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To our new parents,

As you enroll your child on your health insurance policy, we encourage you to find out about the coverage that your child will have. It is important to know what type of well child care is covered. There are many variations from plan to plan. Some may cover 100% of costs. However there are many policies that will not. You may have a certain dollar amount per year covered or a certain percentage of cost. Some plans cover well visits only and do not cover vaccines. Unfortunately, some plans do not have well coverage at all. It is also important to know your deductible so you can prepare for upcoming expenses. You will most likely meet your deductible in the first year at least.

As we begin vaccines at the 2 month visit, the cost per visit can be hundreds of dollars. If we are aware of what your coverage is we can help you with finding low cost alternatives to vaccines. Many families opt to take their children to local county health department vaccine clinics for the immunizations instead. We feel that this is perfectly appropriate and will save hundreds of dollars in some cases. We have the current listing of vaccine clinics by county. Your doctor can provide you with a list of what vaccines we give in the office at a particular age to guide the vaccine clinic. We ask that you then provide us with documentation of the shots at the next visit so we can keep a record in your child's chart. Please look into this before the 2 month visit so that we can help you make decisions before your costs start to add up.

You can also look up the immunization clinic on the internet at these addresses:

Cook County www.cookcountypublichealth.org/programs
DuPage County www.dupagehealth.org/services
Kane County www.kanehealth.com/immunizations
McHenry County www.co.mchenry.il.us/CountyDpt/health/cliniclist

We hope that will help you through a very confusing topic for most parents and decrease your out of pocket medical costs.

Thank You,

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