

## PRESS RELEASE

## **Consumer Alert: LifeBridge Health Reports Data Breach** *More than 500,000 Marylanders May be Affected*

**BALTIMORE, MD** (May 22, 2018) – Recent reports of massive data breaches highlight the need for all businesses and, in particular those that hold our health records, to be vigilant about protecting our personal information and health records that are increasingly being targeted by hackers.

Most recently, LifeBridge Health and LifeBridge Potomac Professionals reported discovery of breach of the server hosting patient registration, billing information, and electronic health records, and social security numbers. This data breach likely affects more than 500,000 Marylanders. LifeBridge has posted an online statement about the breach. http://www.lifebridgehealth.org/main/SecurityIncident.aspx\_

Additionally, LifeBridge has established a dedicated call center that potentially affected patients may contact with questions. Consumers concerned that they may be impacted by the data breach can reach the call center at 855-789-0909.

The Office of Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit offers guidance and assistance to Marylanders about how to protect yourself against identity theft and what to do if you are a victim of identity theft. The Unit can be reached online at <u>http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/default.aspx or by phone at 410-</u> 576-6491.