

## Waiver for Procedures/Services Provided by Starside Pediatrics

Starside Pediatrics provides several services to patients that may not be covered by insurance. These services are offered as a convenience for families, but they are not required in order for a child to receive care in the office. Insurance companies vary according to what services they cover and how much they pay for the service. Examples include vision testing and bilirubin testing. Parents always have the right to choose if and where to have the service provided. If a parent wishes to have the service performed elsewhere, the appropriate instructions and lab request or prescription will be given if needed. Parents may also elect to have the service performed in the office, but will need to pay the fee if it is not covered.

### **After Hours Calls:**

For urgent afterhours issues, Starside Pediatrics uses a nurse answering service. Registered pediatric RNs will return any calls within 30 minutes and provide our office with a record of the call. For issues that need additional advice, one of our pediatricians or call partners are always on back up call. You may page the nurse answering service any time after the office closes, on weekends or holidays. There is no charge for calling the nurse triage line; however, a charge of \$15 may be incurred if you specifically ask to speak to the on-call doctor in addition to the nurse. Patients may leave a voice message in the general office mailbox at any time if they prefer to have the office call them directly during regular business hours.

### **Vision:**

Our office offers the I Spot Vision screen to patients age 6 months and up if there is a concern for vision or as a routine screen at the 12 month and 4 year visit. This is an automated vision screen which is rapid and a highly reliable method of detecting most common treatable sight threatening conditions in children such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal power & astigmatism, lazy eye, strabismus and cataract. Unfortunately, insurance does not fully cover the cost of automated vision screening so if selected, the screen will be done at a charge of \$25 cash pay. It will not be billed to insurance so no other fees or deductible will apply. If your child is old enough to cooperate and you prefer the routine eye chart screen, this may be done for no charge at the time of the visit.

### **ADD Prescription or refills:**

Prescriptions for ADD medications are considered non-routine prescriptions. They are typically sent electronically. However, if a paper prescription is required for any reason, then they must be picked up in person, and must be filled within 21 days of the date on the prescription according to law. Because of their non-routine nature, please allow at least 24-48 hours to be sent. If a paper prescription is required there will be a \$5.00 charge.

**By signing below, you agree to take full financial responsibility for the cost of the indicated medical service or procedure as outlined above.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_