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## DIVORCE AND CHILDREN

The intent of this policy is to clarify expectations and avoid conflict.

Phoenix Pediatrics is here to take care of the medical and psychological health of the child, not to get involved or take sides in any legal issues involving divorce, separation or custody agreements. As pediatricians, we want to be able to help the child.

Unless there is a court order in the child's record that restricts a parent's rights, the practice will not limit the other parent's involvement in the child's care. Although the practice will freely share information with both parents, **it is the parents' responsibility to communicate with each other about the child's care, dates of appointments and other relevant issues.**

Payment for services will be collected from the parent who brings the child to the appointment and the office will not try to collect payment from the other parent. Either parent may consent for treatment or immunizations unless it is formally documented otherwise.

When issues between parents become disruptive to the practice or interfere in the care of the child, this will be discussed within reason. However, the practice reserves the right to discharge the family and request they receive services elsewhere.

Children will do best if they know that their parent will still be their parents and remain involved with them even though the marriage is ending and the parents won't live together. Long custody disputes or pressure on a child to "choose" sides can be particularly harmful for the youngster and can add to the impact of the divorce. Research shows that children do better when parents can minimize conflict and cooperate on behalf of the child.

Thank you for your understanding.

The following persons are authorized to accompany the child to visits:

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Signed:

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_