

Separated and divorced families.

The care of our patients is our highest priority at Wayland Pediatrics in families that live together and families that live separately or are divorced. We will work with either or both parents to provide the best care for your child(ren).

Communication: We ask that parents reach an agreement regarding major healthcare decisions prior to visiting the office as we will not mediate regarding disagreements. We depend on a child's parents to communicate with each other regarding appointment scheduling, healthcare plans and follow-up.

Custody: Custody decisions are made between parents with the help of the courts. We assume "joint custody" and that either parent can consent to treatment unless otherwise directed by court documents. The parent that accompanies the child to the visit will be assumed to have medical decision-making rights and we will not be responsible for obtaining consent from the other parent.

Billing: Copay should be collected at the time of the visit from the parents accompanying the child. If the parenting agreement states that the other parent is responsible for the copayment, it is the accompanying parent's responsibility to pay at the time of the visit and collect reimbursement from the responsible parent – we will provide a receipt.

Disputes: The providers and staff are not a party to your divorce. If disputes regarding medical care of your child interfere with our ability to care for that child, we reserve the right to ask you to transition care to another practice. Remember that separation is hard on children and your cooperation with each other is important to your child's mental health.