

Notice to Parents about Payment for Services for **Weigh Smart® Jr.**

Thank for you asking about an appointment in our **Weigh Smart® Jr.** program. At your child's first appointment, he/she will be seen by a physician and a psychologist. During that appointment, the physician will assess your child for medical issues and the psychologist will determine whether your family will benefit from additional therapy sessions. Your child will also be referred to our dietitian. You will generally have 2-3 sessions with our dietitian, then return to clinic for follow up evaluation.

Many health insurance companies do not routinely pay for services related to childhood obesity, unless the child has a secondary medical or psychiatric condition. Consequently, some services billed by Mt. Washington to your insurance carrier may not be covered. While you are waiting for your appointment you should contact your health insurance company to verify your coverage for services. Mental/behavioral health charges for the psychologist may require separate authorization. You should inquire about coverage for out-of-network benefits for CPT 90806 to see if your insurance will cover these behavioral health charges. If you do not know who to call, we suggest calling the phone number for member services listed on the back of your health insurance card.

When asking about coverage, here are the services and billing codes for your appointments in the clinic:

<u>Providers for first appointment</u>	<u>Service/Charge</u>	<u>CPT Code</u>	<u>Rev Code</u>
A. Scheimann, MD or R. Katz, MD – Gastroenterologist	Comprehensive visit (1)	99244	N/A
E. Getzoff, PhD – Pediatric Psychologist	Diagnostic Interview (1)	90801	915
Dietitian	Nutrition counseling (1)	97802	510
<u>Additional visits for Weigh Smart®Jr:</u>			
Dietitian	Nutrition visits (2-3)	97802 or 97803	510
Psychology (out-of network coverage)	Psychology	90806	915
Re-assessment in clinic	Established outpatient	99211-99215	N/A

Due to families changing insurance, we wait until approximately one week prior to your scheduled appointment to contact your insurance company to verify benefits. In the meanwhile should your insurance change, or should you have authorization questions for us, please contact Ms. Lee Baker or Angela Martin at 410-578-2624 (or toll free @ 800-999-9442 x 2624). We verify your benefits as a courtesy, but it is each family's responsibility to know their benefits. You may be eligible for financial assistance if you are uninsured and/or if your insurance does not cover part or all of the program costs. Please inquire if needed.