

[DATE]

[PATIENT NAME]
[PATIENT ADDRESS]

Dear [PATIENT NAME]:

We invite you to attend a new group medical visit focused on persistent pain. Group visits are longer and more relaxed than a regular office visit. This type of visit gives you:

- Access to your health care team, including your physician, nurses, and behavioral health consultant;
- A brief presentation that will help you learn about pain;
- An opportunity to discuss your questions and concerns;
- Support from other patients and members of the community who are also managing daily persistent pain, like you.

The goal is to help you to better understand persistent pain, set goals, and improve your overall quality of life. We welcome your spouse or another support person; they will likely find the information and discussions helpful as well.

Group visits do not take the place of individual medical visits with your primary care provider. However, if you have a long-term opioid therapy agreement with your primary care provider, this group visit will count as both (1) a regular office visit with your primary care provider and (2) a visit with the behavioral health consultant, both of which are required for opioid pain medication refills. Your pain medications will not be given at this visit, but will be available for you to pick up at the clinic reception desk on the date that they are due.

Payment for the group visit is the same as if you are meeting with your primary care provider.

The persistent pain group medical visit is being held on [DATE] at [TIME]. Dr. [PROVIDER NAME] and our behavioral health consultant, Dr. [PROVIDER NAME], will be facilitating this group. The group will meet in [GROUP LOCATION] - further detailed instructions will be mailed out.

We are happy to recommend this resource to you and believe it will be very helpful. You can expect a call from Dr. [PROVIDER NAME] or Dr. [PROVIDER NAME] to discuss this opportunity in the near future. At that time, you may confirm or deny your spot in the group and ask any questions you have about these visits. You may also call the clinic with any questions at [CONTACT NUMBER].

We look forward to seeing you in this group!

Thank you,

[PROVIDER NAMES]