

Dear Valued Patient,

We are writing to let you know that UW Medicine will conclude its management of Primary Care at Lopez Island at the end of June. The last day of scheduled patient care under UW Medicine will be June 23, 2026. The clinic will be open for same-day urgent walk-ins June 24 – June 26, 2026.

Beginning June 29, 2026, Sea Mar Community Health Centers will assume management of the Lopez Island Clinic. We are confident Sea Mar will continue to offer the high-quality care you deserve.

We are pleased to share that Sea Mar has agreed to offer positions to all current clinical staff. Samuel Rich, PA-C, has agreed to join Sea Mar and can continue to serve as your primary care provider. Sea Mar also plans to recruit and hire a physician for the clinic.

Sea Mar accepts many major insurance plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, Ambetter, UnitedHealthcare, WellPoint, Molina, and CHPW. A complete list of accepted plans will be available soon. For updates, please visit seamar.org/insurance-options, call 1.855.289.4503, or contact your insurance provider directly.

The transition of your care to Sea Mar should be mostly seamless once you verify your insurance coverage and register as a new patient since both UW Medicine and Sea Mar use the same electronic health record. To register as a new patient with Sea Mar and schedule an appointment, please call 360.622.7860.

If you'd like to keep your care with UW Medicine, please visit our website <https://www.uwmedicine.org/primarycare> to review provider bios, select someone who seems like a good match for your needs, and use the "Book online appointment" option. You can also call us at 206.520.5000.

We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. For up to date and additional information, please review our Frequently Asked Questions at uwmedicine.org/Lopez-Island, call us at 360.468.2245 or visit the Lopez Island Hospital District website at lopezislandhd.org.

It has been an honor to serve you and the Lopez Island community, and we thank you for trusting us with your care.

Sincerely,

Chesna Briceno

Interim Associate Administrator

UW Medicine Primary Care

Patient Transition to Sea Mar FAQ

Q. What is the last day I can schedule an appointment at UW Medicine Primary Care at Lopez Island?

A. The last day to schedule an appointment with UW Medicine will be June 23, 2026, and the clinic will reopen as Sea Mar Community Health on Monday June 29, 2026.

Q. I'd like to continue seeing Samuel Rich, PA-C — where will he be practicing?

A. We are pleased to confirm that Samuel Rich, PA-C will join Sea Mar Community Health Centers and continue providing care at the clinic after June 29, 2026.

Q. How do I schedule an appointment at the Sea Mar clinic?

A. Call 360.622.7860 to register as a patient and schedule an appointment at the Sea Mar Lopez Island clinic.

Q. I see a UW Medicine specialist in Seattle — will I still be able to do that under Sea Mar?

A. Yes. Sea Mar has agreed to honor existing preferences for referrals, so you can continue seeing your UW specialists if desired.

Q. What if I need care between June 24 – June 26 before Sea Mar's clinic opens?

A. The clinic will be open for same-day urgent walk-ins June 24 – June 26, 2026. If you need non-urgent care during the transition period (between June 24 and the Sea Mar opening date), please contact your provider or our care team for recommendations. Depending on your needs, you may need to be seen at Island Health Primary Care or receive telehealth services through Sea Mar.

Q. Is telehealth still an option for my care?

A. Yes. Sea Mar offers telehealth visits for medical, behavioral health, and dental services. For more information, visit seamar.org/telehealth.html.

Q. Will I have to re-register if I want to establish care with Sea Mar?

A. Yes. Sea Mar is a separate health system from UW Medicine, so you will need to complete a new registration to establish care with their providers. Sea Mar new patient packets will be made available at the clinic.

Q. Will Sea Mar accept my insurance?

A. Sea Mar accepts many major insurance plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, Ambetter,

UnitedHealthcare, WellPoint, Molina, and CHPW. A complete list will be available soon. For more information, visit seamar.org/insurance-options, call 1.855.289.4503, or contact your insurance provider directly.

Q. Do I need to request a medical record transfer?

A. In most cases, no. If you choose to establish care with Sea Mar, your provider will have access to your UW Medicine record electronically, as both organizations use the same Electronic Health Record system (Epic).

Q. Will I still be able to access my health information through MyChart?

A. Yes. Both UW Medicine and Sea Mar use Epic/MyChart. Learn more about Sea Mar's patient portal at seamar.org/mychart/index.html.

Q. I currently use Primary Care at Lopez Island for lab draws related to UW Medicine care — can I still do that?

A. After June 29, 2026, courtesy lab draws will no longer be available at the Lopez Island clinic through UW Medicine. Courtesy lab draw services will continue to be available through Sea Mar Community Health Centers; however, patients will need to complete registration with Sea Mar to access these services.

Patients who choose to remain UW Medicine patients and do not register with Sea Mar may continue utilizing UW Medicine laboratory services at other UW Medicine locations.

Q. Who should I contact for refills, results, referrals, or medical advice after June 29, 2026?

A. Contact the new Sea Mar clinic at 360.468.2245.

Q. I want to keep my care with UW Medicine. How do I do that?

A. If you'd like to select a new UW Medicine primary care provider, please visit our website <https://www.uwmedicine.org/primarycare> to review provider bios, select someone who seems like a good match for your needs, and use the "Book online appointment" option. You can also call us at 206.520.5000.



Sea Mar

Community Health Centers



Primary Care &
Consultation



Diagnostic Imaging



Referrals



Visit Our Clinic

Lopez Island Medical Clinic

103 Washburn Pl

Lopez Island, WA 98261

Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our primary focus is your health and well-being. We are dedicated to supporting the health of you and your family through personalized care.

We specialize in primary care family medicine, including preventive health exams, acute care visits, minor procedures, health education, follow-up care from hospital visits and referrals. We also provide additional services to ensure our patients are connected with the resources they need to live healthy lives.



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