

Pulmonary Patient Notification

September 6, 2019

Shore Specialty Consultants Pulmonology Group announced today that it is mailing letters to some of its patients whose information may have been accessed by an unauthorized individual.

On July 8, 2019, Shore Specialty Consultants Pulmonology Group determined an unauthorized individual may have gained access to information contained on a server on July 7, 2019. The pulmonology group began an investigation and determined that the information on the server may have included some patients' names, dates of birth, and information about the care received, including information on a sleep study the patients may have undergone.

The incident did not affect all patients; but only certain patients who underwent sleep studies at Shore Specialty Consultants Pulmonology Group.

Shore Specialty Consultants Pulmonology Group has no indication that any information has been accessed or misused. However, in an abundance of caution, the group mailed letters to patients whose information may have been contained on the server. The group also established a dedicated call center to answer any questions patients may have. If a patient believes they are affected but did not receive a letter by September 27, 2019, please call 1-833-671-7850 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Shore Specialty Consultants Pulmonology Group recommends affected patients review the statements they receive from their health care providers. If they see services they did not receive, they should contact the provider immediately.

To help prevent something like this from happening again, Shore Specialty Consultants Pulmonology Group is training staff, reviewing and revising policies and procedures, and enhancing its security against malware.