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ALHAMBRA, Calif. – Oct. 21, 2013 – AHMC Healthcare Inc. said today that protected health information for approximately 729,000 patients has been compromised following the theft of two laptops from a secure office. The laptops contained data from patients treated at the following AHMC hospitals: Garfield Medical Center, Monterey Park Hospital, Greater El Monte Community Hospital, Whittier Hospital Medical Center, San Gabriel Valley Medical Center and Anaheim Regional Medical Center.

Although the campus where the office is located is gated and patrolled by security, the thief broke into a video-monitored 6th floor office and stole two password-protected laptops. AHMC notified the Alhambra Police Department as soon as the theft was discovered on Monday, Oct. 14. Video evidence showed that the theft took place on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The protected health information contained in the laptops includes patient names, Medicare/insurance identification numbers, diagnosis/procedure codes, and insurance/patient payments.

At this time, AHMC Healthcare Inc. has no evidence that the information has been accessed or used in any manner, but because this cannot be ruled out, this notice is being provided out of an abundance of caution and in order to comply with the legal obligations of the hospitals. We regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause our patients.

AHMC Healthcare Inc. is working with local law enforcement to recover the stolen property. AHMC Healthcare Inc. had recently engaged a third-party auditing company to perform a security risk assessment and is working through its recommendations, and in that connection will be expediting a policy of encrypting all

laptops. In taking these actions, AHMC Healthcare Inc. is strengthening the high standards it maintains for safeguarding protected health information.

Impacted patients may wish to place fraud alerts on their credit file and order their credit report from one of the following credit reporting agencies:

Equifax
PO Box 9740256
Atlanta, GA 30374
www.equifax.com
1-800-655-1111

TransUnion, LLC
PO Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022
www.tuc.com
1-800 -888-4213

Experian
PO Box 9701
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com
1-888-397-3742

Patients with questions or concerns or who wish to ascertain if their information was on the stolen laptops should contact AHMC Healthcare Inc.'s Privacy Department at 1-855-977-6678 or via email at privacy@ahmchealth.com .

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