

Growing Kids Pediatrics, LLC

Well Child Policy

Well Child Visits are an important part of preventive services for newborns through late adolescence. Growing Kids Pediatrics follows the American Academy of Pediatrics' Bright Futures Guidelines that details age specific preventive services that are important to keep your child healthy and safe. We also follow the CDC Guidelines for childhood and adolescent vaccinations.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act states that all preventive care screenings and services included in the Bright Futures plan and vaccine schedule must be covered by most health plans. However, there are still insurance plans that will not pay in full for some of these screenings and services. We would ask that you check with your insurance carrier and review your plan's coverage regarding your child's well child visit.

**If a new or existing health problem is addressed during a well child visit, a separate office visit will be billed as required by national coding and billing guidelines.** Growing Kids Pediatrics follows these guidelines and will bill for a preventive care visit and a second office visit for the new or existing health problem. As a result, your insurance company may charge you for two separate visits.

WELL CHILD VISIT	A PROBLEM ARISES	WELL CHILD & OFFICE VISIT
This visit which focuses on preventing illness and discussing healthcare topics common for your child's age and gender. VISIT MAY INCLUDE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A complete physical</li> <li>• Immunizations</li> <li>• Screening tests/labs</li> <li>• Discussion about your child's general health and lifestyle choices</li> </ul>	Your child is sick, has a chronic issue addressed, or a new diagnosis is given the day of the scheduled well visit (ex. ear infection, sore throat, URIS, allergies, constipation, behavior problems, reflux).	Because your provider also addressed a problem, you will be charged for an office visit in addition to your well child visit. VISIT MAY INCLUDE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific tests/labs to address issue</li> <li>• Referral to a specialist</li> <li>• A prescription</li> </ul> COST: You may be charged a co pay, co-insurance or deductible by your insurance provider.

Our goal at Growing Kids Pediatrics has always been to provide convenience to our patients, however your child's appointment time is only scheduled for the time needed to complete a well visit. Because of this, your provider may ask that you return to discuss any issues or problems that arise at your child's well visit during another scheduled appointment. Your child's health is important to us and we want to give you adequate time to have these problems addressed.

Child(ren)'s Name:	DOB:

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_