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INSURANCE BILLING POLICY REGARDING NON-COVERED SERVICES

Access to an In-Network Provider is designed to deliver easy, accessible and care of the highest quality for the members of a particular Dental Insurance Plan. Standard of care is not determined by the benefits available by your dental plan. A comprehensive exam and diagnosis is completed prior to any treatment plan outlining the required services needed to restore your child's oral health to optimal standards. To ensure that you are aware of your financial obligations, we provide an itemized treatment plan outlining services and their associated fees prior to providing ANY of the actual services.

When it comes to services listed that are NOT a covered benefit under your dental plan, New Smiles Kids Dentistry will collect all charges for the non-covered dental service on or before the time of service. In the event that the annual maximum or the frequency for a particular service has been met, New Smiles Kids Dentistry will charge you at the approved, contracted In-Network fee.

Some examples of services that are usually not covered by dental plans include, but are not limited to:

Nitrous Oxide	Code 9230	Office Fee \$109
Conscious Sedation	Code 9248	Office Fee \$418
All White Zirconia Crowns	Code 2929	Office Fee \$475

These fees have been established to continue to make necessary dental care accessible to all those in the communities we serve.

Least Expensive Alternative Treatment (LEAT): An insurance company will sometimes only pay based off of the Least Expensive Alternative Treatment (LEAT); that means even though a composite "tooth colored" filling was used to restore a tooth, the insurance company will downgrade that procedure to an amalgam "silver filling" and only pay based on the silver filling fee.

Tooth colored fillings are made of more expensive materials and require more time and technique to place than silver fillings. As a patient's parent/guardian, you will be responsible for the difference in cost between the composite "tooth colored" filling and the amalgam "silver filling", if their particular plan downgrades composite to amalgam.

As a patient's parent/guardian you have the right to request and/or refuse to consent to receiving any or all of these services. However, if either request or refusal interferes with Dr. Baliga's ability to provide optimum treatment or compromises the quality or standard of care for your child, she reserves the right to refuse to perform non-emergency treatment that will in any way compromise your child's comfort, safety, and physical, emotional & long term developing psyche. In such cases, it would be advisable for you to seek care with another provider that will be better suited to meet your present needs.

We are readily available to answer any questions you may have regarding any treatment recommendations and strongly encourage you to let your specialist know of any questions or concerns you may have concerning your child's care during the evaluation period where Dr. Baliga has set aside time especially for you and your child.

You confirm that you have fully read & clearly understood New Smiles Kids Dentistry's policy for Non-Covered Services and your right to request, refuse, and to seek alternate care regarding these services.