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Dear WPA Patient Families:

I am honored to have served you all for the last sixteen years. However due to the changing healthcare landscape, I am writing to inform you about our upcoming change to WPA's insurance policy.

Effective December 1st, 2018, WPA will be an out-of-network provider for Carefirst/Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Plans. This does not apply to the Federal Employee Plans associated with Carefirst BCBS under the Par/PPO Regional Provider Network.

This business decision is due to the insufficient reimbursement Carefirst is willing to pay for services rendered. We will still be able to serve you here but will require payment for services at the time of your visit. My staff will provide you with the necessary forms to submit for reimbursement for out-of-network doctor visits. Please see our **FAQ** sheet to answer any other questions you may have about this change.

I also understand this change in occurring during the Open Enrollment Season for many employers. At present, WPA still participates with the following insurance companies: Aetna PPO, Cigna PPO, United Healthcare PPO, GEHA, Humana & Tricare.

WPA is committed to providing you all with the highest quality of pediatric care and values each and every one of you as a member of our patient-family. Thank you for understanding this new change to our insurance policy so we can continue to serve you.

With Gratitude,

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