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**You are receiving this notice because our billing system indicates you have United Healthcare (UHC) as your primary insurance, and you have been treated by our physicians since 2020.**

November 14, 2023

First and foremost, it is such an honor to be a part of our patients' lives and we are very thankful for the trust that each one of you instills in us. We truly love taking care of women and adding value to their lives. We are not only physicians who are passionate about women's health, but we are also small business owners. On December 15, 2023, United Healthcare (UHC) is changing their fee schedule yet again. This makes contracting and filing claims with United Healthcare no longer affordable for our business. As a result of the changes and the increasing difficulty with filing medical claims and receiving payments from UHC, we have made the difficult decision to no longer accept and file claims with UHC beginning December 15, 2023. Until then, we will continue to see patients with UHC and file claims with them for services. However, as of December 15, 2023, we will no longer file claims with UHC.

We are writing this letter to alert our UHC patients of this upcoming change for our practice, and to give as much notice as we can for personal decision making. To assist in your decision making, we are attaching a list of cash prices for our most commonly used visits in order to help our UHC patients make an informed decision in regard to continuing care with our gynecology practice or transferring care to another practice which remains contracted with UHC. This is not a comprehensive list of our medical services, and we can provide specific information for other services either prior to the visit or during your visit if additional testing is indicated. We will certainly do our very best to avoid any surprise costs. These fee-for-service costs are subject to change as well, as inflation in the cost of running any business is a continuous reality; however, we promise to do everything in our power to continue to provide personalized, exceptional care at an affordable price. In summary, we have notified UHC of our intent to opt out of their contract beginning December 15, 2023. If your scheduled visit is before this day, your upcoming visit will not be impacted by the change, but future visits would be. If you are scheduled for any type of visit with any provider in our practice on or after December 15, 2023, then this change will apply. We encourage you to consider your options now to avoid any delay in care. Please contact our office if you need to make any adjustments to any upcoming appointments. As always, we wish you the very best in health and life and encourage you all to continue to care for your bodies, souls, and minds!

Sincerely,

*Angela McCool-Pearson, MD*

*Christy James Guepet, MD*

*Southern Women's Specialists*

**Private Pay Prices**

Established patient women's wellness	\$200.00
New patient women's wellness	\$250.00
Established patient visit for problem/symptoms	\$150.00-\$200.00
New patient visit for problems/symptoms	\$200.00-\$300.00
Ultrasound	\$200.00-\$250.00
After-hours calls	\$75.00