

# LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## Cotswold Pediatrics – Asthma Policy

Cotswold Pediatrics is dedicated to provide the best asthma care for your child. We cannot do it without you! Recent studies have shown that pediatric patients with asthma that are seen in an office for an asthma visit **every 6 months** have reduced asthma flare-ups, reduced ER visits, and reduced hospitalizations!

Based on this evidence and your child's risk with asthma, you are receiving the following policy.

Asthma visits will be scheduled every six months. These visits **can be included** in Well Child Visits, but may parents may be BILLED directly by their insurance company.

An asthma action plan will be printed for you and your child's school to help guide asthma care.

Medication refills can be filled through a request from your pharmacy, but refills will not be permitted if your child has not been seen **within the last six months** to discuss his or her asthma. In the event of a declined request, medications will be refilled once an appointment is made.

If patients NO SHOW for their asthma visits or are out of compliance with this asthma policy they may be asked to seek care elsewhere for their asthma as our providers cannot prescribe medication for this important disease without discussion and examination!

Asthma patients are considered HIGH RISK for contracting and being hospitalized with the flu. Flu vaccine is recommended for all patients, according to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), and can be scheduled during flu season annually.

At Cotswold Pediatrics, it is our hope that we can work together through education and medication to improve your child's asthma care and help them be healthy all year long! Thank you.

