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Dear Credentialing Department;

The following information should address our afterhours coverage and hospital admitting arrangements:

1. David C. Shinstrom, M.D., Karen Caley Orr, P.A.-C., and Jennifer E. Utter, P.A.-C. share call on a rotating basis. Either Dr. Shinstrom, Karen Orr, or Jennifer Utter will provide after hours coverage for the others when they are not available.

2. We are a Rural Health Clinic that was established in 2004 by David C. Shinstrom, M.D. Our practice is located on a remote island in Puget Sound. Given our remote location, it is difficult to comply with the hospital bylaws for medical staff membership.

Due to our location, hospital admissions are arranged by:

a) Admission through the emergency room. Area hospitals include Peace Health/St. Joseph's Hospital, Island Hospital, Skagit County Hospital, or other facilities appropriate to the necessary level of care.

b) Special referral providers who will evaluate and admit the patient, i.e. orthopedics, surgical, cardiovascular.

c) Specialists with whom the patient is already established.

Transportation of patients to hospitals is via air ambulance, BLS ground ambulance, or private car.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Aaimee R. Johnson
Office Manager