

## **Casey Dental Financial Policy**

We appreciate your confidence in Casey Dental by allowing us to provide dental care for your child. We hope you find the information about payment for our office helpful as you plan for your child's dental health care.

### **Payment**

At each dental visit, payment in full is required for dental services that are not covered by dental insurance plans. We gladly accept cash, personal checks, debit cards and Visa or Master Card. Should a check be returned to us due to nonsufficient funds (NSF), a \$25.00 charge will be assessed and we will no longer accept checks.

**The individual signing the patient's Health History form is legally responsible for the payment of any professional fees incurred for dental services.**

### **Financing Option**

Convenient third party financing option is available through CareCredit. CareCredit accounts are subject to credit approval. Contact our office for details.

### **Dental Insurance**

Our office files dental insurance claims as a courtesy to our patients. These claims are filed on the date of service and generally filed electronically depending on the insurance company. Patients with dental coverage that pays to the provider (Casey Dental) are asked to pay an estimated portion of their visit. This payment is based on the anticipated amount expected to be paid by the dental insurance company. Some dental insurance companies pay directly to the subscriber (you) rather than to the provider in which case, fees for services rendered, must be paid in full at the time of service. The dental insurance company will then send payment directly to the subscriber. ***Please keep in mind, that regardless of dental insurance coverage, you are responsible for payment on your account.***

Patients are notified of any credit balances on their account due to over payment and may leave the credit on the account to be used for future visits or may request a refund.

### **Pretreatment Estimates**

Casey Dental will provide the patient with a treatment plan that describes the recommended treatment along with the associated fees. Additionally, if the patient carries dental insurance, the estimated portion that dental insurance will cover will be reflected on the treatment plan along with the estimated patient portion of fees. The patient portion is due at the time of the treatment. These estimated fees are subject to change based on the amount the dental insurance actually pays as well as any necessary changes in treatment.

### **Nitrous Oxide**

Some patients are given nitrous oxide/oxygen (commonly called “laughing gas”) to help them relax for dental treatment. Nitrous oxide/oxygen is a blend of two gases, oxygen and nitrous oxide and is given through a small breathing mask placed over the patient’s nose. The gas is mild, easily taken, and quickly eliminated from the body. Nitrous oxide/oxygen gives most patients a relaxed, comfortable feeling. While inhaling nitrous oxide/oxygen, the patient remains fully conscious and keeps all natural reflexes. This technique is a very safe, effective way to treat a mildly anxious patient. **Nitrous oxide is not always covered by dental insurance.**

### **Oral Sedation**

Oral conscious sedation is recommended for moderately apprehensive children, very young children, and children with special needs. It is used to calm the child and to reduce the anxiety or discomfort associated with dental treatment. Your child may be quite drowsy, and may even fall asleep, but they will not become unconscious. Before recommending oral conscious sedation, Dr. Casey will discuss with you the risks and benefits of this approach. **Oral sedation is not always covered by dental insurance.**

### **Appliances**

Generally one-half of the charges for appliances is due on the day the impression is taken and the remaining portion is due at delivery. This may vary somewhat depending on the appliance recommended. **Dental insurance does not always cover appliances.**

