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Dear Patient:

I am writing this letter to you with mixed emotions. I am announcing the closure of my practice. I will continue to see patients via telemedicine with extended hours through October 22nd, 2020. As it relates to the currently scheduled expiration of the Public Health Emergency on October 22nd, 2020, I will no longer be able to offer this service after this date. Through November 13th, 2020, I will be available to you to help in the transition of your medical care and to meet your immediate needs.I will be unable to continue your care, renew your prescriptions, or follow up with laboratory, imaging, or any further testing results after November 13th, 2020, as I will be leaving clinical practice to work in the field of Type 1 Diabetes. After this date I will no longer be able to fill prescriptions.Any currently held orders for testing will need to have the results followed up by a different medical provider, as I will no longer have access to your medical record or testing results. This has not been an easy decision for me, as caring for my patients has been a great source of satisfaction and pleasure these past years.

You are free to seek care anywhere you wish. I hope you begin looking for another physician as soon as possible. If you do not know where to begin, I have contacted the below Endocrinologists who are available to accept new patients from my practice. You are not limited to the below providers. You may also contact your insurance provider to see which Endocrinologists are contracted with your plan.

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The contents of your medical chart are confidential and can be transferred to another physician only with your permission. After November 13th, 2020, all patient records will be sent to Desert River Solutions to be the custodian of your medical records. Starting October 1st, 2020, please requestyour medical records from Desert River Solutions. Per the contractual agreement, your records will be available to you free of charge until November 15, 2026.To request your medical record, please visit the site below to sign and return the medical release form. All instructions are located on their webpage: www.Desert RiverSolutions.com/requests/

Desert River Solutions

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I have valued my relationship with you, my patients, more than I can express in words. I thank you for your many years of trust and friendship. I extend my best wishes for your future health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Laura Knecht MD