## **Healthy Stages Pediatrics Vaccine Policy**

At Healthy Stages Pediatrics, our primary goal is to ensure the health and safety of all of our patients. We are committed to providing the highest standard of pediatric care, which includes adhering to recommended vaccination schedules.

## **Vaccination Requirement**

Scientific evidence overwhelmingly supports the safety and efficacy of vaccines in preventing serious, potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines have been instrumental in reducing the incidence of diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, polio and whooping cough.

Given the importance of vaccination in maintaining public health and protecting vulnerable populations, Healthy Stages Pediatrics requires all patients to be vaccinated according to the CDC immunization schedule for required vaccines. This policy helps protect not only the patient but also the community, including those who can not be vaccinated due to medical reasons.

## **Vaccine Information and Parental Rights**

We understand that parents may have questions or concerns about vaccines, and we fully support the right to seek information and make informed decisions. To facilitate this, we provide Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for all recommended vaccines. A VIS is a handout provided by the CDC that gives information about the benefits and risk of a vaccine. It is given to parents prior to vaccination and includes information on potential side effects, the disease the vaccine prevents and other relevant details. Our team is committed to providing clear, evidence based answers to help you make informed decisions about your child's health.

## **Respecting Parental Choices and Our Responsibilities**

While we respect the rights of parents to make healthcare decisions of their families, it is also our responsibility to protect the health and safety of all our patients. Ensuring that all children in our practice are vaccinated is a critical part of this responsibility. If a child is not vaccinated, they will have a 30-day period which they can receive sick visits and initiate the vaccination process. If after the 30 days there is no initiation of the vaccination process, we will no longer be able to provide care for your child at Healthy Stages Pediatrics. This policy helps us maintain a safe environment for all of our patients.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this policy. Our commitment is to the health and well-being of every child in our practice, and we feel vaccinations are a crucial part of this commitment. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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