

HSV Apollo Medical Makes House Calls

Description

Recollections from a different era

I remember when I was a very small child my mother would call the family doctor if we were in need of medical care. He came wearing a smile on his face and carrying his black bag. He always "fixed us up."

Joe's great grandfather was a physician in Arkansas and he traveled by horseback to visit his patients. The family still has his saddlebags and a lot of his medical equipment. What if we could travel back in time?

Apollo Medical in HSV makes house calls

The <u>Apollo Medical</u> clinic in Hot Springs Village is pleased to announce that they are now offering house calls. This is being done in an attempt to better serve the community as it may be difficult for some folks to get out. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, this gives Villagers a safer option of not leaving their home. While this is not quite traveling back in time, it does bring to mind nostalgic thoughts of bygone days.

These house calls will be made by Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Jarrod Breshears. Jarrod can order tests, diagnose and prescribe medications and/or treatment plans.

Nurse Practitioners are trained and legally able to provide a higher level of care than Registered Nurses. Registered Nurses are not allowed to order tests, diagnose or prescribe.

When Jarrod was asked what types of services that he anticipates being able to offer he said, "Home visits for most acute needs. These include UTIs, coughs, sore throat, insect bites, etc. Basically, most things that would warrant a visit to a clinic. I will not be able to do sutures in the home or perform EKGs in the home. I can draw blood and collect specimens for laboratory testing."

Apollo accepts insurance



When asked about insurance, this is what Breshears had to say, "We do accept all insurance plans. However, there are several hundred (if not more) plans available. We may not be credentialed with all plans. However, if we are not credentialed then we will try to get credentialed with them."

The cost for a "cash pay" visit is \$100 for a new patient and \$85 for subsequent visits. This does not include any labs that are ordered, medications that are given in the office, or procedures (i.e. EKGs).

Hours of operation for the clinic are:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The clinic accepts walk-in clients.

Edited to add new temporary hours:

Jarrod said there are "TEMPORARY changes to our schedule. Effective 4/7/2020 our hours will be M-F 8-5, Sat 8-4, Sun 1-6. We offer Telemedicine visits, Curbside visits, and Home visits."



Breshear said, "One thing that sets us apart from most clinics is that we will perform IVs in the office. For example, If a patient is dehydrated then we can perform an IV in the office to rehydrate."

Please call **501-282-5778** for inquiries or to schedule an appointment.

Other information

Jarrod Breshears graduated from Fountain Lake High School in 1997. In 1999 he also graduated with his Associate of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology from Garland County Community College. Breshears went on to graduate from Henderson State University with a BSN in 2010. Finally, he graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in 2015 with a Master of Science in Nursing.

Apollo Medical Clinic in Hot Springs Village is owned by Doctor Neeraj Bharany, MD. Doctor Bharany is an Oncologist/Hematologist in Hot Springs.

Doctor Katharine Hurst, MD is an Internal Medicine physician on staff and is accepting new patients.

At this time, Doctor Bharany and Doctor Hurst will not be providing home visits, but they will provide Telemedicine visits.

By Cheryl Dowden, April 5, 2020

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