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COMPTROLLER LEMBO MEETS WITH ANTHEM OFFICIALS; CALLS FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO PROTECT CONSUMERS, INCLUDING STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

Comptroller Kevin Lembo announced that his office has met with Anthem, Inc. officials today to discuss remedies for Connecticut consumers – including more than 180,000 current and former state employees and retirees on the state health plan – whose information may have been compromised by an extensive cyber-attack.

“My office has demanded a comprehensive and rapid response effort to protect all Connecticut consumers – including more than 180,000 state employees and retirees on the state health plan – who may have been compromised by this massive breach,” Lembo said. “We have called for – and Anthem has guaranteed – at least two years of credit monitoring, identity theft insurance and other protections that begin immediately for Connecticut state employees, retirees and their dependents, as well as identification of the immediate and ongoing steps to prevent such breaches in the future.

“Anthem officials, who we met with this afternoon, have confirmed that this data breach has potentially exposed customer data such as names, addresses, social security numbers, birth dates, and other information. A full investigation by Anthem, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is immediately underway to determine the scope and nature of the breach.”

Anthem is one of two insurance carriers that serve as third-party administrators for the State of Connecticut’s health plan for employees and retirees, which is coordinated through the Office of the State Comptroller.

“Our office will continue to work closely with Anthem – in coordination with other state officials – to determine the impact to our members,” Lembo said.

In the meantime, Anthem has provided an online resource to answer frequently answered questions at www.anthemfacts.com. Connecticut state employees and retirees can also call the dedicated Anthem Connecticut member line at 1-800-922-2232.

Lembo will join Gov. Dannel P. Malloy at a 4 p.m. press conference to answer questions related to the state’s ongoing efforts to respond to this breach.

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