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## Sick Child Policy

At Children's Therapy Connection, Inc. (CTC), we realize that therapy is very important to you and your child. However, providing treatment to a child who is not feeling well is not therapeutic and risks exposing providers to an infection or disease that may lead to illness being spread to others. Due to the health concerns that exist with many of our clients, we need to be cautious about exposing children to infection or disease. Therefore, we have established the following illness exclusion policy which adheres to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Infection Control guidelines.

Therapy should not occur if your child has exhibited any one of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours:

- Fever (100°F underarm; 101°F oral or 102°F rectal). In babies 4 months or younger, a 101°F rectal temperature is a fever threshold.
- Diarrhea (runny, watery or bloody stools)
- Vomiting (twice or more in 24 hours)
- Body rash with fever
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
- Severe coughing (child gets red or blue in the face and makes a high-pitched whoop after cough)
- Eye discharge (thick mucus or pus draining from eye, or pink eye)
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Upper respiratory illness such as bronchitis or influenza
- Chicken pox (until all blisters have dried and formed scabs)
- Bacterial infection (Impetigo, Strep Throat, etc.)
- Viral infection
- Any parasitic infestation (Lice, Scabies, etc.)
- Extreme irritability, exhaustion, or continuous crying

In the event that your child is exhibiting any of the above symptoms we ask that you contact your therapist as soon as possible to reschedule your appointment. Also, if anyone else in the household is experiencing any of these symptoms they should be kept away from the child and therapy provider. If you are unsure regarding your child's status, please contact your therapist and they will use their discretion in deciding whether therapy should occur as scheduled. In the event we arrive for an appointment and find your child is exhibiting any of the above listed symptoms, we reserve the right to cancel the session and attempt to reschedule for a later date. Adherence to this policy will help ensure your child and the other children and families we serve are not exposed to potentially harmful infection or disease. If you have any questions regarding this policy please discuss them with your therapy provider or contact the CTC office using the information listed below.

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