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**AVMED HEALTH PLANS NOTIFIES MEMBERS OF BREACH
OF UNSECURED INFORMATION**

MIAMI, FLORIDA – AvMed Health Plans learned that the personal information of some current and former subscribers may have been compromised due to the theft of two company laptops from its corporate offices in Gainesville, on December 11, 2009. The theft was immediately reported to local authorities but attempts to locate the laptops have been unsuccessful. On December 23, 2009, AvMed determined that the data on one of the laptops may not have been protected properly, and approximately 80,000 of AvMed's current subscribers and their dependents may be affected. An additional approximate 128,000 former subscribers and their dependents, dating back to April 2003, may also have been affected.

AvMed is notifying by mail the current and former subscribers who may have been affected. These subscribers will begin receiving letters by February 8, 2010. The information, which included combinations of the following elements: names, addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, and protected health information, was listed in such a way that the risk of identity theft is very low; however, AvMed is taking this breach very seriously and working to mitigate its impact. In response to the breach, AvMed has implemented additional security procedures and training, and continues to investigate and work with law enforcement and external security specialists.

AvMed arranged for current and former members to receive 24 months of identity protection under the Debix Identity Protection Network free of charge. Impacted members may call the Debix Call Center at **877-263-7998 (TTY: 877-442-8633)** beginning Monday, February 8, 2010. The Debix Call Center will be able to tell members if their information was potentially exposed. Participation in the credit monitoring is not automatic; members must register.

“AvMed understands the importance of safeguarding our members’ personal information and takes that responsibility very seriously,” said Ed Hannum, AvMed’s President and COO. “We will do all we can to work with our members whose personal information may have been compromised and help them work through the process. We regret that this incident has occurred, and we are committed to prevent future occurrences. We appreciate our members’ support during this time.”

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