

Financial Policy

<u>Payment</u>: Payment is due at the time of service.

Payment options: Cash, personal check, credit cards, debit cards, and dental insurance.

Dental Insurance:

- Dental insurance is a means of helping to pay for dental treatment. Dental insurance pays at various percentages for services depending on the provisions of your plan. Payment of your cost share (which may include your annual deductible) is due at the time of service.
- As a courtesy, we will file your insurance, speak on your behalf to the insurance company, and accept any assignment of benefits that your insurance company will allow.
- We will **estimate** your patient portion by considering deductibles, maximums, and other information provided by your insurance company. The estimate is good for 3 months from the date of your visit.
- Please understand that your insurance is a contract between you and your dental insurance company. The insurance company will not guarantee payment; therefore, patients are directly responsible for all charges. If your insurance pays less than our estimate, you are responsible for the unpaid balance.

<u>Overdue accounts</u>: A monthly finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to balances more than 30 days old. Accounts with balances over 60 days will be turned over to a collection agency or to Justice Court to begin the wage garnishment process.

Credit Cards: We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa, CareCredit and debit cards.

Extended Payments:

For patients who desire a monthly payment plan, we offer two plans: CareCredit and iCare.

- With CareCredit, there are no application fees, no down payment is necessary, and the loan can be **interest-free for up to 12 months.** CareCredit will run a credit check. We can provide you with an application or apply online for you while you are here in the office.
- In the event that CareCredit is denied, you may qualify for iCare. There is no credit check and after a down payment, the remaining payments are made monthly. If you have a debit card attached to your checking account, you qualify. Our staff can explain the features of the iCare monthly payment plan.