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Annual Administrative Fee:

As many of you are aware, the status of healthcare is becoming increasingly more difficult, with ongoing challenges for both patients and healthcare providers. We continue to face daily struggles with increased demands of administrative tasks imposed upon our physician practices by government and insurance companies. Many services, which were once paid for in full, are no longer covered by insurance companies. This has led to increased strain on physician practices in terms of more demands and less time available for excellent patient care. As we face the future ahead, we find it necessary to assess an annual administrative fee of \$250 per patient.

We do not wish to strain doctor-patient relationships or alienate patients with this annual fee. We realize that health care is already quite expensive for many patients. However, this annual fee will allow our office to continue to provide outstanding service and care. The annual administrative fee for existing patients is due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. New patients will be asked to pay this fee before their third visit to our office, or after the first year of care, whichever comes first.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Aronow'.

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