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## **ADHD/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION Prescription Medication Policy**

This policy pertains to patients/parents of children who are treated with ADHD/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION medications. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our office policies.

Children with ADHD/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION need a physician evaluation every **THREE MONTHS** in order to refill their medication. A complete well child exam and blood work (if necessary) are done annually to monitor the child's progress and for possible side effects of the medication.

**If the patient is not seen for evaluation every THREE MONTHS, we have the right to not provide a prescription for medication until the patient is seen in our office for an ADHD/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION visit.**

**Our office requests that each patient choose one of our doctors to manage their ADHD/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION in order to maintain continuity and to give your child the best possible medical care.** This type of visit needs to be scheduled **in ADVANCE**. These visits are timely and require discussion about progress on medications and school performance, therefore there are a limited number of these type of appointments on our schedule daily and they do fill up quickly. If your schedule is limited, we recommend scheduling the next follow up as you leave our office, or if unable to do so, we recommend calling at least a month in advance to ensure you are able to be seen before your medication runs out. ADHD/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION appointments usually are not available for same day/week appointments as most are scheduled ahead of time.

In most cases, the physician will provide three months of prescriptions at each visit. In some cases, they do not, so planning ahead for prescription refills by calling at least a week in advance is recommended.

**PRESCRIPTIONS CANNOT BE REFILLED WITHOUT A MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS NOTICE.** This allows your doctor and nurses time to review your child's file and verify updated evaluations and blood work. According to state and federal law, **ALL** ADHD prescriptions must be sent electronically to the pharmacy or picked up from our office; it is NOT permissible to fax, mail, or call these prescriptions in to your pharmacy. When prescriptions are picked up in office you will be asked to show a valid form of ID.

Our office staff strives to assist you in efficiently obtaining your prescriptions and scheduling your evaluation appointments. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

-The Physicians and Staff of Pediatric Associates of Johns Creek

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Patient/Child's Name

Patient/Parent Signature

Date

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