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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

In light of the most recent external cyber-attack against Anthem, we would like to remind you of actions you can take now to reduce your risk of credit fraud and unauthorized access to your personal data.

- 1. Take advantage of Anthem's credit monitoring/identity protection services as soon as it becomes available.
- 2. Consider signing up for a credit freeze. A credit freeze is a consumer right provided by Indiana law to block an identity thief from opening a new account or obtaining credit in your name. A security freeze is not a temporary feature or easy to undo. Therefore, if you intend to access credit within the next year (ie: car loan, mortgage, re-finance), you should not freeze your credit. Follow this link for more information on how to freeze and unfreeze your credit: <a href="http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2411.htm">http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2411.htm</a>
- 3. Create strong passwords. An ideal password is long and has letters, punctuation, symbols and numbers.
  - a. Wherever possible use eight characters or more.
  - b. Don't use the same password for everything.
  - c. Change your passwords often.
- 4. Remain vigilant! Check your statements provided by vendors of services you use. Review your credit reports each year. Follow this link for access to your free credit report: <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action">https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action</a>

As always, if you have any questions regarding this issue or any other financial affairs, please feel free to contact our office at (260) 436-2051.

Sincerely,

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