

# Office Policy and Financial Agreement

## **Missed Appointment Policy**

We expect patients to be present at all scheduled appointments exclusively reserved for them. To avoid a \$50 missed appointment / late notice fee; a 48-hour notice is required. This fee must be paid prior to being rescheduled for any missed appointments. After three "No Show" (missed) appointments the patient will be dismissed from our practice.

## **Late Arrivals**

Late arrival for a scheduled appointment leads to inadequate time to accommodate the remaining patients on our schedule and leads to extra visits for the patient whom doesn't arrive at their scheduled time. Late arrivals of greater than 10 minutes risk not being seen. We try to accommodate late appointments as time permits; however, those patients who arrive at their scheduled time will be seen first.

## **Financial Agreement**

As a courtesy to our patients, we will file insurance benefits upon your behalf. ***However, it must be stressed that your insurance is a contract between you, your employer and the insurance company.*** Our office will prepare the necessary insurance forms as a courtesy for our patient's and accept assignment of benefit payment from most insurance companies, reducing the immediate out of pocket expenditures. However, we will collect the estimated portion of your fee at the time that services are rendered, regardless of who accompanies the patient on the day of his/her appointment. Though estimated amounts are collected on the date that services are rendered, any differences that may exist after your insurance company has paid their allowable amount will be billed to you for immediate payment. While we will always attempt to help each patient receive the maximum benefits available, we will not be involved in disputes between you (the patient) and your insurance company regarding covered charges, secondary insurance, reasonable and customary determinations, etc.

**Patient's whom do not carry dental insurance are responsible for the entire balance of any procedure rendered; due the date of service such procedures are rendered.**

Any estimated fee presented for treatment will be extended for a period of 90 days from the date that the treatment estimate is presented, unless prior arrangements or exceptions are approved by our office. Any insurance claims that have not been paid within 60 days will become the guarantor's responsibility, in which you the guarantor will receive notice from our office.

Any outstanding balances will be billed in way of a monthly statement of services, at which remittance is due upon receipt. Accounts receiving multiple statements may be accessed a monthly statement fee of \$5. Any account which is sent a third statement with no previous response will be considered a final notice. All accounts will be considered delinquent after 90 days and placed with an outside third party company for processing and collection. *The guarantor and/or patient agrees to pay any cost accrued in collecting amounts owing, including court cost, attorneys' fee, collection agency fees and collection cost. Upon this action, the patient and/or their family may be dismissed from our practice.*

For the convenience of our patients we offer several methods of payment including: cash, check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover), and Care Credit. Any checks returned with insufficient funds will be charged a \$30 returned check fee, which must be paid before any future appointments will be scheduled.

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I hereby authorize payment of dental benefits otherwise payable to me to be paid directly to Dr. Craig B. Lashley, D.D.S., P.A. and/or Dr. Rebecca L. Twietmeyer, D.D.S. In addition I acknowledge that I am ultimately responsible for payment. I have read and agree to abide to the policy stated above and acknowledge that failure to comply may result in dismissal from the practice of Dr. Craig B. Lashley D.D.S., P.A. and Dr. Rebecca L. Twietmeyer, D.D.S.

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**Signature** of Patient, Parent or Guardian

Relationship to Patient

Date

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

*\*You May Refuse to Sign This Acknowledgement\**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have read a copy of this office's Notice of Privacy Practices, and have been supplied with a copy of such Notice at my request.

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**Signature** of Patient, Parent or Guardian

Printed Name/ Relationship

Date