

IN THE PRACTICE OF HEALTH ONE, INC. FRANKLIN COUNTY OHIO

SHARED PARENTING SUPPLEMENT TO PATIENT AGREEMENT

Divorces and shared parenting plans can be congenial and truly in the best interest of the child (ren). It's this spirit of shared parenting that we want to participate in and encourage. All too often we see that the control and emotional issues take over the child's best interest and the doctor's office is used as leverage and a sounding board. This is generally not in the best interest of the child. We appreciate the opportunity to become a part of your child's physical and mental well-being. So please be advised as follows regarding what we will and won't do regarding the communications and care in shared parenting plan situations.

WHATS IS EXPECTED

- A) As required by the parenting plans, it is the **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS** to notify the other parent of any doctor's appointments or medical emergencies pertaining to the child (ren). In this spirit, it is also our position that it is always the responsibility of the parents to attend appointments together and/or communicate about the appropriate care and treatment of the child (ren).
- B) Also as mandated by most shared parenting plans, Health One, Inc will always abide by its requirement to provide medical records. All such records requests must be done so formally using our Records Request Form which can be obtained in person, at our office or from the forms section of our website. This will be administered in accordance with our policies regarding the cost of and delivery durations which may change from time to time without notice.
- C) Please be aware that unless the guardian or parent has given us written consent to allow someone other than either parent herein the right to accompany the child(ren) to appointments, we will not see a child accompanied by the boyfriend, girlfriend or step anything.

RECORDS RELEASE POLICY

Our office policy is to provide a copy of the child's shot record, notes from the last well visit, and the last two sick visits for patients transferring to another physician. Requests for records or specific documents being sent directly to a physician are released via fax, free of charge. Parents requesting medical records for their personal use or that prefer that the records be released to them instead of to another physician, please note the charges associated with such a request on the Records Release Form. To obtain records that have been sent to our storage facility, there will be an additional \$25.00 fee to pull the chart, along with a fee of \$1.00 per page.

WHAT WE WILL NOT DO IS:

- 1) Become the communicator of medical issues, or any other, between parents outside of the treatment or consultation rooms. Other than acute situations that may arise, it is solely the parents responsibility to be at each office visit in the spirit of staying involved and informed regarding the health care of their child (ren)
- 2) Get involved in or caught in the middle of personal disputes over the appropriate medical care of their child. These issues are to be handled with our providers in person at the time of the appointment. If these disputes arise after the fact or as a result of one parent not being present at appointments, it will be the responsibility of the parents to schedule an additional appointment for consultation so such issues can be discussed between providers

and parents. NOTE: if during this process any arguments or combative behavior begins or is experienced there will be an immediate release and dismissal of the patient.

- 3) Tolerate any inappropriate behavior including the verbal abuse to any of our staff in person or over the phone. If this is experienced, the patient will be dismissed from the practice. If any display of such escalates to involve other waiting or roomed patients the police will be called immediately, your child will be dismissed from the practice and deformation of character claims may be pursued.
- 4) Allow without consent from "BOTH" parents, a girlfriend or boyfriend to bring the child (ren) to an appointment.
- 5) Bill both parents for outstanding out of pocket expenses. The Parents responsible for maintaining the medical insurance will be the financially responsible party.
- 6) We will not tolerate any verbal, mental or physical abuse to the staff, between parents or to the children. Our zero tolerance here means the dismissal of the family after one event.

We want our focus to be on and concentrated solely on the well-being and treatment of your child. Anything beyond that scope that interrupts this process is not in the best interest of your Child(ren). We want both parents to be involved in and understand the medical care of their child. We are not a court, we do not judge and we are not a mediator. Please understand this and lets all work together to insure the best possible care for your children.

I have read, understand and attest to the fact that I have had an opportunity to discuss all relevant issues with the practice. I understand and agree to all of the above issues regarding the communication and interaction that must be carried out in a civil manner to insure the best possible care for my Child(ren).

I also understand that a copy of the shared parenting document must be submitted with this agreement and that it is the parent's responsibility to submit any changes immediately upon any such action. Failure to do so may also result in the dismissal of a patient.

Because shared parenting is just that, both parents must sign and agree to the understanding of these terms in a shared parenting environment. The only exception to this would be where the shared parenting agreement specifically states that one parent or the other has the final say wherein medical decisions are disputed between the parties. We encourage you to review and understand the spirit of such agreements by reviewing the "Parental Commitment" and "General" sections of your shared Parenting Plan.

Residential Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Non-residential Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____