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General Dentistry
Providing Advanced & Caring Dentistry

Dental Insurance

Typically, most dental insurance plans don't cover 100 percent of a dentist's fees. This is because policies are based on fixed fee schedules, and while dentistry has changed a great deal over the years, insurance fee schedules have not kept pace with real-world economics.

A good example is hygiene visits. Coverage continues to be based on two hygiene visits a year—a rate that is based on research that is no longer current. While two visits a year may be adequate for those with impeccable dental health, many patients require more attention. Please keep this in mind if we diagnose periodontal problems that may call for more frequent visits.

Further, insurance companies pay an amount they presume is equal to average quality dentistry. Our philosophy, however, is that patients deserve the highest quality of care possible.

PLEASE NOTE: In general, this office uses composite resin filling material (tooth colored material) for both anterior (front teeth) and posterior (back teeth) fillings. Many insurance plans, however, will pay for the less expensive amalgam (silver) fillings for posterior teeth. Please feel free to discuss this with either Dr. Levine or the Office Manager.

As your caregivers, we are happy to help you make the most of your benefits. We can review your plan with you and request a predetermination of the amount your insurer will pay for certain services. However, we find that as much time as we spend trying to maximize patients' benefits, we spend even more explaining that insurers don't see dentistry as dentists do. We wish this were not the case.

If you have any questions about your coverage or how it may affect your care, please do not hesitate to call us. Understand that while we will assist you in understanding your benefits, we have little influence over your coverage.

Sincerely,

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