# ABOUT OUR OFFICE

### APPOINTMENT TIMES

Our office makes every attempt to make scheduling your child's appointment as easy as possible. We have implemented a few guidelines in order to accommodate the majority of our patients.

### Cleaning Appointments:

All children 6 years old and under will always be seen in the morning. This includes all children in kindergarten and preschool. This will allows us to see older patients in the afternoon time when it is more important not to miss school.

### Filling Appointments:

Generally, children 8 years old and younger will be seen in the morning for filling appointments. The purpose for this is, children of this age tend to be too tired for late day appointments and do not handle the treatment as well. Also the office tends to be a bit slower in the morning which allows extra time for children that might be fearful.

#### Promptness:

Please schedule times that you are able keep. Many of our parents schedule after school appointments in which they wait for their child to get home from the bus or do not factor after school traffic. This often results in our patients arriving 10 to 15 minutes late. The result is our schedule not running as assigned which is unfair to patients who arrive on time. Please take the appropriate measures to see that your child arrives on time to their visit. As a general rule patients that arrive more than 10 minutes late may not be seen.

### **DENTAL X-RAYS**

We follow the guidelines established by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry for all treatment. We do not take dental x-rays every year just for the sake of it. Each child is treated as an individual, if your child has a dental decay history we tend to take them every year. If your child has no dental decay than we tend to take x-rays every 18 months to 24 months.

If you are present with your child we will always ask before we take dental x-rays. If you are not present with your child (a grand parent, family member or older sibling brings your child) we will update your child's x-rays if they are deemed necessary.

## PAYMENT AND INSURANCE

Payment is expected at the time of treatment. Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card. If you are covered by a insurance plan any portion not covered by your insurance is expected at the time of treatment including deductibles and/or patient portions. Any account balance 60 days old will be subject to a finance charge of 1.5 % per month (18% per year) on the unpaid balance.

Pediatric Dental Associates is not responsible for the determination of benefits provided by your insurance company. Currently we estimate that we accept approximately one thousand insurance plans. Our office will make every effort to help you with your benefits. If your insurance carrier does not allow for the payment of a particular treatment than you will be responsible for the payment. If your company only recognizes a percentage of our fee you will be responsible for the difference.

## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Our office follows all HIPAA regulations concerning the confidentiality of patient records and information. I have received a copy of this office's Notice of Privacy Practices, and give consent for the use and disclosure of health information to carry out treatment, payment activities and healthcare operations.

I the under signed have read and understand the policies and practices of Pediatric Dental Associates

Your signature	Date	

# **PEDIATRIC DENTAL ASSOCIATES**

# **General Parent Information**

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1	NAME		
( ) Father	SSN	DOB	
( ) Mother			
( ) Other		STATE	
	Home Phone:	CELL:	
	Occupation:		
	Employer:		
	Business Address:		
	Business Phone:		
PARENT/GUARDIAN 2	NAME		
( ) Father	SSN	DOB	
( ) Mother			
( ) Other	CITY	STATE	ZIP
. ,	Home Phone:	CELL:	
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	Business Address:		
	Business Phone:		
DENTAL INSURANCE	INFORMATION		
Primary Insurance			
Employer		Employee	,
Secondary Insurance			
Group Number		Subscriber Number	
MEDICAL INSURANCE INFO	DRMATION		
Insurance Company			
Employer		Employee	
Group Number		Subscriber Number	
IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH SIGNATURE ON FILE. I HAVE I	MOST INSURANCE COMPANIES, N	TMENT PLAN. I AUTHORIZE R	ELEASE OF ANY INFORMATION
RELATING TO THIS CLAIM AN	ID HEREBY AUTHORIZE PAYMENT	DIRECTLY TO PEDIATRIC DEN	TAL ASSOCIATES.

## **Pediatric Dental Associates Health Form**

Child's Name:		Nickname:		Gender: □ M □ F □ Nonbinary
Age: Birth Date:	Pronouns:	Hobbies/Inter	ests/Pets:	
Mailing Address:		City:		State: Zip:
Home Telephone:	Cell Phone:		Email:	
Whom may we thank for refer	ring you?			
Child's Physician/Pediatrician				Phone:
Address:		Child's Previou	ıs Dentist:	Phone:
Do you have any concerns ab	out your child's teeth?			
		Medical History		
Were there any difficulties dur If yes, describe	ing the pregnancy, deliver	•	ear of your child's life?   Y	es □ No
	□ Yes □ No	If ves. until what age?	Any difficulty	v with bottle feeding? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Was your child breast fed?			Any difficulty	
Has your child had any fren			:	
		•		
Does your child have any histo				
		☐ Anxiety/Nervousness	☐ Arthritis/Bone/Joint Issues	•
		☐ Bladder/Kidney Issues	☐ Bleeding (prolonged)	□ Blood Transfusion
		☐ Cerebral Palsy	☐ Cleft Lip/Palate	☐ Communication Issues
		<ul><li>□ Developmental Delay</li><li>□ Gastrointestinal Disorders</li></ul>	☐ Diabetes	<ul><li>□ Ear Infections/Ear Tubes</li><li>□ Growth Problems</li></ul>
		☐ Heart Disease	☐ Heart Murmur	☐ Hemophilia
<del>-</del>	•	☐ Learning Disability	□ Neuromuscular Defects	☐ Orthopedic Problems
•		☐ Scarlet Fever:	□ Seizures/Epilepsy	☐ Sensory Integration
☐ Sickle Cell Disease/Trait		☐ Skin (Eczema/Rash/Hives)		□ Sleep Problems/Snoring
		` '	☐ Tobacco/Vaping/Drug use	•
□ Syndrome:	·	. □ Other:		☐ Abuse (physical/sexual)
If any boxes are checked, please	describe further:			
Is your child CURRENTLY tak	ing any medications?	□ Yes □ No		
•	Dose	Frequer	ncy Reason	
Drug	2000	Troquor	noy nousen	
Has your child had any allergion	c reactions to: Medication	ons? □ Yes □ No		Latex? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Foods?			Other?
Development/Special Needs:				
	ak and understand at his/h	ner age level?	□ Yes □ No	
		ool?		
Are your child's immunizations			□ Yes □ No	
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Does your child need to take a	antibiotics before dental tre	eatment?	□ Yes □ No	
Has your child ever been hosp	nitalized?		□ Yes □ No	
When? Where		ason?	L I CO L INU	
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Has your child had any surger	v?		□ Yes □ No	
When? Why?				sthesia used? □ Yes □ No

## **Dental History**

Why is your child here today?				
If your child has been to a dentist: Date of last visit How did your child react?		_ Have X-rays been	taken?	□ Yes □ No □ Unsure
How would you describe your child's oral health? Is there a family history of cavities?		☐ Good If yes, indicate all		□ Poor □ Mother □ Father □ Sibling
Is fluoride taken in any of the following forms? Fluoride tablets, drops, or multivitamins Toothpaste	□ Yes □ No		Drinking water Fluoride rinse	□ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No
How often do your child's teeth get brushed?	# of times/day	Does sor	neone help your	child brush? ☐ Yes ☐ No
When does your child brush?	$\square$ AM $\square$ PM $\square$	After meals		
How often do your child's teeth get flossed?	# of times/day	Does sor	meone help your	child floss? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What kind of toothbrush does your child use? What toothpaste does your child use?	☐ Manual	☐ Battery-powere	d/Electric	
Does your child swallow toothpaste?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐	Unsure		
Does your child regularly eat 3 meals each day?  Does your child snack frequently?  What does your child typically snack on?	□ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No	• —		
Is your child on a special or restricted diet?	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Is your child a picky eater?	□ Yes □ No			
Is your child a slow eater?	□ Yes □ No			
Does your child drink juice?	□ Yes □ No	How much?		
Does your child drink soda?	□ Yes □ No	How much?		
Does your child drink seltzer or flavored water?	☐ Yes ☐ No	How much?		
Does your child drink sports drinks?	☐ Yes ☐ No	How much?		
Does your child drink energy drinks or coffee?	☐ Yes ☐ No	How much?		
Does your child chew gum?	$\square$ Yes $\square$ No	Is it sugar free?		Jnsure
Have your child's teeth ever been injured?  Which teeth? Injury?  Treatment?	□ Yes □ No	When (age)?		
Does your child have any of the following habits? (Plea		,		
□ Pacifier □ Thumb Sucking		,	☐ Grinding	•
☐ Mouth Breathing ☐ Tongue Thrust	□ Lip	•	•	osturing   Nail Biting
☐ Excessive Gagging ☐ Holding Food in Mou	th □ Bott	tle to Sleep or Nap	□ Walking Aroun	d with a Sippy Cup or Bottle
Has your child had any unhappy dental experiences?	□ Yes □ No P	Please explain		
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?				
Parent Signature:		Relationship to	Patient:	Date:
			Reviewed by:	
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# **Privacy Policy/HIPAA Compliance**

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

We understand that medical information about you and your health is personal "Protected Health Information" ("PHI") and we are committed to protecting your medical information. PHI includes individually identifiable information about your past, present, or future health or condition, the provision of health care to you, or payment for such health care.

We use and disclose PHI about you for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

## **Treatment:**

We may disclose PHI to your insurance provider, our dentist(s), and other dental care providers for treatment purposes. For example, your dentist may wish to provide a dental service to you but first seeks information from your insurance provider as to whether the service has been previously provided.

# **Payment:**

We disclose your PHI in order to fulfill our duty to check your coverage, determine your benefits, and secure payment for services provided to you. For example, we use your PHI in order to request process of your claims by your insurance provider.

# **Health Care Operations:**

We disclose your PHI as a part of certain operations, such as quality improvement. For example, we may use your PHI to evaluate the quality of dental services that were performed.

We may be asked by the sponsor of your health plan to provide your PHI to the sponsor. If we are asked to do so, we intend to honor such requests unless we are prohibited by law.

We may use or disclose your PHI without your authorization for several other reasons. Subject to certain requirements, we may give out PHI without your authorization for public health purposes, auditing purposes, research studies, and emergencies. We provide PHI when otherwise required by law, such as for law enforcement in specific circumstances, or for judicial or administrative proceedings. In any other situation, we will ask for your written authorization before using or disclosing your PHI. If you choose to sign an authorization to allow disclosure of your PHI, you can later revoke that

authorization to stop any future uses and disclosures (other than for treatment, payment, and health care operations).

We may change our policies at any time. Before we make a significant change in our policies, we will change our notice and send the new notice to you. You can also request a copy of our notice at any time.

# **Individual Rights**

In most cases, you have the right to view or get a copy of your PHI. You also have the right to receive a list of instances where we have disclosed your PHI without your written authorization for reasons other than treatment, payment, or health care operations. If you believe that information in your record is incorrect or if important information is missing, you have the right to request that we correct the existing information or add the missing information. You may request in writing that we not use or disclose your PHI for treatment, payment, and health care operations except when specifically authorized by you, when required by law, or in emergency circumstances. We will consider your request but are not legally required to accept it. You also have the right to receive confidential communications of PHI by alternative means or at alternative locations, if you clearly state that disclosure of all or part of your PHI could endanger you.

# **Complaints**

If you are concerned that we have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we have made about access to your records, you may contact the address listed below. You may also send a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Customer Service can provide you with the appropriate address upon request.

## **Our Legal Duty**

We are required by law to protect the privacy of your information, provide this notice about our information practices, and follow the information practices that are described in this notice. If you wish to inspect your records, receive a listing of disclosures, or correct or add to the information in your record, or if you have any questions, complaints, or concerns, please contact our office.

## **Pediatric Dental Associates – Insurance Information**

### **Accepted: In-Network Insurance**

- 1. Altus
- 2. Altus-HNE
- 3. Altus-EHB
- 4. Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
  - GRID or GRID+ are in-network
  - If not GRID or GRID+ please make sure you can go out of network
- 5. BC/BS Dental Blue, BC/BS Federal, BC/BS HMO Blue
- 6. Blue Cross Blue Shield
- 7. Delta Dental PPO (PPO only, not EPO)
- 8. Delta Preferred

### **Accepted: Out of Network**

- 1. Aetna
- 2. Aetna PPO
- 3. Aflac
- 4. Alicare
- 5. Ameritras Group Dental
- 6. Cigna
- 7. CT Pipe Trades Health Funds
- 8. GEHA
- 9. Guardian
- 10. Harvard Pilgrim
- 11. Lincon Financial Group
- 12. MetLife
- 13. Principal
- 14. Sun Life Financial
- 15. UMR
- 16. Unicare
- 17. United Health Care

Is your insurance not listed? Please call your provider and ask if you can go out of network

## Not Accepted: Please call the office if you have any questions

- 1. Mass Health
- 2. Aetna DMO
- 3. Big Y Cigna DPPO
- 4. Delta Dental EPO
- 5. Mass Public Employees Delta Dental Closed Plan
- 6. Tricare/United Concordia