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To Our Obstetrical Patients,

Congratulations on your pregnancy! We are honored to share this time with you. Our goal is to work provide the highest level of care for you and to keep you informed. This information is designed to help answer questions about your pregnancy and delivery. As with all general instructions, some may not pertain to you, but we hope that you will find this information useful. Please feel free to ask questions at any time.

Your prenatal appointments will be scheduled at 4-week intervals through the first 7-7 ½ months and at closer intervals thereafter. You are urged to keep your appointments as it has been proven that good prenatal care is important to your health and safety during pregnancy and delivery. It doesn't happen often, but it is possible that your doctor may be unable to keep an appointment with you because of an unexpected commitment in the delivery room or operating room.

To contact the doctor, please dial the office number. If the office is closed, the Answering Service will answer and will be able to get the call through to your doctor. When your doctor is not available due to days or weekends off, vacations, illness etc., you will be cared for by one of his/her associates. One or more doctors are always on call.

Women's Health Care, PC physicians deliver at The Women's Hospital. We will provide you with information so you can contact the hospital to prepare for your upcoming delivery. The Women's Hospital offers a service called Maternal Care Advisors, who are nurses available to educate you and support you through your pregnancy so that you have the information needed for your delivery and hospital stay. More information is available about this service at www.deaconess.com and click on The Women's Hospital then click Pre-Admission.

Our Vaginal Obstetrical charge includes monthly office visits up to 28 weeks gestation, biweekly office visits up to 36 weeks gestation, and then weekly visits until delivery. This charge also includes the doctor's care for you in the hospital, for the delivery and your postpartum visit. There is an additional fee for lab tests, ultrasounds, and non-stress tests. For unusual care such as Cesarean Section, for example, there will be additional charges. Be sure to check with your insurance company or employer to see what they will cover on the delivery fee to the doctor and whether or not they cover lab work and ultrasounds. Your insurance agent or carrier can give you a definite figure. Also, please let us know if your insurance company requires pre-certification of your delivery and hospitalization.

In the event that you do not have any insurance coverage for your pregnancy, it is our policy to expect the full fee to be paid by your seventh month of pregnancy unless other arrangements are made.

Our ultimate goal in being your obstetrical care provider is your continued good health and the delivery of a healthy newborn. We are looking forward to working together to achieve this goal! If you have questions, please call us at any time to discuss.