



Well Child Exam Insurance and Billing

Many patients have questions regarding the billing process for Well Child Exams (also known as preventative visits). Here's some information that may be helpful.

Healthy children need periodic examinations to assess growth and development. Good preventive care involves necessary screenings to identify and address potential concerns as soon as possible. As a result, well child visits may result in multiple charges. Below are a few examples of services commonly done during a well child visit:

- Physical Examination
- Development Screening
- Hearing Testing
- Vision Testing
- Immunizations
- Cholesterol Level
- Urinalysis
- Blood Count

The services performed will vary depending on the child's age and other factors.

If your child is receiving any of these services from another healthcare provider (such as already having had an eye exam at the eye doctor), let us know at the beginning of your visit. Occasionally, an insurance plan will not pay for some of these services.

Why does my child need these services?

The physicians of Central Pediatrics carefully choose which services are necessary for each child. Patients always have the right to decline a service, but we encourage them to discuss a decision like this with their pediatrician before doing so.

Addressing non-preventative care concerns during a well child visit.

Sometimes during a Well Child visit, we may address an illness or problem such as abdominal pain or headaches. Also, sometimes we manage a previously diagnosed health problem like asthma or ADHD. These problems are not a routine part of preventative care. When this happens, we report these illnesses or problems to your insurance company and may bill an additional charge. Depending on your insurance plan, you may be responsible for a balance (co-pay or deductible).

How will I know what my plan covers?

It's very important that each patient contact their insurance company to become familiar with their insurance coverage. There are numerous different insurance plans, which make it impossible for Central Pediatrics to know each patient's unique coverage specifications. Ultimately, the patient is responsible for knowing how their insurance coverage will impact their bill.

Laboratory Services

There may be times when the doctor orders laboratory tests that we do not perform in our laboratory. In those cases, the specimen will be sent to the HealthEast Medical Laboratory and you will receive a separate bill from them.

X-ray Services

X-rays taken in our office are sent to Children's Hospital Radiology to be read by a Radiologist. You will receive a separate bill from Children's Hospital Radiology for these services.

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