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ANNUAL FEE OPTION 2023/2024

Dear valued patient,

September 17, 2023

It's the time of year when I like to update you about what's happening around the office. Please find attached my Office Update brochure for 2023 to bring you up-to-date about changes in the office, our after-hours care, my associates, and more. It's also the time for renewal of the Annual Uninsured Services Program.

As many of you know, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) pays for most of your medical visits at the office. There are, however, a growing number of services that we provide that are no longer covered by OHIP and require direct patient payment. See the list of these services attached.

We have maintained a fee schedule for uninsured services that is in alignment with OMA policy and recommendations. For further details, please review the uninsured services fee guide included with this letter. There are two ways by which you may wish to address these fees. To provide peace of mind to you, and to assist me in minimizing administrative costs of billing each service individually, I ask that you consider paying an Annual Fee, often referred to as a "block fee", to cover uninsured services for one year.

This method appears to be preferred by many of my patients. The decision to enroll in the Annual Fee Program will help reduce the amount of time the office staff spends sending out individual invoices, and allow them more time to provide patient care. For this, I am grateful. It can also amount to substantial savings if unexpected needs arise over the year. The second option is to choose to pay for individual uninsured services on a "Pay-Per-Service" basis.

Annual Fees for the coverage period (September 1, 2023 to September 1, 2024):

\$ 150 For an individual

\$ 275 For a couple

\$ 300 For a family

The rates for the Annual Fee continue to be on par or below what other doctors charge.

PLEASE NOTE:

We are able to process your payments directly online via the following secure website

<https://www.lesliemedical.com/kahane.html>

Payment can also be done over the telephone by credit card or you can mail cheques (payable to Steven Kahane Medicine PC) directly to our office.

Included with this letter is a list of some items covered by the Block Fee. I recognize that there are special circumstances, so if you are financially unable to pay for an uninsured service, but require it, you may request a fee exemption.

I continue to enjoy attending to my medical practice and look forward to caring for you and your family in good health for many years. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes and sincerely yours,



Dr. Steven Kahane