

## **Insurance and Financial Policy**

The dentists and staff at **Dentistry By Design** believe you deserve the best care. That's why we always present you with the best dental solution possible to treat your personal situation. Each year we provide outstanding dental care to hundreds of patients. Some have dental benefits but some don't. If you have dental benefits, congratulations! You are very fortunate. Here are some important things you should know:

- Your dental benefits are based upon a contract made between your employer and an insurance company. **If you have any questions regarding your dental benefits please contact your employer or insurance company directly. Dental benefit plans will never pay for completion of your dental care. It is only meant to assist you.**
- We currently accept most private care insurance plans (plans that do not require you to select a dentist from a list or require our office to accept a reduced fee for service). This means we work with literally thousands of companies. Although we can maintain computerized histories of payment by a given company, they do change; **therefore it is impossible to give you a guaranteed quote at the time of service.** We estimate your portion based on the most up-to-date information we have, but it is **ONLY AN ESTIMATE.** If you would like to know your insurance benefit, we will be happy to file a "pre-treatment authorization" with your insurance company prior to treatment. Keep in mind this is not a guarantee of coverage. This does delay treatment but will give you the exact out of pocket figures you may require. We do not accept Medicare or Medicaid.
- We will bill your insurance company as a courtesy. If insurance does not pay within 60 days, **Dentistry By Design** reserves the right to request payment in full for services from you and let you collect the insurance funds due to you. This is rare but it is important that you recognize that the insurance you have is a legal contract between YOU and your insurance company. Our office is not, and cannot be part of that legal contract. Ultimately, you are responsible for all charges incurred in our office.
- **Dentistry By Design** does require in full for your portion at the time of service. We accept MasterCard, Visa, cash and checks. If you are in need of an extended finance option, we also work with Care Credit.
- A specific amount of time is reserved especially for you and we strongly encourage all patients to keep their appointments. If you must change your appointment, we require at **least 48 hour** notice to avoid a **\$50 cancellation fee.**

**I agree with the above terms.**

**Patient/Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_