

Financial Policy and Insurance Information

We feel the best thing about our style of dentistry is our commitment to quality. If you've been with our practice awhile, you already know our attention to detail and fine materials are second nature to us. Everyone's financial situation is different, and good dentistry won't count for much if it is beyond your means. Our office has always been happy to work with patients covered by dental insurance and we think insurance is a great incentive to maintain a vital level of dental health. But it is rare, very rare, that a dental plan covers 100% of our fees. Here is why:

The fees we charge for dental services are the same for every patient, insured or not. A given insurance policy, however, is based on a fixed schedule, called "usual and customary", that may have nothing to do with the real world. Dentistry has changed very quickly and insurance fee schedules have not. We file insurance as a courtesy to you. Carriers vary, but we'll try to help you get the most benefit out of your particular policy. Should the insurance benefits result in less coverage than anticipated, please keep in mind that you are ultimately responsible for all charges incurred in our office. We do ask that you pay your estimated portion at each visit. We accept major credit cards, checks, and cash.

Any account balances that are not paid within a 90-day period *may* result in your account going to a collection agency. If this does happen, you will be responsible for all charges incurred by the collection agency.

Also, we *require 48 hours notice* to cancel an appointment. If you fail to do so, it could result in a cancellation charge.

Please sign and date so we know you understand our financial policy.

Patient _____ **Date** _____

Parent(if minor) _____ **Date** _____