



September 28, 2022

David E. Schied  
PO Box 321  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Dear Mr. Schied,

Trust and cooperation are key components to a successful Provider-patient relationship. It is difficult to provide quality care when these elements are missing.

I received a legal document, in the mail, the week of September 16, 2022. This document was sent to the Monument Health legal team for review. According to our legal team, you are alleging I have committed malpractice for failure to report you were being abused, as a disabled adult. Therefore, you claim I owe you \$44 million. Due to your claim against me, I do not feel it is best for you to continue your medical care with me.

I will refill prescriptions for the next 30 days that have been prescribed by me. Please contact our office if you need a prescription renewal via My Chart or 605-717-8595.

You can find a full list of available physicians and providers at [www.monument.health](http://www.monument.health) or call 605-717-8595 to find a new physician or provider at 1420 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Spearfish.

If you have a medical emergency, please proceed to the nearest Emergency Department.

We will forward your medical records to the provider of your choice once we have received a completed Release of Protected Health Information. Please obtain a release form by calling (605)644-4000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Berens".

Dan Berens, DO  
Monument Health 10<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic