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Re: Important Notice- Changes for Dr. Widitz's current patients

I am writing to inform you that I've made a change in my employment that will affect our work together. I have accepted a full time position at Hillcrest Family Services based in Dubuque, Iowa as a staff psychiatrist and medical director for their programs. I will no longer be available for telehealth psychiatry appointments after January 2023. I will be available through the spring to assist with transferring care to new providers or facilitating appointments with me through Hillcrest in Dubuque.

At Gersh, Hartson, Payne, Hoffman, & Associates, Dr. Brenda Payne will be available for medication management appointments for patients under age 25. Options for care also include working with your primary care provider or another psychiatric medication provider in your area. In our area, clinics such as UIHC Child or Adult Psychiatry, Nystrom & Associates (formerly Psychiatric Associates), Meadowlark Psychiatric Services, Eastwind Healing Center, and Mercy Behavioral Health Clinic have providers available for children and adult psychiatric medication treatment.

Our office staff is happy to assist with signing authorizations for your records to transfer care to a new provider. Please call the office for assistance with records or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Payne for follow up.

It has been my pleasure to work with you and your family. I wish you the best, and look forward to working with you to secure ongoing care for mental health needs.

Sincerely,



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