



GOOD HEALTH IS INEXPENSIVE

Our first goal is to assist you in preventive approaches towards optimal dental health. Then, if necessary, we will establish a treatment plan for you that support your dental health goals, overcomes any present dental challenges you may have, and suits your lifestyle and budget. The mouth is your means of eating, speaking and showing emotion. It is also a major factor in our general appearance. In the diseased state it can cause generalized poor health, pain and infection, and even personality changes. Our intent is to work with you to establish mutual short-term and long range dental goals and begin working towards them.

Before any treatment is rendered, we will consult with you on your present state of health, your challenges, our concerns and objectives, and an **estimate** of our fees for your necessary services. In order to keep costs to you at a minimum, *payment at the time of service is requested.* Billing accounts may be opened **in advance of services.** Please ask for details or to discuss an arrangement.

Dental Insurance or "*Dental Assistance*" as it should be called, is an agreement **between you and the insurance company.** We will be delighted to help you with your insurance coverage to assure that you receive the maximum benefits described by your policy. Dental insurance is **not** designed to pay all of the treatment, but rather be a **partial aid.** Unfortunately we can *not* regulate the percentage the insurance company will assist you in payment. **Please be aware that the percentage amount of treatment your insurance company will pay is not regulated by the value of any dental treatment, but rather by the standards by which they must "regulate" payments in order to be a viable, profitable business.** In many cases, insurance companies "allow" a higher percentage benefit for preventative procedures (cleanings, x-rays etc.), than for actual "corrective" (fillings, crowns, bridges, etc.) procedures. While preventing future disease and breakdown of dental health is of utmost importance, so too is correcting existing health challenges. Just because your policy may not allow as extensive percentage of benefits for correction, does not mean those corrective procedures are not crucial for deterring further disease and breakdown. Please consider all factors regarding your existing challenges, needed therapeutic procedures, and present and future consequences of lack of action, when making your final decisions on what treatment is best for you to pursue.

Also, please be aware, we have no control regarding the timeliness with which your company will process claims. (We will process and submit your insurance for payment within 48 hours of your visit.) Your personal **estimated** percentage will be due the date services are rendered, and for your convenience our office does accept cash, ATM debt cards, checks, Master Card, VISA, Discover and American Express. We also offer a Preferred Customer Account {through an outside vendor} which, with approved credit, may offer you an instant line of credit. Should you elect to assign your benefits directly to our office, we allow **sixty** (60) days from the date of service for the receipt of payment from your insurance company. If there should be a delay in the insurance company's processing, the entire balance is due at that time. **Please remember that ultimately you are responsible for all services rendered.**

We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and appreciate the opportunity to assist you in attaining optimal dental health. Please feel free to ask us about these or any other matters that may concern you.

Dr. Patel and Staff

I have read and understand the above financial policies:

Signature

Date

We are dedicated to fulfilling your dental desires through compassionate relationships that provide optimal dental health and beautiful smiles.