

Dentistry for Kids

Dear Parent:

After an evaluation of your child, we feel that it would be in their best interest if their present dental treatment is completed in the hospital under general anesthesia as an outpatient. In order for this to occur, we must first obtain a pre-authorization from your medical insurance carrier to cover the hospital expenses, minus co-pays and deductibles. Once your insurance company has approved this procedure, we can then determine a date for surgery. For your child's health and well being, they will need a physical examination approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the date of surgery. The hospital has a history and physical form, which must be completed by child's pediatrician or primary care provider, and then faxed to the hospital.

Upon first examination of your child, we made notes of the treatment that we thought would be necessary. However, once the anesthesiologist has your child asleep, we can then take X-rays, perform a more thorough examination, and determine a more accurate diagnosis of their dental condition. Our initial estimate of treatment is based on our first office evaluation. We make every attempt to be as accurate as possible when preparing your financial statement. Please understand that the needs may change after a more thorough examination and review of X-rays. This may result in additional treatment for which you and /or your insurance company will be responsible.

We expect that your medical coverage will cover the hospital, anesthesia and related expenses according to your contract with your carrier. You may still have deductibles and co-pays that you are required to pay. As a courtesy, we will submit a pre-treatment estimate of the dental services recommended to your dental insurance company. The treatment may change and additional costs may be necessary. Any estimated co-pays will be due **two weeks** prior to the surgery date.

Again, please understand that we try to be as accurate as possible and obtain as much information as we can from your insurance carriers. If you have any questions about your insurance coverage we recommend that you contact your representative directly. By agreeing to have the treatment completed in the hospital you are ultimately responsible for paying for all costs not covered by either your medical or dental insurance. If you have any questions or we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Patient

Parent/Guardian

Date

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Dear Parent(s):

As you know, we are planning for your child to have dental treatment completed at a hospital or surgery center. While we expect your medical insurance will cover most of the hospital related expenses and separate charges for the anesthesiologist, you will most likely incur some charges and/or fees as a result of any deductibles or co-pays. Please understand that you will be responsible for these deductibles and/or co-pays.

We, at Dentistry for Kids, are not a part of the decision making process by the medical insurance companies regarding what is expected to be covered and what will **NOT** be covered. Therefore, we do not know exactly what your responsibility will be for the charges incurred at the hospital or for the anesthesiology related expenses.

We **STRONGLY** recommend that you contact both the hospital and your medical insurance carrier regarding any hospital charges, anesthesia fees and the anesthesiologist fees, to determine what deductibles and co-pays will be your responsibility.

As a courtesy, listed below is an estimate of what the charges would be if medical insurance does NOT cover these services.

2 Hour Cases ----- \$5000.00 - \$8000.00
3 Hour Cases ----- \$7045.00 - \$9000.00
4 Hour Cases ----- \$9175.00 - \$10500.00

As you can see, it is to your best interest that you contact your medical insurance carrier prior to the date of the scheduled procedure for your child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Bartholomey, Office Manager at 410-771-8200

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