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## **Financial and Insurance Policy**

We, the staff of Kim and Kim DDS LLC, thank you for choosing us as your dental provider. We believe your understanding of our patients' financial responsibility is vital to that provider-patient relationship and our goal is not only to inform you of the provisional aspects of that financial policy but also to keep the lines of communication open regarding them.

If you do not have insurance, proof of insurance, or participate in a plan that will not honor an assignment of insurance benefits, payment for services will be due at the time of service unless a payment arrangement has been approved in advance by our staff.

## **Payment Methods**

We make payment as convenient as possible by accepting (Cash, Visa, Mastercard, American Express and checks). A \$35.00 service fee will be charged for all returned checks. Additionally, you may authorize us to keep your credit card on file for your convenience knowing that we adhere to the highest level of information security.

### **Dental Insurance**

Please remember that your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance carrier. We will, as a courtesy, bill your insurance and help you receive the maximum allowable benefit under your policy. We have found that patients who are involved with their claims process are more successful at receiving prompt and accurate payment services from their insurance carrier. We do expect patients to be interactive and responsible for communicating with your insurance carrier on any open claims.

It is your responsibility to provide all necessary insurance eligibility, identification, authorization and referral information and to notify our office of any information changes when they occur. Even a preauthorization of services does not guarantee payment from your insurance carrier. We also require photo identification when accepting insurance information. It is the patient's responsibility to know if our office is participating or non-participating with their insurance plan. Failure to provide all required information may necessitate patient payment for all charges. When insurance is involved, we are contractually obliged to collect copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles, as outlined by your insurance carrier.

Please be aware that out-of-network insurance carriers often prohibit assignment of benefits and may try to limit their financial liability with arbitrary limits, exclusions, or reductions such as reasonable and customary or usual and prevailing reductions. Our fees are well within such ranges and although we will assist in the filing of an appeal if these limitations are imposed, you as the guarantor are responsible for all out-of-network fees. If we are not contracted with your carrier, we will not negotiate reduced fees with your carrier.

### **Payment for Consultation**

For all new patients, we ask for payment prior to dental consultation visit with Dr. Kim and Dr. Chiang regardless of whether you have dental insurance or not.

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