

## Notice to Parents about Payment for Services for **Weigh Smart®**

Thank you for asking about an appointment in our **Weigh Smart®** program. At your child's first appointment, he/she will be seen by a physician and/or nurse practitioner and a psychologist. The psychologist will help determine which treatment course would best suit your child's needs.

If the group track is recommended, your child will then be referred to physical therapy to determine if he/she meets the physical and endurance requirements for the **Weigh Smart®** group program. The group program includes group education sessions which may be led by a dietitian, psychologist or exercise therapist, and also group exercise sessions. The individual track is a self-paced option that includes initial meetings with a psychologist and a dietitian, and then ongoing sessions with the psychologist. The individual track may also include physical therapy.

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 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. Charges in both tracks include mental/behavioral health charges, which may require separate authorization. You should ask about coverage for out-of-network benefits for CPT codes 90832, 90834 and 90837 to see if your insurance will cover these behavioral health charges. Any of these codes may be billed, depending on the length of the appointment. You should also ask about coverage for out-of-network benefits 90853 for group track behavioral health charges. You can call the phone number for member services listed on your health insurance card.

When asking about coverage, here are the services and billing codes for your appointments in the clinic and additional codes that may be billed:

<u><b>Providers for first appointment</b></u>	<u><b>Service/Charge</b></u>	<u><b>CPT Code</b></u>	<u><b>Rev Code</b></u>
A. Scheimann, MD– Gastroenterologist	Comprehensive visit (1)	99244	N/A
Or V. Rogers, PNP- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	Comprehensive visit (1)	99204	N/A
E. Getzoff, PhD – Pediatric Psychologist (out of network)	Diagnostic Interview (1)	90791	915
 <u><b>Additional visits that may be billed for Group Weigh Smart®:</b></u>			
Physical Therapy	PT Evaluation (1)	97001	420
Physical Therapy	PT therapy group	97150	420
Dietitian (initial visit)	Nutrition counseling (1)	97802	510
Dietitian	Nutrition visits	97804	510
Dietitian	Nutrition follow up	97803	510
Psychology (out-of network coverage)	Psychology group	90853	915
Clinic Fee	Clinic fee	99211	510

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, if your insurance changes, or if you have authorization questions for us, please contact Angela Wise Anderson at 410-578-2624 (or toll free @ 800-999-9442 x 2624). We verify your benefits as a courtesy, but it is your family's responsibility to know your 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 ask if needed. If you have secondary insurance coverage, it is your responsibility to let us know about secondary coverage at the time the appointment is made or you may be responsible for uncovered charges.