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## Newborn Policy

Congratulations on the arrival of your new baby and thank you for choosing Ponderosa Pediatrics for your child's care.

Most insurance companies provide **temporary** coverage for newborns under the mother's policy for the **first 30 days of life**. However, parents are responsible for **notifying their insurance company and officially adding their newborn to their insurance plan** according to the guidelines of their insurance carrier. We strongly recommend contacting your insurance company to understand their specific requirements for adding your newborn to your policy.

Ponderosa Pediatrics allows **30 days from your baby's date of birth** for insurance coverage to be verified. If we are unable to verify active insurance coverage after 30 days using the information provided by the parents, the balance for services will become the financial responsibility of the parent or guarantor and will be due prior to the baby's **two-month well visit**.

Parents are responsible for notifying Ponderosa Pediatrics as soon as their newborn's insurance information becomes available so that claims may be processed in a timely manner. Please provide updated insurance information to our office **as soon as it is obtained and no later than the baby's one-month well visit**. Failure to provide updated insurance information may result in delays in claim processing, claim denials, or balances becoming the responsibility of the guarantor.

**Our office cannot obtain or update insurance coverage on behalf of families, so it is important that parents notify us promptly once coverage information is available.**

### Newborn Visits and Billing

Newborns often require **multiple visits during the first few weeks of life** to monitor feeding, weight gain, jaundice, and overall health. These visits may include a hospital follow-up visit, weight checks, and the first well-child examination. Each visit is **billed separately to your insurance** according to the services provided. Coverage and patient responsibility may vary depending on your insurance plan.

**Credit Card/ACH on File** is required starting at the first newborn visit for all families. Please refer to our Credit Card/ACH on File Policy.

### Circumcision Coverage

Circumcision is considered an **elective procedure** by many insurance companies and may not be covered under some insurance plans. If circumcision is not covered by insurance, the cost of the procedure will be the financial responsibility of the parent or guarantor. Families are encouraged to contact their insurance carrier in advance to verify whether circumcision is covered under their specific policy.

### Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the Ponderosa Pediatrics Newborn Policy.

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_