.

We take the safeguarding of your protected health information very seriously. We deeply regret any concern or inconvenience caused by this incident.