

CONSENT FOR COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS ON POSTERIOR TEETH

I understand that Beachcrest Dental, Inc. uses a composite material for all non crown restorations (fillings). This office does not do amalgam restorations.

It has been explained to me that composite restorations (white fillings) may not be completely covered by dental benefits. Most insurance companies reimburse for what they would pay for an amalgam restoration (silver filling). The balance is the responsibility of the patient. I agree to be financially responsible for all copays related to composites (fillings) for myself and all those for whom I am financially responsible.

CONSENT FOR OUR POLICY ON X-RAYS

X-rays provide one of the best diagnostic tools in dentistry. They enable the dentist and hygienist to see inside the tissue of the teeth, gums and bones of the jaw. We assure you that we are conservative in our use of x-rays, but without them, decay and other diseases of the teeth and mouth often cannot be diagnosed until serious damage has been done.

Bite-wing X-rays: Show details of the upper and lower teeth in one area of the mouth. Each bite-wing shows a tooth from its crown to about the level of the supporting bone. Bite-wings are used to detect decay between teeth. Four bitewings are taken every 12 months.

Periapical X-rays: Show the whole tooth—from the crown to beyond the end of the root to where the tooth is anchored in the jaw. Periapical X-rays are used to detect any abnormalities of the root structure and surrounding bone structure.

Panoramic X-rays: Show the entire mouth area—all the teeth in both the upper and lower jaw—on a single X-ray. This type of X-ray is useful for detecting the position of fully emerged as well as emerging teeth, can identify impacted teeth, and aid in the diagnosis of the tumors.

Full mouth series: Complete set of intraoral X-rays taken, composed of 18 films (4 bite-wings, 8 posterior periapicals and 6 anterior periapicals).

Full mouth series or Panoramic X-rays are taken every 3-5 years.

If you have been seen by a dentist within the last five years and have had x-rays, it is important that we receive copies from your previous dentist. We have enclosed a records release, if needed. If we do not receive previous x-rays by your initial visit or they are of poor quality, they may need to be taken and may or may not be covered by your insurance.

Some dental benefits have limits on their coverage of x-rays. Please check your policy for coverage.

Patient Name (please print)

Date

Signature of Patient (or Parent/Guardian)