

## Bard and Didriksen Pediatrics

### Patient's Rights and Responsibilities

As a patient you have certain rights and responsibilities. We recognize that a respectful relationship between the healthcare provider and the patient is the foundation of proper medical care. Copies of this statement are posted in our patient care waiting areas.

#### **Patients have the right to:**

- \* Receive humane care and treatment, with respect and consideration.
- Privacy and confidentiality when seeking or receiving care except for life threatening conditions and situations.
- Confidentiality of medical records.
- Be informed of and to exercise the option to refuse to participate in any research aspect of your care without compromising access to medical care and treatment.
- Receive accurate information concerning diagnosis, treatment, risks involved, and prognosis of any illness or health related condition.
- Ask about reasonable alternative to care.
- A second professional opinion regarding one's health care and treatment.
- Participate actively in decisions regarding one's health care and treatment.
- Accessible information regarding the scope and availability of services
- Be informed about any legal reporting requirements regarding any aspect of screening or care.

#### **Patients have the responsibility to:**

- Provide complete information about one's illness/problem, to enable proper evaluation and treatment.
- Ask questions so that an understanding of the condition or problem is ensured.
- Show respect to health personnel and other patients.
- Reschedule/cancel an appointment so that another person may be given that time slot.
- Pay bills or file health claims in a timely manner.
- Use prescription or medical devices for oneself only.
- Inform the practitioner(s) if one's condition worsens or an unexpected reaction occurs from a medicine.