



## Waiver

We pride ourselves on providing only the **Highest quality of care** for your child and do this by following many of the American Academy of Pediatrics clinical guidelines and other trusted sources for evidence based clinical outcome information

However, insurers rarely keep pace with guidelines, or want to cover services related to meeting these clinical recommendations. In fact, insurance company rules and policies change all the time. As prompt and appropriate treatment of your child is of primary importance to us, we ask that you sign a 'waiver' giving us permission to perform screenings, test and non-covered services as we, your trusted providers of care, deem necessary.

Following is a list of the most frequently provided services for which we request a signed waiver and that you can use to determine coverage with your insurer.

### **Vision Screen**

Snellen testing- This is a simple screening performed with the use of the Snellen eye chart to measure visual acuity on older children.

Visual Evoked Potential or VEP- This is an important test for early detection of eye and vision problems in infants and young children. Amblyopia (lazy eye) occurs when the brain does not receive proper images from the eye. If it is not diagnosed in early childhood, there may be a permanent loss of vision in the affected eye.

As we consider these to be important test for your child, and will routinely perform them at annual well visits, if your insurer does not cover the charge, we will significantly discount the amount. For Snellen the test is \$15.00 and for the VEP the price is \$20.00.

### **Otoacoustic Emission testing (or OAE)**

This is an important hearing test and can be used on newborns through adulthood. It does not require a soundproof room or the ability of the child to understand instructions or respond to sounds, which makes it a much more accurate screening tool for picking up on hearing issues.

Not only do we believe that hearing screens should be performed every year, but testing is required for most preschools, public and private schools. As we consider this to be an important test for your child, and will routinely perform it at annual well visits, if your insurer does not cover the charge, we will significantly discount the amount to \$15.00 per test.

### **Developmental testing**

Developmental screening including standard pediatric developmental screening done at well visits, Vanderbilt forms and PHQ-9 are very important in the assessment of any development delays or

potential problems. As we consider these to be important test for your child, and will routinely perform them at annual well visits. If your insurer does not cover the charge, we will significantly discount the amount to \$10.00 per test.

### **In office lab test**

Often, parents want to know as soon as possible if their child has the flu, strep, etc. We can effectively and efficiently determine that by performing in-office testing. Many insurers do not pay for in-office testing because they have contracts with external labs to provide these services. However, sending test out to external labs results in waiting days for results that we can provide to you much more quickly (in some cases within minutes or overnight). We believe that it is important to treat your child as quickly as possible, and therefore offer these services in office.

### **In office labs and fees**

RSV test \$25.00  
Rapid Flu A test \$40.00  
Rapid flu B test \$40.00  
Rapid strep test \$30.00  
Urinalysis \$25.00  
Pregnancy test \$25.00  
Mono test \$40.00