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### **LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE ADDS OPTIONS FOR MANAGING HEALTHCARE EXPENSES**

Livingston HealthCare announced new options this week to help patients manage their healthcare expenses. "Healthcare has really changed over the last several years," said Livingston HealthCare CEO Sam Pleshar. "More and more of our patients are uninsured—or are responsible for a larger percentage of their healthcare costs. Often, these expenses are unexpected. We wanted to create solutions that will allow our patients to meet their financial obligations and preserve their credit, a benefit to them and to the whole community."

"When a patient receives a statement with a balance due, they have several options," explains Jackie Gardner, Livingston HealthCare Business Office Manager. "We have programs available that should be able to help all of our patients."

Patients who can pay their balance due immediately can receive a 10% discount. There is a short-term no-interest payment option for patients who can pay their balance within 10 months (term varies with amount of balance) or they can pay their balance with a special low-interest loan program now offered by Livingston HealthCare.

"Like many other industries," Pleshar noted, "we needed to get out of the financing business. We are here to provide healthcare. We're working with a financial services provider who can offer these loans to our patients in a way that we cannot. It removes the cost of managing those accounts from healthcare, and it allows us to stay focused on taking care of patients."

The Patient Loan Program is available for any patient who is not able to pay their bill in full when it is due. The program creates long-term, low-interest monthly payment arrangements for patients with easy application and qualification criteria. There is no origination or annual fees, and patients can prepay at any time without a prepayment penalty. Patients can easily add children or other dependents to their bill, and they can add future charges to their account, as long as they are current on prior obligations.

“We also offer Patient Financial Assistance,” added Pleshar. “For patients who qualify, their services may be provided at a deeply discounted rate. We understand that healthcare is not something you go out and buy when you can’t afford it. Sometimes it just happens and you can’t afford it. We’re here to help patients with that, even after their care.”

For more information about assistance in paying for your healthcare expenses, call 823-6414.

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