

Dental Insurance

• What is dental insurance?

- Dental insurance is a contract between your employer and a dental insurance company
- Your benefits are based on the terms of that contract and not your dental office
- Most dental insurance policies provide only basic care for specific services
- \circ $% \ensuremath{\mathsf{These}}$ services are selected based on the cost of the policy to your employer
- Uncovered services are not based on what you need or want, but strictly on the contract with the insurance company

What services get covered?

- Unfortunately, your dental insurer will not cover some of the services that you may need or want
- Our goal is to help your child achieve and maintain optimal dental care
- The goal of the insurance company is to provide the negotiated benefits for the selected services
- Your insurance company pays according to what benefits were selected for coverage and the negotiated percentage of the dentist's office fee to be paid
- Each dental insurance plan has a dollar amount limitation each year
- Once this limit is reached, your dental insurance company will cover no other services regardless of how necessary those services are

• Pre-authorization and pre-determination

• Many insurance companies try to control the amount of dentistry you receive by requiring authorization for procedures in advance

• How can our office help?

- Our office will do everything possible to help you understand and make the most of your dental insurance benefits
- We provide full assistance to you because we know how hard it can be to work with certain dental insurance companies
- Our office will complete and submit dental insurance forms to the company to achieve the maximum reimbursement possible.
- Our office will work diligently to make this happen as quickly as possible

• Ask us for help!

- Any time you have a question about your dental insurance, please feel free to ask us
- We know that insurance is becoming more complex and more difficult to understand everyday
- Insurance companies often attempt to reduce costs through continual changes
- We remain dedicated to providing optimal care for every patient and working with you to achieve that goal
- We take pride in helping you in any way and continuing to provide the quality of care to which you have become accustomed.