



INFORMED CONSENT

YOU ARE OUR FIRST PRIORITY.

You deserve quality, long lasting dental care and you deserve fair compensation from your dental benefit plan. Treatment plans designed by Dr. Brandenburg ensure quality, yet conservative, long term dental health. We believe you and your comprehensive care come first.

PLANS VARY.

In most cases, your employer- the purchaser of your dental benefit plan- selects the range of benefits available to you. Some plans cover 30-100% of treatment costs while others are limited and cover only specific services. As your partner in dental health care, we encourage you to please read through you benefit plan to familiarize yourself with your benefits regarding preventative, basic and major coverage. We will process your claim quickly and help you receive the benefits promised to you within your benefit plan contract.

BENEFITS MISUNDERSTOOD.

Dental benefit companies will lead you to believe there is a standard fee for dental work called the UCR fee, meaning "Usual, Customary and Reasonable." Research shows UCR fees vary as much as 136% within the individual insurance company. In most cases, the UCR fee is developed according to the cost of the plan purchased by your employer.

Both dental fees and benefit plan reimbursement dollars vary. Forty years ago, dental benefit companies provided a yearly maximum allowance of \$1500.00, which covered most necessary treatment. As health care costs and the costs of benefit plans have increased, the yearly maximum allowances have not increased accordingly.

Your comprehensive care is our priority. We hold ourselves to a high standard of comprehensive care. The treatment plan we designed for you has been individualized to your needs. In other words, the care we provide is not usual and customary. Low reimbursement can be the result of poor benefit contracts. If you feel your benefits are inadequate, it is most effective if you discuss this with your employer.

TERMS

Typical terms used by carriers include "Pre-Estimate and Pre-Authorization." These terms vary and in most cases are not necessary to complete before treatment.

To ensure you receive maximum benefits from your dental benefit plan, it is critical for you to know your plan's definition of these terms. We recommend you read your benefit plan and become familiar with your specific term requirements.

PROVIDING YOUR DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN WITH INFORMATION IS A SERVICE WE GLADLY PROVIDE.

Assisting you in receiving benefits from your dental benefit plan is a service we gladly provide. Our office will be responsible for the submission and processing of your claims.

It is essential our clients to fully understand their dental benefit plan information and coverage. Your dental benefit plan may not cover the cost of your necessary dental treatment. You are responsible for unpaid balances. We ask you to provide the necessary plan information at the time of service, (identification number, group number, name address and phone number of the benefit plan), so your claim can be processed correctly and efficiently. We thank you for your assistance; please call if you have any questions.

Patient or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____