



Proof of Guardianship Policy

According to Tennessee state law TCA 36-6-101(3)9a) we are required to have court signed evidence typically explained by the court in a document titled “Parenting Plan” to provide any medical care or information about a minor child.

The Siskin Center for Developmental Pediatrics intending to comply with this law requires that all patients are accompanied to the Center by a biological parent or legal guardian. Guardianship is determined by the above mentioned court document which has been signed by a judge or member of the court or a birth certificate that lists the name of the adopting parent or legal guardian. These documents must be brought to your child’s visit and a copy is retained in the medical chart for future appointments.

In the event that a biological parent or legal guardian desires to have another adult accompany the child, the biological parent or legal guardian must provide signed written documentation indicating that the adult accompanying the child has their permission to do so. This adult must be able to answer pertinent health and history questions that will be asked during the visit. The Center retains the right to require the biological parent or legal guardian to be present for the visit if the assessment or care of the child is diminished by the accompanying adult’s lack of knowledge of the child’s health history, development or other pertinent information.