

Dear Busy Bee Pediatric Parent / Guardian,

We agree that it can be frustrating when surprised by unexpected charges.

Many of you have had questions about why our office performs certain tests or why you or your child/teen are asked to fill out screening questionnaires.

This letter is to help explain what has changed and why these tests are important.

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As a commitment to your child's health, Busy Bee Pediatrics follows the Bright Futures Guidelines. Bright Futures is a comprehensive list of preventive care for your child's health over time and is endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Yes, some of these tests and screenings are new.

You may not have had them done during a previous visit, or with your older children.

Even your insurance company recommends preventive care as the best way to keep your child healthy.

The 2010 Affordable Care Act directs that preventive health care for children be covered services. You are seeing charges for these services because your insurance company has designated these to be your responsibility, according to your plan. Please note that Busy Bee Pediatrics provides the same care to ALL of our patients, regardless of ability to pay, or insurance plan (including Medicaid and CHIP).

Please call your insurance company to find out more about your plan's specific coverage.

Are these tests really necessary?

Yes!

Preventive care often leads to finding health problems early, when chances for treatment and cure are better. Following the Bright Futures Guidelines is important because it helps us diagnosis and screen your child early for health problems, especially for those diseases that develop over time or are preventable with life-style changes or by receiving immunizations.

Can you opt-out?

Generally no.

Unless your child is already under the care of a pediatric sub-specialist, or other medical provider, <u>and</u> has had these tests or screenings done elsewhere within the calendar year.

The preventive tests and screenings our office currently performs are based on the age and health of your child. They are listed on our website under > Health Library > Physical Examination and Immunization Schedule.

Taking your child to their pediatrician for a health exam is one of the best ways to take care of your child's health. Our focus, as a pediatric specialist office, is to provide the best and most comprehensive care for your child. Please call our office if you have further questions at 801-292-1464.

Thank you again for trusting us with the care of your child. Sincerely,
Busy Bee Pediatrics