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Dear Patient,

The cost of running a medical practice becomes more and more challenging every year. My goal is to continue providing excellent, unrushed, patient care. What my staff and I do for patients outside of office visits, is quite significant and often quite time consuming. Examples of the extra work are listed in the bullets below and have been estimated to be equivalent to one full-time staff position each year. To make up for this, many doctors have chosen to turn towards concierge models, or even join a larger practice as a way of dealing with this issue.

Starting this year I am charging a \$75 annual fee per patient to help cover the work load these additional office duties create. I am calling this fee the Care Coordination Fee. Insurance does not cover or reimburse this annual fee. Care Coordination will cover each patient for one calendar year. No additional fees will be charged for the items listed below.

- Prior authorizations for medications
- Prior authorization for imaging
- Basic forms and letters
- Work notes and return to work notes
- Copying medical records
- Patient Assistance Programs
- Medication requests not requested during your visit
- Lab requests and changes (including changing diagnosis for billing)

After 20 years as a solo practitioner here in Santa Maria, quality care for my patients has, and will always be, a top priority for me. I hope that you can understand the necessity of the Care Coordination Fee, and I look forward to continuing my path as a family practitioner here on the beautiful Central Coast.

Sincerely,
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