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To the Patients of Cascade Family Medical Clinic:


We want to welcome Dr. Eric DeMun to our practice starting September 18, 2019. We are glad that with the closure of his successful practice we are able to retain Dr. DeMun in our community. Our direct care practice is right down the road from Cascade Family Medical Clinic.

Five years ago, we too saw the writing on the wall for private medical practices. The economic factors are stacked so far against private practice that over 240,000 doctors have closed their private practices with most becoming employees of hospital systems or the government. With this transition a good number of doctors burn out and quit entirely. Also during this time, insurance has become more expensive and covers less.

Dr. DeMun will be joining a different paradigm for patient care, called Direct Patient Care, in which the insurance company and government don't join the patient in the exam room. This model is growing across our nation. In our Direct Care model, patients pay a monthly membership fee of \$60 that covers all office visits. Children can be added to their family's plan for only \$10. We offer discounted cash prices on labs (many are \$5-10), x-rays (usually \$35-50), MRI (starting at \$250), and prescriptions (\$3-10). If you want to use your insurance for labs, prescriptions, imaging studies, or referrals, they are covered just as they were at Dr. DeMun's office. A good number of patients find our prices are better than their insurance copay. (You can find more information about Direct Care at our website [www.washingtonpark.md](http://www.washingtonpark.md) or [www.dpcare.org](http://www.dpcare.org).)

There are a few down sides to our practice. In order to spend more time with each patient, Dr. DeMun will only be able to take 600 patients, and Dr. Lisa and Dr. Paul can take another 200 or so together. As we believe we will fill up fast, this will be on a first come basis. We also can't accept patients on Kaiser or United Health Care Medicare Complete as both of these are closed HMO systems and we are not allowed to order studies or get referrals. All other insurances are fine. We also are not taking any new patients on chronic pain medications. And lastly, as has been our policy, patients will need to fill out an application and be accepted into our practice before making an appointment. **Applications may be picked up at Cascade Family Medical Clinic and Washington Park Direct Care.**

We will be accepting applications at our current location – 2526 Colonial Drive, Centralia, WA (M-F 9am-4:30pm). A \$180 deposit for the first three months of membership will also be collected once your application has been approved. We hope to see you enjoy the many benefits of this type of practice and keep your primary care close to home.



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