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REPLY TO
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POLICY NUMBER 24

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Child Supervision in Clinics

1. Children will not be allowed to accompany any patient into an exam or treatment room. Exceptions will be:

a. To listen to the fetal heartbeat at one obstetric visit. After listening, the child will return to the waiting room accompanied by an appropriate guardian.

b. If the patient insists on being seen and has no means of providing child care the head nurse or NCOIC of the clinic will screen the patient. This information will be given to the provider, who will determine whether or not the pt needs to be seen at that time.

(1) If the patient does not need to be seen at that time, the patients visit will be rescheduled.

(2) If the patient does need to be seen at that time, appropriate supervision of the child will be arranged with the assistance of hospital personnel.

2. At no time will children under the age of 12 be left unattended in the medical facility. Recommended child care providers during an appointment or emergency are: a spouse, baby-sitter 12 years of age or older, a local day care center, friend, family member, a member of the family support group, or the unit staff duty.

3. Parents are reminded and encouraged to use existing hourly day care services on-post, 526-5977.

4. Parents/guardians are responsible for the control and discipline of their children while in the clinic.

5. Staff should provide the appropriate assistance and referrals for individuals who present without child care as this may be an indication of other issues.

6. At all times, the staff will present a caring and concerned attitude toward patients.

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