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San Francisco, CA - Keller Grover LLP is investigating recent reports that PIH Health suffered a large data breach involving its patients’ personal information, including sensitive information such as patient names, treatment and diagnosis information, Social Security Numbers, and driver’s license numbers.

According to a January 2020 letter sent to affected individuals, PIH Health became aware of a data breach back on June 18, 2019. The letter states that patient Protected Health Information was accessed through PHI Health employee email accounts. The Personal Health Information that was accessed included patient names, treatment and diagnosis information, Social Security Numbers, and driver’s license numbers.

“Medical information is considered to be among the most personal and private of information under California law,” says Keller Grover LLP attorney Eric A. Grover. “For that reason, healthcare providers are required to give patients timely notice of data breaches and the negligent release and disclosure of medical information can, under certain circumstances, give rise to claims by affected individuals for money damages.”

Similar medical data breaches involving the failure to properly secure medical information have given rise to class action lawsuits. Earlier this year, for example, St. Joseph Health Systems finalized a class action lawsuit settlement valued at over $30 million involving St. Joseph’s alleged failure to properly secure its network, allowing patient information to become publicly accessible on the internet.

If you have any information about the PIH Health data breach or are a California resident that has been affected by the data breach and have questions, contact Keller Grover’s attorneys at 888-535-5291 or by email at info@kellergrover.com.

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