



## Avisery Alert: DOJ Data Breach Impacts Medicare Beneficiaries

In April, over 340,000 Medicare beneficiaries began receiving [letters](#) (click to view) informing them that their information was compromised in a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) data breach. The letter, addressed from the firm Greylock McKinnon Associates, Inc (GMA), includes details on what information was breached and how the beneficiaries can protect themselves going forward. Professionals can assure any of their clients who report receiving one of these letters that it is legitimate and can encourage them to take steps to protect their identity.

### BACKGROUND

The cyberattack targeted Greylock McKinnon Associates, Inc (GMA), a consulting firm contracted by the DOJ. On May 30th, 2023, GMA observed unusual activity on their internal network, however, it was not confirmed whose information was affected by the breach until February 7th, 2024. GMA has removed all DOJ data from their systems and is working with cybersecurity specialists to respond to the breach.

The type of information involved in the breach includes name, date of birth, address, Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number, and some medical and health insurance information. It is important to note that although Social Security Number is not listed as a breached field, it may still be compromised as a person's Medicare Health Insurance Claim number contains their Social Security Number. The DOJ and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are monitoring for any reports of identity fraud or improper use of information due to this incident.

### WHAT CAN BENEFICIARIES DO?

This incident does not impact the beneficiaries' Medicare benefits or coverage. GMA is offering free access to credit monitoring for twenty-four months from the date of the breach. They are also providing "fraud assistance" through a third-party to answer any fraud-related questions. The affected beneficiaries can enroll in credit monitoring within 90 days of receiving the letter informing them of the breach. Information on how to enroll can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email [Avisery@ageoptions.org](mailto:Avisery@ageoptions.org).

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