



**COLUMBIA PEDIATRICS**

MEDICAL GROUP, INC.

www.columbiapediatrics.com

JILL B. GAOGHAGAN, M.D.

LORNA McFARLAND, M.D.

GIN LEE-HONG, M.D.

ERIC LAU, M.D.

EDDIE QUAN, M.D.

JANET CHOU, M.D.

MARKUS B. QUINN, M.D.

MADELAINÉ DIMAL, M.D.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for bringing your child in for a well check today. Columbia Pediatrics provides well child care (also known as preventive exams or physicals) in adherence to the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. We are providing this document to help you understand the difference between what is covered within a well check and what is not. This form is simply a way to be as transparent as possible about what services we provide during each well check. We follow evidence based medicine using Bright Futures Guidelines.

**Screening** – During well visits, we perform recommended screenings appropriate to age and seek to uncover any conditions that may lead to suboptimal health in years to come. *In our experience, some insurance plans cover these screenings and cover the costs, some recommend the screenings but push costs to the patient by way of deductible/co-insurance and some completely ignore the screening and do not cover at all. We do not know in advance what will and will not be covered.* 90% of the time these screening tools are covered.

**Insurance Coverage of Well Visits vs. Problem-Oriented Visits** – Well visits may uncover or revisit problem-oriented issues that require evaluation and management (ex. Ear infection, ADD concerns, wart treatments, lactation concerns). In compliance with insurance company billing policies, this then prompts charges for both categories. While preventive services may not require co-pay/deductible, problem-oriented services do prompt a copay/deductible/co-insurance. If you need further explanation about incurring additional fees for services provided during your visit today, please ask to speak with someone in our billing department.

**Procedures** – Certain diagnoses may require that the physician perform minimally invasive procedures to rule out infection or treat minor medical issues (ex: ear lavage to view tympanic membrane, foreskin manipulation following circumcision). These procedures will be charged outside of the office exam fee and may result in deductible and co-insurance responsibility from the member.

**Acknowledgement of Wellness Services Billing Procedures**

I acknowledge that during my child's well visit, there may be a problem-oriented service performed in addition to the well child service, at which time, my copay/deductible/co-insurance would apply.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date