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Patients Notified of Possible Release of Information

Recent reports in the Las Vegas Sun alleged that face sheets from October 31, 2009 and November 1, 2009, containing patient information had been copied and taken from UMC's Trauma Center to be sold to personal injury attorneys. During the ensuing investigation, UMC became aware of the need to expand its investigation beyond the dates originally thought.

This notice is to inform you that UMC reasonably believes that between July 30, 2009 and November 19, 2009, the personal information of patients and other persons who provided personal information during the admission process to UMC's Trauma Center may have been compromised.

UMC began sending out notification letters to the affected persons on December 24, 2009.

In addition to advising these individuals that their personal information may have been illegally shared with others, UMC is offering these individuals free credit monitoring services for one year.

To date, we have not had any reports of misused data.

UMC apologizes for any inconvenience or concern this may cause our patients.

Protecting the privacy of our patients is extremely important to us. UMC continues to work with law enforcement and investigators from federal agencies to determine all of the facts and circumstances surrounding this alleged breach of patient information. Additionally, UMC has been analyzing its processes to determine better methods of securing patient information in order to prevent this from happening in the future.

Anyone with information about the unauthorized release of patient information, or any patient who has received an unsolicited contact from a law firm, is asked to call the UMC Hotline at 1-888-691-0772 anytime; or contact UMC's Privacy Officer, Hope Hammond, at 383-3854, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.