



## **Welcome to Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services!**

**We are so honored that you have chosen Pediatrics Plus to provide therapy services for your child. We are committed to serving you and your child to the best of our ability. Below are some commonly asked questions that will help you understand the therapy process. We understand that this process is new to most families; therefore, we are always available to answer your questions and assist you in any way. Please take this letter home and keep it for future reference.**

### **My child was recommended to have a therapy evaluation. Now what?**

- Contact Pediatrics Plus and tell us that you need to make a referral for your child to receive therapy. We will take in all pertinent information for your child and then contact your pediatrician's office for a prescription for the evaluation. We will verify your funding source for eligibility and coverage of therapy evaluations. If you have TEFRA, AR Medicaid, SSI or AR Kids A, therapy evaluations are covered. If your funding is through AR Kids B, insurance, or Early Intervention, a representative from the Pediatrics Plus team will contact you to explain your benefits and provide additional funding options for you if needed. When we have received the prescription and approved funding, the referral manager or a therapist will then contact you to schedule the evaluation.
- If you need to cancel your child's evaluation appointment for any reason, please contact Pediatrics Plus as soon as possible. Following two cancellations of evaluations, it will be up to the discretion of the therapy director as to whether a subsequent evaluation will be scheduled by Pediatrics Plus.

### **Why do you contact my insurance company to verify benefits?**

- Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services is committed to providing the best care for all families, and this includes being sure that your family is not put under financial stress due to receiving therapy for your child. We want all families to be aware of any out-of-pocket costs that may occur before services are rendered. We will do everything possible to provide additional funding options for you if your insurance company does not cover the therapy that your child needs. Due to this, it may take a little longer to get your child's therapy started.

### **My child qualifies for therapy. Now what?**

- After your therapist performs the evaluation, they have one week to turn the report into our administration office. If your child qualifies for therapy, we will send a copy of the report to you in the mail, as well as to your pediatrician for a prescription for treatment. If you have TEFRA, AR Medicaid, SSI or AR Kids A, recommended therapy sessions are covered. If your child has insurance or Early Intervention, we will then go through the steps to ensure proper funding for therapy services. This may mean several phone calls between you and our office; please remember that the prompt return of calls will ensure that your child's services are started as soon as possible. After we have approved funding and received a new prescription for treatment, a therapist will contact you to set up the therapy sessions. Please note that the therapist who performed your child's evaluation may or may not be the same therapist that will provide treatment.

### **My child qualified for therapy, and it has not started yet. What do I do?**

- Sometimes it can take up to 3-4 weeks after your child has been evaluated for therapy sessions to begin. We could be waiting on a prescription for therapy from your child's pediatrician or we could be waiting on a decision from you regarding your funding options. The best way to keep this process moving is to stay in contact with our office. We are always happy to address any concerns or answer any questions that you may have.

### **How often will my child receive therapy?**

- The amount of therapy that your child will receive is based on your child's specific needs that are determined by the evaluating therapist. The therapist will include recommendations for therapy in your child's report; this report will also include specific goals that your child will be working towards during therapy sessions.

### **My child did not qualify for therapy but was recommended to be re-evaluated. What do I do?**

- If a child does not qualify for therapy services at the time of the initial evaluation, the therapist may recommend the child return in 3-9 months to be re-evaluated. If your child receives these recommendations and your pediatrician is in agreement, we will contact you at the recommended re-evaluation date to see if you feel that the re-evaluation is necessary. In order for us to perform the re-evaluation, we will have to request a new prescription from your pediatrician's office. However, if at any time you feel that your child needs to be re-evaluated, please contact our office and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus.



# Pediatrics Plus Patient Information

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle: Male Female  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_  
Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by/How did you hear about us?: \_\_\_\_\_

#1 Parent/Legal Guardian (same household): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check here if custodial parent: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check here if custodial parent: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is child currently in or have they previously been in foster care placement? **Yes No**

**\*\*Emergency Contact – not living in same household**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Funding Information**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID or Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Funding Information (if applicable)**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID or Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient's Birth History (please be as thorough as possible)**

Child was born at \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. Birth weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ ozs.

Was delivery via c-section? Yes No If yes, please list reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any medical problems during pregnancy and/or birth for the mom: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any medical problems during pregnancy and/or birth for the child: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Health at birth (NICU, oxygen, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**General Medical History (since birth)**

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Serious Accidents (please list with dates): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Childhood or other illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies (food, medications, other):

Allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your child **currently receive** any of the following therapies? (please list **start date** of each)

OT \_\_\_\_\_ PT \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where does your child receive services: \_\_\_\_\_

**Has your child:**

Had his/her hearing tested? **Yes No** Date of Screening: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: **Pass Fail**

Had his/her vision tested? **Yes No** Date of Screening: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: **Pass Fail**

Had history of ear infections? **Yes No** Tubes in ears? **Yes No** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Had any feeding, nutritional or dietary problems? **Yes No**

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is your child on a special diet? **Yes No**

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Been diagnosed with any of the following:

Autism: **Yes No** ADHD: **Yes No** Pervasive Developmental Disorder: **Yes No**

Other – please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child require any special equipment (wheelchairs, standers, IV poles, etc.): **Yes No**

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your child's immunizations up to date? **Yes No**

If no, does your child have an immunization waiver? **Yes No**

If yes, is the waiver for all, some, or one particular vaccine: **All Some One**

If some or one, please list which vaccines the waiver is for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical/Nursing Services:**

*Please circle any medically necessary services that your child could potentially receive during a therapy session and/or our preschool program:*

Tube feeding

Medications

Catheterizations

Oxygen

IV Line(s)

Blood Sugar Monitoring

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For any circled item, please explain (frequency, amount, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**General Developmental and Social History:**

*Please list the age at which your child has met the following developmental milestones, if applicable:*

Babble (use of consonants): \_\_\_\_\_

Single word use: \_\_\_\_\_

Sit w/o support: \_\_\_\_\_

Walk: \_\_\_\_\_

Crawl: \_\_\_\_\_

Finger Feed: \_\_\_\_\_

Pull to Stand: \_\_\_\_\_

Potty Trained: \_\_\_\_\_

Can your child follow simple, age-appropriate instructions? **Yes No**

Does your child attend: **School Childcare Both**

If so, please list name of school and/or childcare: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child is in school, what type of classroom is he/she in? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child nap on a regular basis? **Yes No**

Does your child have night-time sleeping issues? **Yes No**

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Medical History**

Has anyone in the child’s family ever had any of the following? (please mark which family member in the corresponding box)

	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Sibling</b>	<b>Grand-mother</b> (indicate M for maternal and P for paternal)	<b>Grand-father</b> (indicate M for maternal and P for paternal)	<b>Extended Family</b> (aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.)
Attention/ADHD Problems						
Speech Problems						
Motor/Vocal Tics						
Depression						
Anxiety						
Bipolar						
Schizophrenia						
Learning Disability						
Sickle Cell Disease						
Seizure Disorder						
Alcoholism						
Drug Abuse						
High Blood Pressure						
Lung Problems/Asthma						
Heart Problems						
Behavior Problems (please specify):						
Other (please specify):						

Does anyone in child's household smoke cigarettes?    **Yes**    **No**

**Please list others living in the same household:**

Name:

Relationship to patient:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**What are your primary concerns about your child?**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*I, the undersigned, certify that I have provided accurate information and answered all questions on this form truthfully to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Pediatrics Plus to release any information including the diagnosis and the records of any treatment and examination rendered to my child to custodial parents and/or legal guardians, third party payers, health practitioners, my attorney(s), and/or any other person or institution to whom I have given a separate Release for Medical Information, as necessary. I authorize and request my insurance company to pay directly to Pediatrics Plus benefits otherwise payable to me.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name



## **Pediatrics Plus Financial Policy**

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services. We are committed to providing the best services possible to your family. Once you have provided your personal financial information, our administrative and billing team will work very hard to make sure your paperwork is filed accurately and promptly.

In order to provide you with the highest quality service while keeping costs manageable, we simply maintain your credit, debit or check card number on file to satisfy all co-pays, deductibles and balances not covered by your insurance if your child receives treatment services. An authorization form will be provided to you if it is determined that your child qualifies for treatment.

**WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS (WITH THE EXCLUSION OF AMERICAN EXPRESS).**

For evaluation fees, our office accepts cash, checks, debit and credit cards.

### **INSURANCE & INSURANCE COLLECTION**

Please understand that insurance reimbursement can be a long and difficult process for our office. In fact, insurers will routinely stall, deny, reduce and even recoup payments. To that end, our billing staff has undergone extensive training to maximize your insurance reimbursement, while reducing the time by which they pay. **By signing this form, you indicate that you have read and understand the terms which provide information on your current plan and other types of plans should your insurance change.** Thank you.

#### **Non-contracted or Indemnity Plans:**

We may bill your insurance as a courtesy. Our office, as a convenience and a service to you, will absorb all costs incurred for billing. In the event that your insurance does not reimburse us within 60 days, or sends notice the charges are not payable, we can simply transfer the balance of your account to your credit, debit or check card on file. Otherwise, payment in full will be expected within 30 days of the notice from the insurance company.

#### **Plans for which we are Participating Providers:**

**HMO PLANS.** All co-pays must be satisfied each and every visit. There can be no exceptions due to contracting and uniform compliance rules.

**PPO PLANS.** We have agreed to accept the discounted rate from your insurance plan, however all co-insurance, co-pays, deductibles and non-covered or non-payable portions are your responsibility. We will estimate balances to the best of our ability for pre-payment and after your insurance has cleared, any unpaid balance may be applied to your credit, debit or check card on file.

**Self-Insured Plans:**

If we are not contracted with the insurance administrator of your employer or your HMO, we may bill your plan as a courtesy. In the event the plan does not reimburse us within 60 days, we may simply transfer the balance of your account to your credit, debit or check card on file. Otherwise, payment in full will be expected within 30 days of the notice.

**Medicaid:**

As a participating provider, we may bill your Medicaid plan. We will need to be notified immediately if Medicaid coverage changes in any way – for example, ARKids B only pays for Speech Therapy and includes a \$10 co-pay per visit that is your responsibility. All co-pays must be satisfied each and every visit due to contracting and uniform compliance rules. If Medicaid coverage changes or becomes inactive, all charges for services rendered during that time period are your responsibility. If you have applied for Medicaid/TEFRA but your application is still pending, please be aware that there is no guarantee of approval. All charges for services rendered during the pending process are your responsibility. We can bill these expenses to your credit, debit or check card on file. Otherwise, payment in full will be expected within 30 days of the notice.

**Secondary Insurances:**

Having more than one insurer DOES NOT necessarily mean that your services are covered at 100%. Secondary insurers will pay as a function of what your primary carrier pays. We may bill your secondary carrier as a courtesy. You are responsible for any balances after your insurances have cleared. We can bill the balance to your credit, debit or check card on file. Otherwise, payment in full will be expected within 30 days of the notice.

**Usual & Customary Rates:**

Our practice is committed to providing the best treatment for our patients, and we charge what is usual and customary for our area. You are responsible for payment regardless of the insurance company's arbitrary determination of usual and customary rates.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

I understand that even though I may have some type of insurance coverage, I am fully responsible for payment of services rendered. If I have a deductible, I will be responsible for paying at the time of service if my deductible has not been met.

If the balance on my account is greater than 90 days, the account may be turned over for collection unless arrangements are made with the billing department in advance. If my account is turned over for collection, I understand that services will be terminated.

Thank you for understanding our Financial Policy. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus.



# **Pediatrics Plus Financial Policy**

## **Signature Page**

**I have read, understand and accept the Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services Financial Policy. I assign my insurance benefits to Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services. I understand this form is valid for the duration of my child's treatment unless I cancel the authorization through written notice to Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services.**

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Signature of Parent or Responsible Party

Date

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Patient Name

Date of Birth





## Patient Liability Statement

We **will not** initiate therapeutic services until signed authorization is provided.

I understand that I am personally responsible for charges incurred for services rendered by the office of Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services if any of the following apply:

1. My health plan does not cover 100% of the services rendered for any reason.
2. I do not provide Pediatrics Plus Therapy with the correct insurance information.
3. I have chosen not to use my medical coverage at the time services are rendered.
4. I have a medical plan with a carrier that would be considered by this office to be “out of network”.
5. My benefit parameters limit or exclude coverage for therapy services.
6. My coverage changes during the course of therapy.
7. I exceed my benefit limitations.

I understand that claims not paid after 60 days by in-network providers automatically become the responsibility of the guarantor/subscriber.

I understand that if I must appeal my insurance company’s decision regarding coverage, I will pay for services (past and present) until the appeal process is complete.

I understand that outstanding balances that are not paid within 60 days will be charged to the credit card I have on file with Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services.

**I have read and understand the Patient Liability Statement summarizing policy and procedures set forth by Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services. By signing below, I hereby agree to the terms and conditions and authorize Pediatrics Plus to provide services to my child.**

Print Patient’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Policies and Procedures**

### **Sign-In Policy**

In order for us to be efficient and have quality treatment sessions with your child, we ask that you sign them in with the receptionist at the front desk and leave a phone number where you can be reached if needed. Please wait with your child in the lobby until the therapist comes for him/her. This will avoid the possibility of children waiting alone without the therapist knowing they are here. Also, when your child's treatment session is over, we ask that you sign them out; this will avoid the possibility of having your child released without proper supervision.

### **Waiting Room Policy**

In order to keep a clean and sanitary environment, we ask that no food or drinks be brought into the waiting area (with the exception of bottles). We understand that it is necessary for many of you to bring siblings with you to therapy, and we have no problem with this. However, we ask that you keep them with you in the waiting area during your child's therapy session. This lessens the possibility of a child having an accident or getting lost in the therapy area. Siblings are welcome to watch TV or play in the waiting room while you wait on your child to get out of treatment. We do ask that, if watching TV, the shows be appropriate for all ages. We also ask that any siblings/children in the waiting area be under constant supervision from parents/guardians.

### **Facility Policy**

Due to safety concerns and to provide the most optimal environment for therapy, only children receiving therapy will be allowed past the door from the waiting room into therapy areas. Children receiving therapy will be accompanied by an adult therapist at all times. We want our parents to always be involved in their child's therapy but do encourage you to speak with individual therapists concerning the child's performance and level of distraction with observation.

### **Evaluation Cancellation Policy**

In the event that you need to cancel your child's evaluation appointment for any reason, please contact Pediatrics Plus as soon as possible. Following two cancellations of evaluations, it will be up to the discretion of the therapy director as to whether a subsequent evaluation will be scheduled by Pediatrics Plus.

### **No-Show Policy/ Cancellation Policy**

We understand that there will be times when circumstance arise that will require your child to miss therapy. We ask that you please notify us as soon as you know if/when your child will have to miss. You can contact your therapist directly if you have her number; or you can call the front desk at 501.329.5459, and the message will be relayed to the therapist.

The "No-Show" Policy is as follows:

- If your child misses 3 consecutive therapy sessions without any prior notification, we will discharge him/her from the therapist's caseload. If your child misses 4 random therapy sessions without prior notification throughout the course of one month, we will discharge

him/her from the therapist's caseload. We also reserve the right to discontinue therapy because of too many cancellations. This will be at the therapists' discretion.

- Before your child is discharged, we will follow the following steps:
  1. A warning letter will be sent after 2 sessions have been missed with no prior notification or after 4 sessions have been missed with notification.
  2. If sessions are still being missed, the therapist will contact you to discuss the importance of treatment for your child and to make you aware of upcoming session times.
  3. A letter of discontinuation will be sent if child is still missing all or most of his/her therapy sessions, and the therapist will discharge the child from her caseload.We hope you understand that we strive to provide a quality convenient service to all of our patients and their parents. Thank you for your assistance in helping us do this.

### **Late Drop-off Policy**

If you are running late, the therapist will wait 15 minutes after the scheduled therapy session start time for your child. After that, it will be at the therapist's discretion whether or not to treat your child that day. Individuals who are consistently late for appointments may be discontinued from a therapist's caseload following warning from administration.

### **Late Pick-up Policy**

If you drop your child off for treatment, you must be back to pick them up on time. If you are not back to pick your child up when his/her treatment session is over, you will be charged \$1 per minute for every minute past the end of the child's therapy session. Our therapists have patients scheduled all day long, and it is important for them to treat each patient at their scheduled time. If you plan on leaving the clinic while your child is in treatment, please check with the therapist to confirm the correct pick up time. If there is an emergency, please notify us, and we will be able to keep your child until you can get to the clinic to pick him/her up.

### **Sick Policy**

If your child has had viral symptoms (fever, diarrhea, vomiting, etc...) within 24 hours prior to his/her scheduled treatment time, please call and cancel the appointment. This helps to maintain a healthy environment in the clinic for the staff and other patients.

### **Restroom Policy**

We have a restroom in our waiting area for you or your children if needed.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

In the case of severe inclement weather, Pediatrics Plus may open later than usual or close. You can watch the local television stations and/or call the main line, 501.329.5459, and listen to the automated message. It will notify you of closings or late openings. If the Little Rock public school district is closed, Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services will have an automatic 9:00 opening unless otherwise noted on the automated message and television stations.

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus.



## **Parent Policy and Procedure Packet**

### Signature Page

I, the undersigned, have read the parent policy and procedure packet and agree to adhere to the included information to ensure the best experience for the children of Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services.

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Patient's Name

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Parent Signature

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Date



Dear Parents,

Pediatrics Plus is a teaching institution. We are currently affiliated with and have established student placement agreements with several in and out of state university therapy programs. Throughout the year, we will have students coming to our facility who are interested in pediatrics. Several therapists in various disciplines have agreed to be clinical instructors of these students. If your child's therapist will be an instructor, she will notify you at that time. Each session will be supervised by your child's regular therapist. The student may also need access to your child's file to learn more about him/her and plan the most appropriate treatment.

Being a clinical site is beneficial to everyone involved. The children always love having student participants in the sessions. The staff is also able to keep current on the latest techniques and knowledge of various disciplines. The students also provide new ideas for your child's treatment program, which makes therapy more enjoyable for your child.

By signing this agreement, you give permission for your child to be seen or observed by a physical, occupational, or speech therapy intern under the supervision of your child's regular therapist, as well as give permission for the student to have access to your child's file.

If you have any questions regarding this arrangement, please contact Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services, Inc. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

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Patient's Name

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Parent's Signature

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Date

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus.

## Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU/YOUR CHILD MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

**Purpose:** This notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may use and disclose you/your child's Protected Health Information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare operations and for other purposes permitted or required by law. "Protected Health Information" is information that may identify you/your child and that relates to your past, present, or future health, and may include you/your child's name, address, phone numbers and other identifying information.

We are required to give you this notice and to maintain the privacy of you/your child's PHI because of the privacy regulations of the federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Pediatrics Plus will obey the rules of this notice as long as it is in effect, and if we make any changes, the rules of the new notice will also apply to all the PHI we keep. If we change this notice, we will post the new notice in our office. Because this law and the laws of this state are very complicated, we have simplified some parts. If you have any questions or want to know more about anything in this notice, please ask our Privacy Officer to contact you.

We understand that medical information about your health is personal and confidential, and we are committed to protecting the confidentiality of your medical information. We create a record of the care and services you receive at Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services. We need this record to provide services to you and comply with certain legal requirements. This notice will tell you about the ways we may use and disclose your health information. We also describe your rights and certain obligations we have to use and disclose your health information.

If you believe your Privacy Rights have been violated, you may complain to us or to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

If you have questions or need more information, contact our Privacy Officer at 501.329.5459.

**Who Will Follow This Notice:** This notice describes the practices of Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services' healthcare professionals, employees, volunteers and others who work at Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services.

**Acknowledgement:** You will be asked to sign an Acknowledgement of receipt of this notice. The delivery of your healthcare services will in no way be conditioned upon the signing of this acknowledgement.

**Your Privacy Rights:** You have the following rights related to your Protected Health Information, and you may:

- Obtain a current paper copy of this notice. If we change this notice, we will post it in the waiting area of our clinic.
- Request to inspect or obtain a copy of your records. Your request to obtain a copy of your medical records must be in writing. You may be charged a fee for the cost of copying, mailing, or other supplies. We are allowed to deny this request under certain circumstances. For example, under federal and state law, you may be denied access to inspect or copy Pediatrics Plus Therapy notes.
- Obtain a record of certain disclosures of your Protected Health Information.

We will obtain your written permission for uses and disclosures of your Protected Health Information that are not covered by the notice or permitted by law. Except to the extent that the use or disclosure has already occurred, you may cancel this permission. This request to cancel must also be in writing.

**Our Responsibilities:** We are required to protect the privacy of your PHI, abide by the terms of the notice, make the notice available to you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction or an alternative means of communicating.



### **Examples of Uses and Disclosures:**

We will use your PHI for treatment. We use your medical information to provide you with treatment of services. These might include evaluation and testing, therapy progress notes, and treatment planning.

We may share or disclose your PHI to others who provide treatment to you, such as your personal physician. We may also consult with other professionals or consultants.

We will use your PHI for payment. Under some circumstances, we may provide information about your diagnosis, treatments, progress, and duration of treatment plan to an insurance company or other third party payer.

We will use your PHI for regular healthcare operations. The providers may use your PHI to check on the care you received, how your child responded to it, and for other business purposes related to the operating of the clinic.

Business Associates: We may share some of you PHI with outside people or companies who provide services for us, such as record keeping.

As required by law: we must disclose your PHI when required by federal, state, or local law, including law enforcement for public health, abuse and/or neglect, and other legal proceedings.

Required uses and disclosures: We must make disclosure when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations.

To avoid harm: We may use and disclose information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety and/or the health or safety of the public or another person.

As noted, if you have any questions regarding this notice or our health information privacy policies, please contact the Privacy Officer at 501.329.5459.

Effective Date of This Notice: October 1, 2003

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus.



## Notice of Privacy Practices

### Signature Page

I, the undersigned, have read and agree to the above privacy practices for Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services, Inc.

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Patient's Name

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Parent Signature

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Date

## **DDS Children's Services: Birth To 3**

Pediatrics Plus would like to provide you with information on a program that may be beneficial to the development and success of your child. If your child is 0-3 years of age, he/she could benefit from the services of the First Connection Infant and Toddler Program if eligible. This program is "a statewide system of services to assist infants and toddlers and their families." This program "works with families on an individualized basis to assist in locating and coordinating services and assistance to enhance not only the child's abilities but those of the family to assist their child." DDS Children's Services also has programs and assistance available for qualifying individuals aged 3-21. This is funded in part by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Services provided by this program may include the following: assistive technology, health services, medical diagnostic services, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, service coordination, social work services, nutritional services, transportation, vision services, multi-disciplinary evaluation, psychological services, nursing services, audiological services, respite, and family training. These services are free to eligible infants and toddlers, voluntary on the part of the family, and provided by professionals who meet state licensing requirements.

If you would like additional information on this program, please contact Tammy Dawson. She can assist you in obtaining more information on how to benefit from the services of those programs. Contact information is listed below:

Tammy Dawson:

Office: 479-754-3508 extension 116

Cell: 479-979-8473

Fax: 479-754-6168

Toll-free: 800-643-8258

\*Additional information can also be located at [www.arkansas.gov/dhhs/ddds/](http://www.arkansas.gov/dhhs/ddds/)

Thank you.

Thank you for choosing Pediatrics Plus.



## **DDS Children's Services: Birth to 3**

### **Opt Out Form**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As of today, \_\_\_\_\_, I am choosing for my child to opt out of the First Connections Early Intervention program in the state of Arkansas. I understand that this program is completely voluntary and that if I choose to participate in the future, I can contact a state service coordinator through the Early Intervention First Connections program.

Service Coordinator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Given to State Service Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

## Photo/Video Release Form

Child's Name:

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I, the undersigned, hereby assign all rights to photographs or videos taken of me or my child to Pediatrics Plus. I understand the photos/videos may or may not be used for advertising and publicity purposes or any other uses Pediatrics Plus intends, which may include, but are not limited to, educational/training purposes, billboards, print and broadcast advertisements, catalog and schedule covers or fillers, promotional items, informational brochures for doctor's offices, multi-media advertising, and/or social networking. I understand that I will not be compensated for use of the photos/videos or time spent while taking the photos/videos. I also acknowledge that there will be no notice given to me as to when or for what purposes Pediatrics Plus may choose to use the photos/videos.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree and allow the use of photos/videos as stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I disagree and do not allow the use of photos/videos.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name