

## **Divorce, Separation & Custody Matters:**

- We believe that such matters should not enter into a child's medical treatment.
- The individual accompanying the child, who is requesting the medical treatment, is responsible for the payment of the medical bills. We are not a party to your divorce agreement, you are. We will collect co-pays and deductibles from the accompanying parent.
- "Joint Custody" means that each parent has equal access to the child's medical care records. Without a court order, we will not stop either parent from having access to their child's chart, obtaining their child's test results, making an appointment or receiving advice.
- Subject to a court order to the contrary which has been provided to us, we will not call the absent parent for consent prior to treatment.
- We will discuss with the accompanying parent information pertinent to the child's history, present exam and proposed treatment.
- We reserve the right to charge an administrative fee for copying records should the requests become excessive.
- Should the issues that come between parents become disruptive to our organization, we will consider discharging the patient from further treatment.