

** NO SHOW POLICY **

The relationship between doctor and patient is an equal commitment. There are rights and responsibilities on both sides. When you make an appointment for your child/children to see one of our pediatricians, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant, that time is set aside just for your child. We attempt to confirm appointments 2 days in advance but ultimately you are responsible to mark your calendar to assure you are available to keep the appointment. If your child/children miss their appointment it creates some problems:

- 1. Lost time that could have been used by another patient;
- 2. It demonstrates a lack of courtesy and respect for our practitioners, staff and other patients.

We do understand there could be a circumstance when you are unable to arrive for your child's/children's appointment. However, if this becomes a pattern for your family's appointments, there will unfortunately be consequences.

If your child/children has/have missed an appointment in our office, we ask you to be sure to keep future appointments or cancel them with a 24 hour advanced notice to avoid being considered a "no show". Last minute cancellations still result in lost appointment times. For your convenience, our cancellation hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. That number is 302-918-6411.

If your child/children misses/miss an appointment for the first time, we may waive this charge <u>one time per family</u>. You must contact our office to request the waiver and upon approval will be noted in the family's account.

If your child/children misses/miss another appointment, there will be a \$50.00 fee per child for the lost visit.

If your family misses 3 appointments within 12 months, you will be billed for the missed appointments and your family will go under review for discharge from our practice.