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Identity Protection Offered for Those Affected by Anthem-Premera Data Breach

According to data released by Anthem and Premera on Monday, close to 34,000 Alaskans may be impacted by the recent Anthem data breach. Customers who used their Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance in one of the states where Anthem operates may be impacted. Information accessed includes member names, member health ID numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and employment information. No credit card or confidential health information seems to have been compromised in the data breach.

The investigation to determine which members are impacted continues. Anthem will notify all affected members through written communication. Anthem is also working with AllClear ID to offer identity protection services and assistance with identity repair. Members with affected plans are entitled to receive two years of credit monitoring and an identity theft insurance policy at no cost to the member; registration is available at <http://anthem.allclearid.com>.

The data breach impacts as many as 80 million Americans. Anthem, the nation's second largest health insurance company, is a member of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. The Alaska Division of Insurance continues to monitor the situation and the possible repercussions of the breach on Alaska health insurance policyholders. More information about the cyber-attack against Anthem can be found at www.anthemfacts.com/faq

Alaska's Division of Insurance, along with the Division of Banking and Securities; the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing; the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, are tasked with protecting consumers in Alaska. For additional information about the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and its agencies, please visit commerce.alaska.gov.

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