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Dear Patients and Friends,

As 2022 comes to an end I would like to thank each and every one of you for your confidence, trust, and support. It's truly been an honor to take care of your children over the years, and building these relationships constantly reminds me of why I chose to become a pediatrician. There's nothing I love more than seeing you in the office and getting to know you and your children.

There are many things that I have chosen to do outside of the office that enhance my ability to provide the absolute best patient care possible. Many of you may know that I was appointed Chairman of Pediatrics at Providence Tarzana Hospital as it merged with Cedars Sinai. In doing so, I have developed many close relationships and partnerships with some of the top specialists in the city. I have also partnered with a leading Respiratory Viral Panel company, which has allowed me to acquire high tech machinery that does PCR testing for Covid, RSV and Influenza in less than an hour, available 7-days a week.

I am so proud of my growing practice and my ability to provide services like the ones above that many other doctors do not have access to. While I strive to continue to do so, it does not go without saying that these additional services come with additional administrative costs and many extra hours of work.

Therefore, starting January 1, 2023, all of my pediatric patients will have an annual fee of \$500 for the first child and \$250 for each additional child, with a maximum of \$1,000 per family. While I understand this fee may be a burden for some families, in order to maintain the concierge style care I provide, it is necessary.

For those who decide to remain with me, I am grateful for your trust and look forward to spending more time together. For those who choose to leave my care, I am sad to see you go but want to help make the transition as smooth as possible. To facilitate that transition, I am excited to announce that we have welcomed a new pediatrician into our group.

Dr. Ofir Mekel, (Dr. O) grew up in the Valley, is a board-certified pediatrician, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and has had the honor to be a chief resident at CHLA. She is an assistant professor of pediatrics at USC and has been in clinical practice at CHLA for the last three years. Additionally, she is a Certified Lactation Counselor. She is a lovely person and I feel very confident that those of you who choose to switch to Dr. O will be in excellent hands. I know that some of you may have developed relationships with the other doctors in the office and perhaps would like to move over to one of their practices. Please call our office manager as they will be accepting new patients on a case-by-case basis.

I look forward to continuing to provide the best possible care to your families. I truly cherish the friendships we have built with so many of you and know they will continue to grow as I see you in the office or around town.

Warmly,
Dr. Danny

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