

Summerwood Pediatrics Policies

ADHD, Behavioral Disorders & Asthma Patients:

We have been informed by many insurance companies that the cost of prescription medications, if used for one of the mentioned diagnoses including ADHD, Behavioral or Mental Health Disorders or Asthma, may not be covered if the child is not followed and seen by their primary care physician or a specialist at least **every 3 months**. Because we are concerned that an interruption in their medications therapy may result, we have instituted a policy that will assist parents with reminding them that an affected child will be seen on an every 3 month schedule for a follow up visit if medicated for any of the above named diagnoses. Please understand that refill requests for medications may not be honored unless your child is up to date with their appointments.

Well Child Policy

It is the belief of our practice that all children should be seen for routine well child visits according to the recommendations of the **Academy of Pediatrics**. Prior to two years of age, children are seen on a frequent basis, generally every 2 to 6 months. The specific required visits are outlined in the [Pediatric Care Schedule](#) available on the website. Following the 2 year visit, we recommend that your child be seen on an **annual basis** while your child is under our care. During the annual health assessments, we will assess your child's growth and development as well as determine if he or she requires any vaccinations or blood or other tests. Please be informed that the opportunity to insure the health and welfare of your child is our utmost concern and that we will gladly discuss any associated insurance or financial concerns if there is an issue. Also, school-based exams or sport exams performed by private facilities such as urgent care centers **Do NOT Replace** the annual exams required at our office. The documentation and provision of examinations, necessary vaccinations and laboratory tests at Summerwood Pediatrics are a requirement of our practice's recognition as a Certified Medical Home.

Vaccination Policy

Summerwood Pediatrics strongly supports the vaccine guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) with regards to the use and timely administration of disease preventing and life saving vaccinations. Although most vaccines are mandated and required by the New York State Department of Health, we support the recommendations of the AAP and the Centers for Disease Control with regards to the use of all suggested vaccines which is intended to improve the health and welfare of the children in our practice. Prior to the administration of each vaccine you should receive a Vaccine Information Sheet and will be given the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions.

No Show and Late Cancellation Policy

Each time a patient misses an appointment without providing proper notification (no shows); another patient is prevented from receiving care. If you have 3 or more no shows within a calendar year, it may result in your child's discharge from our practice. Due to high patient demand for appointments, and limited availability, any missed appointment without 24 hour advance notice is subject to a \$50 fee that is not covered by insurance.