

# Pediatrics West<sup>PC</sup>

## WELL EXAMS / ANNUAL PHYSICALS

Pediatrics West recommends that each patient receive annual well child examinations. We recognize that coverage for these exams vary by insurance and may not be covered in full. The practice is willing to discuss payment plans for any hardships this creates as it is our strong recommendation that children be assessed yearly.

Many insurances are no longer requiring copayments for well exams; therefore you will not need to pay a copayment at the time of service, unless your card specifically states a copay for routine services. You may receive a bill after your visit for the co-payment should your insurance provider determine that one is due.

During Well Exams, Pediatrics West may perform vision, hearing, developmental, and other healthcare initiative screenings as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. When performed, these screenings are automatically coded in the EMR (electronic medical record) and charged to your insurance in addition to the well child exam. Pediatrics West reserves the right to balance bill for the above named tests if your insurance does not cover them.

Any issues, concerns, or illnesses discussed that are outside of normal growth and development are automatically billed through the EMR as a separate office visit charge. This may incur a co-payment/deductible requirement with your insurance company. Some examples of issues that are outside of preventative care are the evaluation and management of ongoing medical issues, investigating and diagnosing new symptoms, and follow-up tests after abnormal findings. Care related to existing health problems and/or new issues is considered "evaluation and management" and not preventive care.