

Dear Hawthorn Medical Community,

Without question, it has been a stressful time for the patients and health care workers in our community and I have been receiving many requests for comment or for additional information, however at this time I do not have any more detailed information regarding the health care situation in Massachusetts outside of what has been reported on by the press.

While I'm unable to share much regarding the broader health care environment, what I can say with absolute confidence is Hawthorn Medical Associates, LLC. is doing well and will continue to do well; at no time do we foresee a situation where services will need to be impacted or curtailed in anyway. Caring for the Southcoast Community and being available to our patients is our absolute priority.

Hawthorn Medical's goal over the next weeks to months is to continue to be here for our patients and identify opportunities to grow our organization and the level of services we can provide. While we do not expect anything to happen overnight, our goal is to mitigate the stress of health care access felt by our community and staff to the best of our ability by growing our organization and providing the highest quality of care.

Thank you for your support and concern,

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