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Dear Pediatric and Adolescent Families:

As part of the new regulations which became effective January 1, 2011, patients with health savings accounts (HSA) and similar flexible spending accounts will now be required to have a prescription (Rx) for over-the-counter (OTC) medication if they desire to be reimbursed.

Prescription writing by our office is more complex than you might think. When a prescription is written, the physicians are legally obligated to make sure that the medication is indicated for a medical condition; that there are no drug interactions with other medications; that the medication is updated on the patient medication list; and directions for taking the medication is understood.

For reasons outlined above, the Office of Doctors Bishop, Adams, Poon, Berger and Young will write or e-prescribe a prescription for an OTC medication in the following circumstances:

1. At an office visit, you must provide the HSA information at that time for a prescription.
2. The patient has been seen in the office in the last year for a condition and an OTC medication was recommended for a specific condition which has been documented in the chart.

The Office of Doctors Bishop, Adams, Poon, Berger and Young will NOT write prescriptions for the following reasons:

1. For acetaminophen or ibuprofen products for fever or pain relief.
2. For routine skin products such as Neosporin, triple-antibiotic cream, etc.
3. If any other physician or specialist has recommended an OTC medication. (Please call their office to request a prescription.)

We apologize for any inconvenience this presents. If you would like a prescription for a product that falls outside the circumstances described above, we suggest you schedule an office visit so that we can discuss your condition, treatment options and review your medication list.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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