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## **Guidelines for Divorced Families**

Please understand that our goal in presenting these guidelines is to provide the highest level of care for our patients. It is imperative that we care for your child(ren) in an open atmosphere where information is shared with both parents unless a court decrees otherwise.

### **Information Sharing**

Both parents are entitled to information about their child(ren) unless a court order specifically prohibits a parent from such information. It is the responsibility of both parents to communicate with each other regarding their child's health and medical history. It is not the responsibility of our office to provide information to each parent separately because the parents do not communicate with each other. It is not the responsibility of our office to provide notice of appointments to the "other" parent. We do welcome notes or emails regarding your child(ren)'s progress if you are unable to attend a visit.

### **Information on File**

The address listed for your child(ren) should be the address at which the child resides. If parents share custody and the child resides at two different addresses, please list the address of the parent providing insurance coverage first, followed by the address of the other parent second. Please do not eliminate the "other" parent by listing a step-parent instead, as this prevents us from keeping appropriate information on file when both parents are entitled to information about their child(ren).

### **Financial Responsibilities**

The parent that brings the child to our office for the appointment is responsible for paying any copay or deductible in full at the time of service. Parents should settle the payment reimbursement details without our involvement. We do not provide duplicate statements nor are we responsible for notifying more than one parent of an account delinquency. Payment responsibility is a decision of the court and cannot be negotiated by us.