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From: Dr. Courtney Hunt
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Subject: Insurance Coverage

Dear Patient,

In this time of changing health care, we want to inform you of some potential issues with your lab coverage in this office. Please be aware that we order labs, cultures, Pap smears, etc, based on what we deem best for your health care. Not all of these things may be covered by your insurance and it would be impossible for us to know each person's individual policy to assess if they are covered. Please check your policy and know what lab is covered by your insurance policy so that you can inform us if the lab is different from Labcorp.

Labcorp is the lab we use in this office and unless you direct us otherwise your labs will be sent to Labcorp. Most biopsies are sent to GyneCare, as this is the lab we use for their expertise in gynecologic pathology.

Please understand that when you are coming for an annual exam, your Pap smear is billed separately and read separately by the lab and any blood work we may draw may or may not be covered by your insurance carrier. It is your responsibility to determine whether or not you proceed with the labs. Any bill you receive from the lab is ultimately your responsibility.

If you are pregnant, the prenatal labs we offer will include routine blood work, cystic fibrosis testing, and genetic screening. You are responsible to know your insurance coverage for these and if not covered and you wish to proceed, the lab bill will be your responsibility.

Again, Mimi, Linda and I will do our best to order labs that we feel appropriate and necessary to take care of you in the best way possible. Any fees associated with these labs that are not covered by your insurance are your responsibility. Thank you for your attention and cooperation regarding your insurance coverage.

Warm regards,



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Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____