

Dear Patient,

Welcome to Providence Pediatrics. We are honored that you have chosen us to provide healthcare for your child(ren). As a new patient, we would like to share some information about what to expect during your visit. Please feel free to contact our office at 704-667-2600 should you have any questions prior to your visit.

**New patients**: To best serve you, we will request medical records on your behalf from your previous practice. We will work with your previous practice to ensure we have records prior to your scheduled appointment. We must have your records at least 24 hours prior to your new patient appointment or we will have to reschedule until records are received.

**Consent to Treatment:** If someone other than the parent/guardian (ex. Sibling over the age of 18, babysitter/nanny, grandparent, etc.) will be bringing the child to their visit, please bring a completed "Authorization to Consent to Healthcare for a Minor" signed by the parent/guardian. You can find a copy of this form on our website. New patients will be asked to be accompanied by a legal parent/guardian for the initial visit.

**Late for Appointments**: If you arrive after your scheduled appointment time, we reserve the right to reschedule your appointment.

**Cancellations and No Shows**: We understand emergencies and illnesses are not planned and are often unavoidable. Three or more missed visits within a 12 month period may lead to dismissal from our practice.

**Payments:** We accept cash, check, and major credit cards. All co-pays are due prior to the visit at check-in and are not billable. Deductibles must be paid the day of the visit (minimum \$50), and all expenses over \$50 can be billed. We offer a 30% self-pay discount for all uninsured patients. For balances over \$50, payment plans are available at any time through our billing office at 704-512-7171. Failure to keep your account current may lead to the inability to schedule appointments until a payment plan has been arranged.

**Emergent Care:** We operate by appointment only on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Call our office at 704-667-2600 to schedule an appointment. If you feel that a need is immediate/urgent, and you cannot wait until our next available appointment time, we recommend the Atrium Health Levine Children's Urgent Care. The notes from a visit at the Atrium Health Levine Children's Urgent Care will be available to your child's pediatrician for review and follow up if needed.

What happens during a well child visit: Prior to your visit, you will receive developmental screenings to complete via DocuSign. You can easily complete these from any smart phone, computer, or tablet. Completing this paperwork helps your provider assess the growth and development of your child, allowing you to fully engage with your care team during your visit. We will also check all of your child's vital signs including height, weight, blood pressure (starting at 3 years), and a head circumference (from birth until the 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday). These will be plotted on a growth chart and reviewed with you by your provider. Your provider will discuss age appropriate expectations for growth and development, perform an assessment and physical examination of your child, and allow you an opportunity to ask questions. At the end of your time with the provider we will perform any necessary labs and immunizations agreed upon by you and your provider during your discussion.

Sincerely,

**Providence Pediatrics**