

## **Information about Identity Theft Prevention**

Even if you do not feel the need to register for the credit monitoring service, we recommend that you regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

**Equifax**, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Georgia 30374-0241, 1-800-685-1111, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**, P.O. Box 4500, Allen, TX 75013, 1-888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion**, P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000, 1-800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or creditor inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. Look for information, such as home address and Social Security number, that is not accurate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

We recommend you remain vigilant with respect to reviewing your account statements and credit reports, and promptly report any suspicious activity or suspected identity theft to us and to the proper law enforcement authorities, including local law enforcement, your state's attorney general and/or the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). You may contact the FTC or your state's regulatory authority to obtain additional information about avoiding identity theft.

**Federal Trade Commission**, Consumer Response Center

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

**For residents of Florida:** You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Florida Office of the Attorney General:

**Florida Office of the Attorney General**,

State of Florida, Capitol PL-01, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 1-866-966-7226,

<http://myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft>

We recommend that you regularly review the explanation of benefits statement that you receive from the Practice or your health insurance provider. If you see any service that you believe you did not receive, please contact the Practice and your health insurance company at the number on the statement. If you do not receive regular explanation of benefits statements, contact your health insurance company and request them to send such statements following the provision of services in your name or number.

You may want to order copies of your credit reports and check for any medical bills that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, call the credit reporting agency at the phone number on the report. Keep a copy of this notice for your records in case of future problems with your medical records.

**Fraud Alerts:** There are also two types of fraud alerts that you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud: an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for at least 90 days. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling the toll-free fraud number of any of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

**Credit Freezes:** You may have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. In addition, you may incur fees, of up to \$10 in Florida, to place, lift and/or remove a credit freeze. However, under Florida law you may be able to have the fee waived by providing a copy of a police report documenting the possible identity theft. *Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company.* You may obtain more information on placing a credit freeze by going to the following website: [www.800helpfla.com/scams/securityfreeze.html](http://www.800helpfla.com/scams/securityfreeze.html) or by calling the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-435-7352.