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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
12 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

13 MARK LOSACK, on Behalf of
14 Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,
15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 SAIC INC., a Delaware corporation,
18 Defendant.

Case No. 37-2011-00102318-CU-MT-CTL

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Mark Losack ("Plaintiff") brings this action on behalf of himself and all others
2 similarly situated against defendant SAIC, Inc. ("SAIC" or "Defendant"), and states:

3 NATURE OF THE ACTION

4 1. This is a consumer class action lawsuit on behalf of all similarly situated persons
5 in California concerning the loss of personally identifiable and protected health information
6 ("PII/PHI") for 4.9 million military service members, retirees, and their families who received
7 health care through TRICARE.

8 2. Defendant SAIC is a government contractor supporting the Military Health
9 System. SAIC's responsibilities include securing and safely transporting computer backup tapes
10 containing the PII/PHI for TRICARE beneficiaries. According to SAIC, on or about September
11 14, 2011, computer backup tapes containing confidential personally identifiable and protected
12 health information were stolen from the vehicle of the SAIC employee charged with transporting
13 the backup tapes from one federal facility to another. The compromised PII/PHI data, which
14 dated back to 1992, included Plaintiff and Class (as defined herein) members' social security
15 numbers, addresses, telephone numbers, diagnoses, treatment information, provider names,
16 provider locations, clinical notes, lab test results, prescription information, and other patient
17 information.

18 3. This security breach occurred because SAIC failed to adequately safeguard the
19 PII/PHI. SAIC could have transmitted the computer backup data by secure electronic means
20 rather than physical transportation, or transferred the information by more responsible means.
21 This is not the first time SAIC lost sensitive data entrusted to it. At least six prior instances have
22 been documented. Just last year, SAIC allowed another theft of computer backup tapes
23 containing sensitive confidential information.

24 4. Pursuant to a contract with TRICARE, SAIC is obligated to transport computer
25 backup tapes containing the personal information of TRICARE members from one federal
26 facility to another. Without adequate training, supervision, or procedures, SAIC had a single
27 employee using his own vehicle for this task. The SAIC employee put the backup tapes in his
28 car, and then parked the car on a public street in San Antonio, Texas for the entire day. The

1 tapes were then taken from the car. The data was not properly encrypted according to
2 appropriate standards. Therefore, because of SAIC's actions and omissions, unauthorized third
3 parties are able to access the private, personal data of an estimated 4.9 million people.

4 5. SAIC was aware of this security breach but withheld information about and failed
5 to timely notify Plaintiff and other Class members of the unauthorized third-party access to their
6 PII/PHI. Though the theft occurred on September 14, 2011, SAIC's first notice to Plaintiff and
7 Class members of the security breach was by letter dated November 11, 2011. On information
8 and belief, there are additional persons affected by the theft that SAIC still has yet to notify.
9 This violates California Civil Code sections 1798.29 and 1798.82, which requires prompt notice
10 of any such security breach.

11 6. Because of SAIC's actions and omissions, millions of TRICARE beneficiaries
12 have had their PII/PHI compromised, have had their privacy rights violated, have been exposed
13 to the risk of fraud and identity theft, and have otherwise suffered losses as set forth herein

14 7. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself and other similarly situated
15 consumers in California who subscribed to TRICARE, and whose PII/PHI was entrusted to
16 SAIC and compromised as a result of the events surrounding the data theft on September 14,
17 2011. Plaintiff alleges violations of the Security Requirements for Consumer Records, Civil
18 Code sections 1798.29 and 1798.80, *et seq.*, and the common law as a result of SAIC's
19 misconduct.

20 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

21 8. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 410.10
22 and Article VI, section 10 of the California Constitution, because this case is not a cause given
23 by statute to other trial courts.

24 9. Venue is proper in this Court in that many of the acts and transactions giving rise
25 to this action occurred in this County and because Defendant:

26 (a) is authorized to conduct business in this County and has intentionally
27 availed itself of the laws and markets within this County;

28 (b) does substantial business in this County; and

1 (c) is subject to personal jurisdiction in this County.

2 **PARTIES**

3 10. Plaintiff is a citizen of the state of California and resides in San Diego, California.
4 He is a retired Marine Colonel. Plaintiff is a participant in TRICARE. TRICARE possesses
5 Plaintiff's sensitive personal and medical information. On November 11, 2011, Plaintiff received
6 a letter from SAIC alerting him that his highly confidential personal information was stolen from
7 SAIC in the manner described herein.

8 11. Defendant SAIC (also known as Science Applications International Corporation)
9 is a Delaware corporation with its executive offices located at 1710 SAIC Drive, McLean,
10 Virginia. Until 2009, SAIC was headquartered in San Diego, California, and still has a major
11 presence there. SAIC is a provider of scientific, engineering, systems integration, and technical
12 services and solutions in the areas of defense, health, energy, infrastructure, intelligence,
13 surveillance, reconnaissance, and cybersecurity to all agencies of the U.S. Department of
14 Defense ("DoD"), the intelligence community, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and
15 other U.S. Government civil agencies, state and local government agencies, foreign
16 governments, and customers in select commercial markets. SAIC is a prime contractor to the
17 DoD to provide information technology services and electronic health record systems support to
18 the TRICARE Management Activity ("TMA") Military Health System, which manages the
19 TRICARE healthcare program for more than nine million active duty, National Guard and
20 Reserve, retired service members, and their families and beneficiaries.

21 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

22 **TRICARE and SAIC**

23 12. TRICARE, formerly known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the
24 Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), is a health care program of the DoD Military Health System.
25 It provides civilian health benefits for military personnel, military retirees, and their dependents,
26 including some members of the reserve component. The TRICARE program is managed by
27 TMA under the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). TRICARE
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1 provides medical and health services, pharmacy benefits, dental options, and other special
2 programs to its participants.

3 13. TRICARE contracted with SAIC to transfer, store, secure, and protect the private
4 information of certain TRICARE participants, including Plaintiff and the Class members. As a
5 government contractor, SAIC had a duty to ensure the privacy of TRICARE member's
6 confidential information.

7 **SAIC's History of Improperly Handling Private Data**

8 14. The September 2011 security breach was not the first time SAIC failed to
9 properly secure data. A bipartisan congressional letter dated December 2, 2011, to Dr. Jonathan
10 Woodson, the Director of TRICARE and the Assistant Secretary of Defendant for Health
11 Affairs, identified "at least six prior security incidents [involving SAIC] due to malware
12 infections, stolen computers, and, last year, stolen computer backup tapes."¹

13 15. For example, on January 12, 2005, thieves broke into a SAIC facility in San
14 Diego, California, and stole a computer containing the personal information of present and past
15 stockholders of Defendant. This personal information included social security numbers,
16 addresses, telephone numbers, and records of financial transactions.

17 16. On July 20, 2007, the SAIC announced that it improperly transferred unencrypted,
18 private health information of approximately 867,000 U.S. service members and their families
19 across the internet through an unsecure server. The wrongfully transmitted information included
20 names, addresses, social security numbers, birth dates, and other health information. Though it
21 waited until July 2007 to announce the issue, Defendant knew about the problem since May of
22 that year.

23 17. On June 30, 2010, SAIC notified the Maryland Office of the Attorney General
24 that it had discovered a "theft of backup tapes" that may have exposed personal information
25 including names, social security numbers, and birth dates.

27 ¹ See http://markey.house.gov/docs/2011_1202_letter_to_director_of_tricare.pdf (last visited
28 December 7, 2011).

1 18. Despite numerous complaints from federal officials about SAIC's mishandling of
2 confidential data, SAIC has received approximately \$20 billion in federal contracts over the last
3 three years.

4 **The Theft of Plaintiff and Class Member's Personal Confidential Data**

5 19. On September 28, 2011, TRICARE announced that on September 14, 2011, an
6 unknown person stole backup data tapes from an SAIC employee's car containing the
7 confidential PII/PHI data of approximately 4.9 million military clinic and hospital patients.

8 20. The computer backup tapes were stolen from the SAIC employee's 2003 Honda
9 Civic, which was parked on a downtown street in San Antonio, Texas, and left unattended from
10 approximately 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the date of the theft. The SAIC employee had
11 possession of the computer tapes because he was purportedly transporting them from one
12 government facility to another. SAIC describes this method of transporting these backup tapes
13 as "routine procedure" for the company.

14 21. The information on these computer backup tapes contained Plaintiff's and the
15 Class members' sensitive PII/PHI, including their social security numbers, addresses, telephone
16 numbers, diagnoses, treatment information, provider names, provider locations, clinical notes,
17 lab test results, prescription information, and other patient information.

18 22. Only a portion of the confidential PII/PHI on the computer backup tapes was
19 encrypted.

20 23. Though TRICARE announced the theft on September 28, 2011, Plaintiff was not
21 notified that his PII/PHI was stolen until receiving a letter dated November 11, 2011. On
22 information and belief, SAIC knew on September 14, 2011, or soon thereafter, that Plaintiff's
23 personal information was on the stolen computer backup tapes. Further, on information and
24 belief, SAIC still has not notified all individuals that had their personal PII/PHI stolen.

25 24. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant's wrongful actions and/or
26 inaction, Plaintiff's and the Class member's confidential PII/PHI was stolen and disseminated
27 into the public domain without their knowledge, authorization, and/or consent and, as a further
28 direct and/or proximate result, suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages including, without

1 limitation, expenses for credit monitoring and insurance, out of pocket expenses, anxiety,
2 emotional distress, loss of privacy, and other economic and non-economic harm.

3 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

4 25. Plaintiff seeks certification of a Class consisting of:

5 All persons within California who subscribed to TRICARE, and whose PII/PHI
6 was compromised as a result of the events surrounding the data theft on
September 14, 2011.

7 Excluded from the Class is SAIC and any of its officers, directors, and employees.

8 26. *Numerosity.* The members of the Class are so numerous that their individual
9 joinder is impracticable. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the
10 proposed Class contains hundreds of thousands of members. The precise number of Class
11 members is unknown to Plaintiff. The true number of Class members is known by the
12 Defendant, however, and thus, may be notified of the pendency of this action by first class mail,
13 electronic mail, and by published notice.

14 27. *Existence and Predominance of Common Questions of Law and Fact.*
15 Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over
16 any questions affecting only individual Class members. These common legal and factual
17 questions include, but are not limited to, the following:

18 (a) whether Defendant violated California Civil Code sections 1798.29 and
19 1798.80;

20 (b) whether Defendant willfully, recklessly, and/or negligently failed to
21 maintain reasonable procedures designed to prevent unauthorized access to Plaintiff's and the
22 Class members' private information;

23 (c) whether Defendant was negligent in storing and transporting Plaintiff's
24 and the Class members' private information;

25 (d) whether Defendant owed a duty to Plaintiff and the Class members to
26 exercise reasonable care in protecting and securing their private information;

27 (e) whether Defendant breached its duty to exercise reasonable care in
28 protecting and securing Plaintiff's and the Class members' private information;

1 (f) whether Defendant was negligent in failing to keep Plaintiff's and the
2 Class members' private information secure;

3 (g) whether by publicly disclosing Plaintiff's and the Class members' private
4 information without authorization, Defendant invaded Plaintiff's and the Class members' privacy;

5 (h) whether Plaintiff and the Class members sustained damages as a result of
6 Defendant's failure to secure and protect their private information; and

7 (i) whether Defendant's conduct complained of herein was intentional and
8 knowing.

9 28. *Typicality*. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class
10 in that he is a member of the Class he seeks to represent.

11 29. *Adequacy of Representation*. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the
12 interests of the members of the Class. Plaintiff has retained counsel highly experienced in
13 complex consumer class action litigation, and Plaintiff intends to prosecute this action
14 vigorously. Plaintiff has no adverse or antagonistic interests to those of the Class.

15 30. *Superiority*. A class action is superior to all other available means for the fair and
16 efficient adjudication of this controversy. The potential recovery available to individual Class
17 members is relatively small compared to the burden and expense that would be entailed by
18 individual litigation of their claims against the Defendant. Individualized litigation would create
19 the danger of inconsistent or contradictory judgments arising from the same set of facts.
20 Individualized litigation would also increase the delay and expense to all parties and the court
21 system from the issues raised by this action. Further, the adjudication of this action presents no
22 unusual management difficulties.

23 31. Adequate notice can be given to Class members directly using information
24 maintained in Defendant's records or through notice by publication.
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1 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Violation of Security Requirements for Consumer Records,**
3 **Civil Code Sections 1798.29 and 1798.80, *et seq.***

4 32. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully
5 herein.

6 33. California law requires any business that retains personal information from its
7 customers (including financial or personal identification data) to implement and maintain
8 reasonable security procedures and practices to protect such information from unauthorized
9 access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure.

10 34. California Civil Code sections 1798.29 and 1798.82 further require that any
11 business that retains personal information from its customers (including personal identification
12 data) must promptly and "in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay"
13 disclose any breach of the security of the system containing such retained data.

14 35. Defendant failed to implement and maintain reasonable security systems,
15 including its failure to properly encrypt data and failure to transfer data in a secured manner.

16 36. Defendant also unreasonably delayed and failed to disclose to Plaintiff and the
17 Class, in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, the breach in security
18 of non-public information of Plaintiff and the Class when Defendant knew or reasonably
19 believed such information had been acquired by an unauthorized person or persons.

20 37. On information and belief, no law enforcement agency determined or instructed
21 Defendant herein that notification of Plaintiff or the Class members would impede a criminal
22 investigation.

23 38. Defendant also failed to comply with the privacy notification rights required in
24 California Civil Code section 1798.83.

25 39. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's acts and omissions described
26 herein, Plaintiff and the Class have suffered damages, including, but not limited to, loss of and
27 invasion of privacy, loss of property, loss of money, loss of control of their personal non-public
28 information, fear and apprehension of fraud and loss of money and control over their personal

1 financial and other non-public information, and the burden of monitoring their financial and
2 credit accounts, and taking other actions to protect themselves from fraud or potential fraud,
3 monetary loss, and injury to their credit and finances. The amount of such damages will be
4 proven at trial, but is in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of this Court.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **Negligence**

7 40. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully
8 herein.

9 41. Defendant had a duty to exercise reasonable care in safeguarding and protecting
10 Plaintiffs and the Class members' confidential information.

11 42. Defendant violated its duty by failing to exercise reasonable care and safeguard
12 and protect Plaintiffs and the Class members' confidential information.

13 43. It was reasonably foreseeable that Defendant's failure to exercise reasonable care
14 in safeguarding and protecting Plaintiffs and the Class members' confidential information would
15 result in an unauthorized third-party gaining access to such information for no lawful purpose.

16 44. Plaintiff and the Class members were damaged as a direct and/or proximate result
17 of Defendant's failure to secure and protect their confidential information in the form of, without
18 limitation, expenses for credit monitoring and insurance, out of pocket expenses, anxiety,
19 emotional distress, loss of privacy, and other economic and non-economic harm—for which they
20 are entitled to compensation.

21 45. Defendant's wrongful actions and/or inaction, as described above, constitute
22 negligence at common law.

23 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **Invasion of Privacy by Public Disclosure of Private Facts**

25 46. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully
26 herein.

27 47. Defendant's failure to secure and protect Plaintiffs and the Class members'
28 confidential information directly resulted in the public disclosure of such private information.

48. Plaintiff's and the Class members' confidential information is not of a legitimate public concern; its publicity would be, is and continues to be, offensive to reasonable people.

49. Plaintiff and the Class Members were damaged as a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant's invasion of their privacy by publicly disclosing their private information in the form of, without limitation, expenses for credit monitoring and insurance, out of pocket expenses, anxiety, emotional distress, loss of privacy, and other economic and non-economic harm—for which they are entitled to compensation.

50. Defendant's wrongful actions and/or inaction, as described above, constitute an invasion of Plaintiff's and the Class members' privacy by publicly disclosing their private facts.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief in interim orders and by way of entry of final judgment in his favor, in favor of those he seeks to represent, and against Defendant:

A. On all causes of action, an order certifying this case as a class action and appointing Plaintiff and his counsel to represent the Class;

B. Awarding declaratory and injunctive relief as permitted by law or equity, including: enjoining Defendant from continuing the unlawful practices as set forth herein, and directing Defendant to notify, with Court supervision, victims of their conduct and requiring Defendant to pay for Plaintiff and the Class members': (i) credit monitoring; (ii) identity theft insurance; and (iii) requiring Defendant to submit to periodic compliance audits by a third party regarding the security of consumers' private information in its possession, custody, and control;

C. Awarding Plaintiff and members of the Class actual damages in an amount according to proof under all causes of action herein entitling Plaintiff and members of the Class to actual damages;

D. Awarding Plaintiff and members of the Class exemplary damages for Defendant's knowing, willful, and intentional conduct, as alleged herein;

E. Awarding Plaintiff and members of the Class pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as well as their reasonable attorneys' and expert-witness fees, and other costs; and

F. For such additional or further relief as the Court finds just and appropriate.

1 JURY DEMAND

2 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all issues which are subject to adjudication by a trier
3 of fact.

4 DATED: December 9, 2011

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