

NEWBORN INFORMATION SHEET

We are glad that you have chosen us to provide your newborn with pediatric health care. The following information should be helpful for you to know in order for you and All for Kids to provide the best care possible for your child.

As pediatricians we believe in the importance of regular and timely checkups for your child. It is also very important for your child to receive their vaccinations as recommended by CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

After your child is born, it is important that you begin the process of applying for your child's own insurance.

- If you are applying for private healthcare insurance through your employer, contact your Human Resources quickly if you have not done so already. Many policies limit the time that you have to enroll a newborn and once it is passed, you are unable to enroll your baby until the next annual enrollment at your employment. There is also a misconception that you need to have your baby's social security number before they can enroll in an insurance plan. This is not true. Many insurance companies will accept another proof of birth instead of waiting on the social security card. Please check with your Human Resources.
- If you have a private insurance that you have purchased directly, you will need to contact your insurance agent quickly. The same guidelines that apply in the above setting of insurance through an employer most often also apply in a private insurance that you purchase directly.
- If you will be applying for Medicaid and have not already done so in the hospital, it is important to complete the application and return to the state quickly. They sometimes take longer than private insurances to enroll a child.

Due to the time that it normally takes to enroll a baby, All for Kids does agree to see your child during the first two months without insurance and you are considered Self-pay patients. This means that you sign financial responsibility for those visits and are responsible for any payment that an insurance company does not pay once your child is on the insurance plan you have chosen. During these two months, we typically give you the opportunity to get your insurance established before we expect you to pay the bills for the services you have received at All for Kids Pediatric Clinic.

At your two month checkup, if you do not have proof of insurance for your child, we will be unable to do the checkup or the vaccines without payment on the day of the visit. By this point, you should have your child enrolled in insurance. We will be glad to set up a payment plan if needed to help you with your previous visits and services we have provided to your baby.

We hope this will help you in your application for your newborn's insurance and if we can help or if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our patient account department at 501-224-5437.