



SF Bay Pediatrics Policy for Divorced or Separated Parents

The providers and staff of SF Bay Pediatrics are here to take care of children. Our focus is on the medical, psychological, and emotional health of your child. To achieve these goals, it is important that we have a good relationship with both parents/legal guardians. Please consider the following:

1. Decisions regarding vaccinations, circumcision, reproductive education, etc. should be made prior to visiting our practice.
2. Either parent/legal guardian can schedule an appointment for a child, be present for the visit, and/or obtain a copy of the Visit Summary. Unless there is a Court Order in the child's record that restricts a parent's rights, we will not limit the other parent's or legal guardian's involvement in your child's care.
3. Payment (co-pays, deductibles, etc.) is due at the time of service regardless of which parent is responsible for medical coverage. We will collect payment due from the parent who brings the child to the visit. If a Court Order or Judgment requires the other parent to pay all or part of the treatment costs, it is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to collect reimbursement from the other parent.
4. Both parents/legal guardians can sign a "Consent to Treat" form. A "Consent to Treat" allows a third party, such as a grandparent or nanny, to authorize and consent for medical treatment in the event that the parent/legal guardian is not available. Both parents/legal guardians can see who is named on each other's forms. We cannot comply with requests to eliminate names on the other's form, unless instructed by the Court. Please refer these requests to your attorney.
5. We cannot call the non-present parent/legal guardian for consent prior to treatment, or inform the other parent whenever visits are scheduled.
6. It is both parents' responsibility to communicate with each other about the child's care, office dates/visits and any other pertinent information relevant to the care of the child. Please do not ask our providers to call the non-attending parent following visits.
7. Please do not cancel visits the other parent has made unless you have the other parent's express permission.
8. Should the personal issues that come between parents/legal guardians become disruptive to our practice or impede our ability to care for the child, we reserve the right to discharge the family from further treatment.