

Newborns are usually covered by the mother's insurance and medical group for the first 30 days of life. We are members of Alta Bates Medical Group. If mom is not in Alta Bates Medical Group, you will need to contact the carrier to see if mom and baby can be in different medical groups for the first 30 days.

The baby must be added to the insurance policy as soon as possible within the first 30 days of life for coverage to continue for your child. If you have HMO insurance, check that one of our doctors is listed as the primary care physician on the card. If coverage for the baby cannot be verified by the 2 month visit, you will be asked to pay in full until coverage can be verified with one of our physicians. Insurance carriers limit the amount of time we can retroactively bill. In order for you to be reimbursed any over payment, you must provide us with a current card within 30 days of the visit.

\*\*Healthnet requires Mom & baby to remain in the same Medical Group for the entire first month of birth. If mom is not in ABMG, we cannot bill HealthNet for any services during that month. All charges are the family's responsibility. We will provide necessary forms for you to submit to your medical group for any reimbursement. You must contact the insurance company during the first month to enroll the baby under your policy and in ABMG for the following month. In order for the first month charges to be fully covered, you would have to choose another pediatrician, one in mom's Medical Group, to provide care for the birth month. (If mom is in HealthNet through ABMG, of course, there are no problems. Just be sure to enroll the baby before the end of the birth month.)

Please call our business office at (510) 848-4782 with any questions.