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October 31, 2022

#### Notice of Data Breach

Dear <</First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

We, Blackhawk Engagement Solutions, write to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have involved some of your information. Please read this letter because it describes: (i) the incident and the information involved; (ii) what we did after we learned of it; and (iii) what you can do.

### Who is Blackhawk Engagement Solutions?

Blackhawk Engagement Solutions acts as a third-party service provider on behalf of Pathward N.A. (previously known as MetaBank N.A.). Pathward uses Blackhawk to activate and manage certain prepaid incentive cards (e.g., gift cards) that Pathward issues ("Pathward Prepaid Cards").

### What Happened?

On September 11, 2022, we discovered irregular activity in connection with <u>www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</u>, the website that Blackhawk operates for cardholders to activate and manage Pathward Prepaid Cards. We took prompt steps to investigate the incident, and we stopped the irregular activity on September 12, 2022.

Our investigation revealed that the irregular activity involved unauthorized acquisition of information about you described below. The unauthorized acquisition occurred between September 4–12, 2022.

### What Information Was Involved?

This incident involved information you provided for your <u>www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</u> profile, including your first and last name, email address, and phone number (if any). It also included information relating to your Pathward Prepaid Card(s) you added to your <u>www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</u> profile, such as card numbers, expiration dates, and CVV codes.

### What We Are Doing

Upon discovering the irregular activity on September 11, we took prompt steps to investigate the incident, and we stopped the irregular activity on September 12, 2022. We also promptly blocked your impacted Pathward Prepaid Card(s) so it could not be used, and reissued new card(s), where appropriate, so that you could continue to use your Pathward Prepaid Card(s).

6220 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588 BlackhawkNetwork.com We also have reported this incident to law enforcement. Law enforcement has not asked us to delay sending you this letter.

## What You Can Do

You may have received an email from Blackhawk at the email address associated with your Pathward Prepaid Card(s) informing you that a replacement card(s) has been issued. If you did not receive an email, please check your spam or junk folder for an email from <u>noreply@myprepaidcenter.com</u> and follow the steps outlined in the email to access and use your replacement Pathward Prepaid Card(s). If you are unable to locate the email and previously created a profile on <u>www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</u>, you may also log in, and your new card details should populate.

If you have already contacted us and received assistance prior to the receipt of this notice related to the replacement of your Pathward Prepaid Card(s), no further action is required on your behalf to replace your Pathward Prepaid Card(s).

Please check the balance on your replacement Pathward Prepaid Card(s). You can check the balance at <u>www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</u>. Upon checking your balance, if you notice activity you do not recognize on your card(s), please visit <u>www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</u> and follow the instructions for contacting customer service to report this to us.

Also, please review the **Reference Guide** included with this letter for additional information and steps you can take.

### For More Information

If you have questions about this incident, you can contact us at (833) 814-1788.

We regret any concern or inconvenience this matter may have caused you and appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Tom Vagt VP of Customer Service

# **Reference Guide**

Please review the information below and consider taking the steps noted.

<u>Order And Review Your Free Credit Report.</u> You can remain vigilant by monitoring your free credit report, which you can order at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, by calling toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or by completing the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC's") website at <u>https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/</u><u>free-credit-reports</u> and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three nationwide consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number, or request form. When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open, or inaccuracies in your information. If you see anything inaccurate or that you do not understand, contact the consumer reporting agency.

**<u>Report Identity Theft or Fraud to FTC, Law Enforcement, and Attorneys General.</u> You can remain vigilant by reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent transactions or identity theft. If you detect any unauthorized transactions in a financial account, promptly notify your financial institution. If you detect any incident of identity theft, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC, and your state Attorney General.</u>** 

Learn More About Identity Theft From the FTC. You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft: Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.ftc.gov/idtheft/ and www.identitytheft.gov.

**Fraud Alerts on Your Credit File.** To help protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. For more information on fraud alerts, you can contact the consumer reporting agencies listed below or the FTC.

Equifax	Equifax Information Services LLC P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374	1-800-685-1111	www.equifax.com
Experian	Experian Inc. P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	www.experian.com
TransUnion	TransUnion Consumer Solutions P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016	1-800-909-8872	www.transunion.com

<u>Security Freezes on Your Credit File.</u> You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. A security freeze must be placed on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually. For more information on security freezes, you can contact the consumer reporting agencies listed above or the FTC. As the instructions and fees (if any) for placing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information. The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide: your full legal name, Social Security Number, date of birth, addresses where you have lived in the past five years, copies of government-issued identification cards, and proof of your current address.

<u>Additional Rights Under the FCRA.</u> You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here.

Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by: (i) visiting <u>https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfp\_consumer-rights-summary\_2018-09.pdf</u>; or (ii) by writing to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

**For Maryland Residents.** You can obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General at: Maryland Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023 (toll-free in Maryland), (410) 576-6300, <u>www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov</u>.

**For New Mexico Residents.** You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") including: to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit www.ftc.gov.

**For New York Residents.** You can obtain information about security breach response, identity theft prevention, and identity protection information from the New York State Office of the Attorney General at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755 (toll-free), 1-800-788-9898 (TDD/TTY toll-free line), <u>https://ag.ny.gov/</u>, and at: Bureau of Internet and Technology (BIT), 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005, Phone: (212) 416-8433, <u>https://ag.ny.gov/internet/resource-center</u>.

**For North Carolina Residents.** You can obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, (877) 566-7226 (toll-free in North Carolina), (919) 716-6400, <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>.

**For Residents of Oregon**. You may report suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Office of the Oregon Attorney General and the FTC. Contact information for the FTC is included in your notice. The Office of the Oregon Attorney General can be reached: (1) by mail at 1162 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301; (2) by phone at (877) 877-9392; or (3) online at <u>https://www.doj.state.or.us/</u>.

**For Rhode Island Residents.** You can obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Unit 150, South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401)-274-4400, <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>. Data on approximately Rhode Island residents were involved in this incident. You have the right to obtain a police report, and to request a security freeze (charges may apply), as described above.

**For Washington, D.C. Residents.** You can obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at: Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 400 6th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202)-727-3400, <u>www.oag.dc.gov</u>. You have the right to request a security freeze (without any charge) as described above.