

# PEDIATRIC PARTNERS



**Bel Air ~ Ellicott City ~ Towson ~ Westminster**

## **Parents and Caregivers:**

Please be advised that a well-baby checkup or an annual physical is considered a preventive/ well visit. This physical exam will address preventative health, child development, screenings and anticipatory guidance only, and is not meant to diagnose or treat problems aside from questions that can be addressed quickly and fall within the scope of a regular checkup.

If you would like your health care provider to go beyond the scope of what is covered as part of a well-child visit and treat other health issues at this visit that are new or a chronic medical issue, rather than having you return for a separate follow-up or sick visit, you may incur additional charges for those services (including copays, deductible or co-insurance) as determined by your insurance company.

Please note our billing practices have not changed, what has changed for many of you are the contracts you have signed with your insurer. As insurance coverage has evolved and an increasing number of patients are opting for or being directed to less expensive insurance plans, many patients now have high deductibles, larger co-pays, or limitations on covered services. It is not our decision to charge you a co-pay or deductible, as we have no control over the specifics of your contract.

**Thank you for your understanding.**