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CO-PARENTING POLICY

Prairie Pediatrics is dedicated to the care of children. ***We do not facilitate communication, act as a go-between, or resolve differences that may arise among multiple parents/guardians of patients.*** Nor are we responsible for any miscommunication between co-parents, whether or not this leads to any discontinuity of care.

We ask that you familiarize yourself and follow the following policies regarding care of patients with multiple parents/guardians:

- It is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to communicate with each other about their child's care, office visit dates and any other pertinent information relevant to the patient.
- We are unable to discuss care, nor send via email or fax any visit information with a parent/guardian who does not at a visit.
- Any visits missed without proper advance notice, regardless of reason, are subject to our no-show policy and limits.
- Any legal parent/guardian can schedule an appointment for their child and be present at their child's visit, regardless of who schedules the visit.
- Any legal parent/guardian can sign a "Consent to Treat" form that authorizes any named individual to bring your child to our practice, be present during visits and consent to any treatment during such visits. We are not responsible for and cannot get involved in any disputes regarding who is given Consent to Treat.
- Only in situations where there is a documented Court Order will a parent/guardian be denied access to the child's health records or visits at the office. If such an order exists, it must be provided to our office to include in the child's electronic medical record.
- Payments including copays, deductibles, coinsurance or any additional fees charged by your insurance are due at the time of service regardless of which parent/guardian is responsible for medical expenses.
- If a Divorce Decree or other order requires a parent/guardian other than the one attending the visit to pay for treatment, valid insurance or pre-payment will still be required at the time of visit. Any reimbursement by another party is the accompanying parent/guardian's responsibility to collect and the practice will not be involved.
- If we feel any of the above points are becoming an issue at the office and/or compromising patient care, we have the right to discharge the family from the practice.