

Sick Visit vs. Well Child Visit

The purpose of a Well Child checkups/ visit is to keep children adequately protected against diseases, address potential health concerns, and discuss normal and unusual development. Generally speaking there are no co-pay requirements for a Well Child Visit (That rule does not necessarily apply to a self-funded insurance plan). At NugaPeds in conjunction with recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics we cannot stress enough the importance of Well Child Checkup/visit.

Nuga Pediatrics is required under contract with your insurance carrier to collect co-pays at the time of service. Requesting or approving treatment for an acute or chronic illness during a Well Child Visit will trigger a copayment charge. Some insurance companies will not cover both visits at the same time of service; we may advise you to adjust the visit and reschedule one or the other.

A “typical” Well Child Visit may include, but not limited to:

- ✚ Check growth and development
- ✚ Physical Assessment
- ✚ Immunizations
- ✚ Parental concerns about growth and development
- ✚ Age specific exams may include – hearing and vision screening; lead assessment and screening; Developmental screening such as questionnaires for autism, and other age appropriate developmental screens/questionnaires
- ✚ Nutrition Counseling
- ✚ Physical Activity Counseling
- ✚ Smoking Cessation Discussion

Acute (sick) illnesses include but most certainly not limited to:

Bronchiolitis, Pink eye, Croup, Common Cold, Dehydration, Ear infection, Rash, Eczema, Fever, Gastrointestinal infections/diarrhea, Flu, Sinusitis, Urinary Tract Infection, Asthma, ADD/ADHD, Vomiting, Medication Modifications etc..

Chronic illness includes but not limited to:

- ✚ Allergies, Asthma, ADHD, and Diabetes.

Medication Refill:

- ✚ Generally speaking a refill of medication with no adjustment for chronic illness will not result in an additional charge.
- ✚ Changes in chronic illness health care medication will result in additional office visit charges for which a copayment may be required.

Your insurance policy determines the co-pay requirements.

If you are unable to pay or you refuse to pay your co-pay, you may be asked to reschedule your appointment, or an additional \$35 charge may apply due to a late reschedule or cancellation per Nuga Pediatrics, Financial Policy. Please contact your insurance carrier directly if you have questions specific to your policy’s co-pay requirements, individual co-insurance and deductible limitations.

Copayments not made at time of service will be billed with an additional \$10 charge.