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Dear Patient

It is with a degree of sadness that I must inform you that my medical sleep practice will be closing in January, 2018.

Difficulty obtaining a satisfactory renewal of my lease for The Sleep Center is the immediate cause, but the closing is far more complicated than that single reason. In order to continue my sleep practice with the control and service that I find important for quality medical care, I would have to move the business. More importantly, the difficulties and expenses working as a physician in private practice increase weekly, with frequent changes from our government and from commercial insurances. As a result, I have decided to close The Sleep Center PC, EzCPAP and my private sleep medical practice (Southwest Chest Consultants PC). The closures will be coordinated and occur at a similar time.

My future is not clear at the time that I prepare this letter for you. I hope to continue working in the field of sleep medicine, but I do not have established plans at present. While I may work with and care for patients as I have with you, any such future arrangements will differ significantly. My current practice is closing. When my future plans develop, they will be updated through The Sleep Center web page and its newsletter.

I will not be able to provide medical services, visits or prescriptions to you after the businesses close January 16, 2018.

You will need access to your records and the enclosed sheets explain how you can obtain a copy.

You may need to establish a relationship with a new sleep physician for attention to your sleep problems. I have enclosed a brief, non-comprehensive list of individuals with good reputations who practice sleep medicine. I am not making individual recommendations for each patient. You should make arrangements with a physician who will look after your sleep problems in the future.

Thank you for your trust in my care,

Robert G. Hooper, MD