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Dear Patient,

1998 has already been an exciting year. Several insurance companies have come on-line to cover acupuncture and I have joined American Specialty Health Plans (ASHP) which is California's Acupuncture HMO.

BLUE SHIELD: If you have Blue Shield, you should know that there are two benefits. One is called Lifepath and is an acupuncture supplemental insurance to Blue Shield. If you have Blue Shield but do not have Lifepath, you still receive a 25% discount when you come in (no billing is involved).

BLUE CROSS PRUDENT BUYER PLAN: Some Prudent Buyer plans are covered and some are not. The Clinic will give you a 25% discount for payment up front and will bill to see if you can be reimbursed.

HEALTH NET: contracted under ASHP. Not all parts of Health Net are covered because some employers have not yet purchased the acupuncture supplement. Please call the office at 483-7795 and we will check for you.

PRUDENTIAL: If you are a member of Prudential's Medicare Risk HMO, Prudential SeniorCare, you are covered under ASHP. PruCare Plus also covers.

ACUPUNCTURE PLUS/ ACUPLAN/LANDMARK-ACUPLAN: These three are acupuncture-specific HMOs backed by the Acupuncture establishment. If you are interested, we can provide you with contact information.

SUSAN RILEY, CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPIST, IS NOW AFFILIATED WITH THE CLINIC. SUSAN DOES SWEDISH, DEEP TISSUE, AND SHIATSU. SUSAN COMES TO US FROM SEDONA, ARIZONA. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT OR PAGE HER AT 621-9334 AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A PATIENT OF DR. WANG. \$55 FOR AN HOUR MASSAGE.