

Consent for Restorative Treatment

Thank you for choosing Cibolo Dental Center as your preferred dental practice. All of us here strive to provide our patients with the highest quality of service and the best products for your dental health and maintenance. Doing so may at times result in an extra cost of services being applied to the patient's account due to down grading by your insurance company. Down grading occurs when in the opinion of your insurance company, over the opinion of your dentist, a different product could have been used for the procedure that was performed. This letter is an attempt to explain those cost to you.

One example of us using higher quality material is the doctor's choice to use Composite fillings over Amalgam fillings. The reason for this is Composite fillings are a hard, long lasting and more natural looking material which makes it aesthetically correct and less noticeable. Amalgam fillings while they are also a very hard material they are silver and not at all natural looking. Since we want our patients to have the most confident and natural smile possible, we only offer Composite fillings to you. Unfortunately this policy may result in a down grade from your insurance company resulting in a slight balance on your account.

In the event that you may need a crown we offer EMAX (ceramic) crowns, Zirconia crowns and Porcelain over metal crowns. The doctor prefers us use EMAX and Zirconia crowns because they are made of very durable, long lasting and natural looking materials. These products do not produce the gray line between the gum and crown and are more durable for the "grinding" patient. Porcelain over metal crowns may have the appearance of the gray line between the tooth and gum over time. Although the porcelain crown is a durable product, if the patient is a "grinder" there is a high occurrence of chipping or wear on the crown surface. The chipping is fixable but there is a high likelihood of chips reoccurring resulting in the crown needing to be replaced. If you choose for us to use the preferred products (EMAX or Zirconia) your insurance company will likely down grade the service to porcelain over metal crown resulting in a slight balance on your account. If you want us to use Porcelain over metal crown you must inform the doctor at the time of treatment planning to avoid any billing discrepancies.

As a friendly reminder when scheduling an appointment that will be in excess of an hour, we require a 50% deposit payable at the time of service. Any remaining balance will be billed to the patient.

Name: _____

Date: _____