

East Portland Pediatric Clinic, P.C. Physicians

Divorced or Separated Parent/Guardian Policy

Our focus is the wellbeing of your child(ren). We are unable to mediate between any personal issues concerning the child's parents or guardians.

- Please make decisions regarding treatment of your child (vaccinations, circumcision etc.) prior to the appointment. Either parent or legal guardian can schedule an appointment for their child, be present for the visit, and/or sign for release of the child's medical records. Any restrictions on parental involvement in the child's care must be clearly presented via a court issued document, a copy of which should be supplied to EPPC. Unless such a court order exists in the child's record, we cannot limit the other parent's involvement in the child's care.
- Payment (co-pays, deductibles, etc.) is due at the time of service regardless of which parent is responsible for medical expenses. We are not a party to your divorce agreement. We will collect payment due from the parent who brings the child to the visit. If the divorce decree requires the other parent to pay all or part of the treatment costs, it is the authorizing parent's responsibility to collect from the other parent.
- Either parent/legal guardians can sign for permission to treat. This means other persons (grandparents, nannies, or other parent etc.) are authorized to bring your child to our practice, and can consent for treatment during that visit.
- **Additionally, EPPC providers and staff cannot:**
 - » Initiate a call to the non-attending parent before or after a child's visit for:
 1. consent prior to treatment,
 2. to inform the other parent whenever visits are scheduled
 3. to communicate care information.
 - » Tolerate appointment scheduling/cancelling patterns of behavior between parents.
 - » Prevent another parent from making demographic account changes unless legally specified.

PLEASE NOTE: SHOULD THE ISSUES THAT COME BETWEEN PARENTS BECOME DISRUPTIVE TO OUR PRACTICE OR IMPEDE THE CARE OF CHILDREN, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DISMISS YOUR FAMILY FROM FURTHER TREATMENT FROM OUR PRACTICE.

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