



Dear Parent,

We are writing because your child has an appointment scheduled in the Atopic Dermatitis Center at Boston Children's Hospital.

During your visit, your child may see two or three providers. You will meet with a pediatric nurse practitioner and pediatric allergist, as well as a pediatric psychologist. You may also meet with a pediatric nutritionist. Our comprehensive treatment focuses on all aspects of atopic dermatitis and food allergies, including: education, resources for coping and support, nutrition recommendations, and the effect of the disorder on the family. The psychologist helps children and families cope with common problems related to atopic dermatitis, such as itching and scratching, sleep problems, and challenges with the treatment routine. The nutritionist monitors nutrient intake and growth, provides education on food allergy management, and helps families with meal planning.

**Please note that each provider will bill separately. You will need to call your insurance company before your child's first visit to the Atopic Dermatitis Center, to find out whether these visits will be covered by your insurance plan.** All plans are different, and some need a prior authorization or referral from your primary care provider to meet with a specialist. Visits with Dr. LeBovidge will be billed through your mental health benefits. If you usually pay a co-payment for doctors' visits please bring the copay with you to your child's appointment. If you meet with the psychologist or nutritionist and your insurance does not cover your visit, you will need to pay for this visit.

**Please use the following NPI numbers to obtain an insurance referral or authorization from your child's primary care provider:**

- **Allergy:** Lynda C. Schneider, MD and Karol Timmons, PNP: 1891891826
- **Nutrition:** Wendy Elverson, RD: 1710087127
- **Psychology:** Jennifer LeBovidge, PhD: 1972542769 (individual NPI) **OR** 1457306664 (group NPI), depending on your particular insurance plan

If you do not have health insurance at all, there is a 40% discount available if you pay at the time of the visit.

We look forward to meeting with you during your visit to the Atopic Dermatitis Center.

Sincerely,

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