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Division of Public and Behavioral Health NEWS RELEASE

STATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PORTAL COMPROMISED Industry employee information stolen; patients are OK

Carson City – The Division of Public Behavioral Health has been investigating a cyber-attack on its Medical Marijuana Program database. On December 28, 2016, the Nevada State Medical Marijuana Program became aware that application information about individuals with medical marijuana agent cards, such as employees and owners of medical marijuana establishments, has been disclosed. The information includes social security numbers and dates of birth. At this time, private patient information is considered to be secure.

“The entire portal has been taken down,” said Cody Phinney, DPBH Administrator. “To prevent further breaches, the Division’s IT staff are working with state IT staff, investigating the breach. We appreciate everyone’s patience during this difficult time. As more information is known, the public will be notified.”

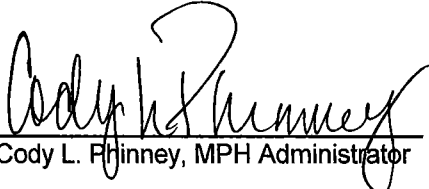
In addition to contacting the individuals involved, the Division is notifying three major credit reporting agencies of this database breach: Equifax (800) 525-6285; Experian (888) 397-3742; and TransUnion (800) 680-7289. Agent cardholders are encouraged to report to these agencies that their individual information was compromised in this breach.

The incident has been referred to law enforcement agencies for further investigation.

For more information about the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, go to:
<http://dpbh.nv.gov>.

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