

PEDIATRIC HEALTH CHOICE

TITLE: Visitation Guidelines

PURPOSE: This purpose of this policy is twofold:

To provide consistent visitation guidelines in order to maintain the security, privacy, and well-being of children, employees, or any guests of Pediatric Health Choice.

To keep an accurate record of all visitors and limit access to restricted areas at the Pediatric Day Health Center (PDHC) facility.

POLICY STATEMENT:

- A. Persons currently associated with the care and treatment of children enrolled in the PDHC facility may visit the center.
- B. Pediatric Health Choice staff are permitted to open the “main entry” door and welcome all visitors/guests.
- C. Visitors/guests are to sign “In” and “Out” in the designated Guest Book located at the “main entry”.
- D. Visitors/clergy members/guests are authorized by the legal guardian of the child and approved by the Pediatric Health Choice staff prior to visitation.
- E. Visitors/guests are escorted to the appropriate designated PDHC facility area; visitors/guests are not permitted to wander the PDHC building. Frequency, duration, and location of visitation are individualized to the child’s needs.
- F. Parents are notified of any persons visiting their child at the PDHC facility via a nursing notation on the child’s daily Bear Gram.
- G. Pediatric Health Choice encourages legal guardians and their approved guests/family to visit the PDHC facility and participate in childcare and therapy/play activities. Moreover, they have the right to consensual nonsexual physical contact such as hand holding or hugging.
- H. The Administrator and/or Director of Nursing approves and coordinates all PDHC facility tours. The Administrator and/or Director of Nursing informs clinical staff of impending visitors/guests and parent tours.
- I. Pediatric Health Choice reserves the right to deny entry to anyone who has not been previously approved except for governmental authorities.
- J. Pediatric Health Choice reserves the right to limit the number of visitors/guests at any one time in order to provide a safe, quiet and calm environment for all children.
- K. Visitors will complete a health screening prior to admittance to protect the health, safety and welfare of children and staff. Proof of vaccination will not be required. Visitors may be required to wear personal protective equipment during their visit. Visitors with active communicable infections are refrained from visitation.