



FINANCIAL POLICY

As a condition of the treatment performed by the providers of the office, financial arrangements must be made in advance for the full cost of proposed treatment. The practice’s vitality depends upon payment for services as rendered and it is the responsibility of the patient or patient’s parent/guardian to satisfy the costs incurred in dental care. Financial arrangements on the part of each individual must be determined prior to treatment completion.

All emergency dental services, or any dental services performed without previous financial arrangements, must be paid for at the time services are rendered. Additionally, a discount can be extended, at the management’s discretion, for payments in full with cash or check. (Inquire for more details.)

Individuals who carry dental insurance understand that all dental services furnished are charged directly to the patient and that said patient is personally responsible for payment of all dental services provided, regardless of dental insurance reimbursement. As a customer courtesy, this office will help prepare and submit patients’ insurance forms as well as assist in making collections from insurance companies. We will credit any such collections to the appropriate account. However, this dental office cannot render services on the assumption that our charges will be paid in part or in full by an insurance company. (Please understand that the amount to be paid by your particular policy is pre-determined and agreed to by your employer and the insurance company. If you have any questions about the amount the plan will pay or the treatments your plan will cover, you should refer these questions to your employer.) Additionally, there may be a deductible, a co-insurance factor, and a yearly maximum to be considered. Most policies cover what they consider a “usual and customary fee.” However, the insurance company sets these fees, and they are not always the same as the fees that may be charged in this or any office. All these factors may combine to reduce the benefits you will ultimately receive. We will do our best to see that you receive your full benefits within the structure of your particular dental plan but any balance that remains on your account, whether your insurance company covered the procedure in question or not, is ultimately your responsibility to pay.

A service charge of 2% per month (24% per annum) on any unpaid balance will be charged on all accounts exceeding 60 days from date of service, unless previously written financial arrangements are agreed upon and satisfied. I understand that the fee estimate listed for any proposed dental care can only be extended for a period of six months from the date of diagnosis and/or examination. I further acknowledge that the proposed treatment plan can shift and/or change from the diagnosed treatment plan once treatment is begun due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the doctors’ control.

In consideration for the professional services rendered to me by the doctor, at the provider’s recommendation, or at my own request, I agree to pay the reasonable value of said services to said doctor, or his assignee, at the time said services are rendered, or within five (5) days of billing if credit shall be extended. I further agree that the reasonable value of said services shall be as billed unless objected to, by me, in writing, within the time allotted for payment thereof. I further agree that a waiver of any breach of any time or condition hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any further term or condition, and I further agree to pay all costs and reasonable attorney fees if suit be instituted hereunder.

I grant my permission to Laura L. Steinberg, DDS, PA’s financial coordinator to telephone me at home or at my place of business to discuss matters related to this form.

I have read the above conditions of treatment and payment and agree to their content.

Signature of patient, parent or guardian

Date

Relationship to patient

Signature of guarantor of payment/responsible party

Date

Relationship to patient



APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT

At Laura L. Steinberg, DDS, PA we understand that your time is very valuable. We are constantly striving to ensure that your experience here with us is pleasant and exceeds your expectations. Trying to accommodate every patient's individual needs coupled with everyone's work schedules can be challenging. We make every effort to stay on time and be efficient so that our patients will not have to wait unnecessarily or experience delays. Your appointment with us is a commitment of time between you and our office. We ask that you make every effort to keep that commitment. This time is set aside specifically for you.

As a courtesy to our patients, we offer appointment reminder notifications at various intervals prior to each appointment. Patients will receive a text, e-mail, and/or phone call notification as follows: the day the appointment is scheduled; then two (2) weeks prior to the appointment; then three (3) days prior to the appointment; lastly a few hours before the scheduled appointment. Please respond to this message "confirming" the appointment and notifying us that you will be present and on time. We make every effort to confirm our appointments. If you have not confirmed your appointment with us more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled reservation, your appointment may be filled by another patient. Therefore, it is essential that we obtain all pertinent contact information and that we communicate with one another prior to the appointment.

If you have confirmed or not confirmed your appointment and find that you cannot keep your appointment, we require a **minimum notice of twenty-four (24) hours** so we are able to assist other patients with their dental needs. If our office is not notified prior to the twenty-four (24) hour window preceding the appointment, you will be charged a **Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) Broken Appointment Fee**. Appointments are scheduled as individuals. Therefore, if more than one (1) family member has a broken appointment (whether on the same day or not), these occurrences will be treated as multiple broken appointments and will incur separate "Broken Appointment Fees."

After the first broken appointment, patients with high production appointments (defined as appointments with a projected treatment value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and/or are reserved for one (1) hour or more in total time reserved) will be subject to paying twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated patient portion up front in order to reserve the appointment. This pre-payment will be held by the practice on the patient's account and applied to the balance owed once treatment is completed.

Also, if any patient accrues more than two (2) broken appointments in a twelve (12) month period, Laura L. Steinberg, DDS, PA reserves the right to release that patient from care and be dismissed from the practice.

Thank you for understanding and respecting the importance of this policy.

By signing below, I agree to fulfill my obligation as a patient at Laura L. Steinberg, DDS, PA and I agree to the "Broken Appointment Fee" and pre-payment penalties, should I not give proper notification.

Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

Date