



**Boston Children's
Health Physicians**
New York & Connecticut

December 14, 2022

Via Overnight Express Mail

Re:

Dear _____:

The intent of this letter is to inform you of the Boston Children's Health Physicians ("BCHP") policy regarding treatment of a child with separated or divorced parents and our role in the health care of your child in this context. As your child's physicians, we will seek to promote your child's health. We will not "take sides" with either parent, because our role is simply to provide the best health care to your child. We will not act as a mediator within a family concerning treatment of the child when communication and good relations break down between its members. We will always strive to care for your child under the assumption that each parent wants the best for their child.

BCHP cannot restrict a lawful guardian or parent from having access to his or her child's medical care or records unless a valid court order has been provided to us which specifies exclusive medical decision-making given to one parent or guardian. It is imperative that we care for your child in an open atmosphere where information is shared with both parents.

We value our relationship with your family and want to provide the best medical care for your child; however, our role is impartial, and we will not be involved with any parental dispute which brings disruption to our practice. We respectfully ask that you understand the guidelines we have outlined in this letter. Please note that while we hope to continue treating your child, if you are unable to cooperate with us in this manner, we will have no other choice but to dismiss your family from our practice and withdraw from the professional care of your child.

Sincerely,

_____, M.D.
_____ of BCHP

cc: Robert Shaw, BCHP Chief Compliance Officer