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**Our Lady of the Angels Offers Credit Monitoring to Notified Patients**

Bogalusa, LA – Our Lady of the Angels Hospital has learned that a former employee improperly accessed 1,140 patient records from the date they acquired the hospital on March 17, 2014, until July 25, 2017. After a thorough investigation, Our Lady of the Angels notified patients whose data may have been improperly viewed. The investigation did not find any evidence that the former employee used or shared any personal information improperly. The individual was terminated upon discovery.

“Patient privacy is a top priority and we have a zero tolerance policy for employees who improperly access patient data,” said Rene Ragas, President and CEO, Our Lady of the Angels Hospital. “We deeply regret that this happened and we are committed to doing the right thing. We have no evidence indicating that any individual’s personal information has been utilized or misused, but, out of an abundance of caution and transparency, we are proactively informing those who may have been impacted by this incident.”

The hospital is fully committed to ensuring the safety and security of its patients and their medical records. Our Lady of the Angels Hospital is offering 12 months of credit monitoring services, free of charge, to people whose data may have been improperly viewed. To help prevent any incidents like this from occurring in the future, the hospital is reviewing its policies, revising its audit processes, and providing additional education to all employees regarding the privacy and security of confidential patient information.

For more information please call Our Lady of the Angels toll free call center at 855-899-2095, beginning Monday, September 25, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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