

Please read and sign at the bottom of the form

### **1. X-Rays:**

I understand that dental x-rays may need to be taken today.

### **2. Drugs and medications**

I understand that antibiotics and analgesics and other medications can cause allergic reactions causing redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction).

### **3. Changes in treatment plan**

I understand that during treatment it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on the teeth that were not discovered during examination, the most common being root canal therapy following routine restorative procedures. I give my permission to the Dentist to make any/all changes and additions as necessary.

### **4. Removal of teeth**

Alternatives to removal have been explained to me (root canal therapy, crowns, implants, and periodontal surgery, etc.) and I authorize the Dentist to remove the following teeth and any others necessary for reasons in paragraph #3. I understand removing teeth does not always remove all the infection, if present, and it may be necessary to have further treatment. I understand the risks involved in having teeth removed, some of which are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, loss of feeling in my teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (Paresthesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time (days or months) or fractured jaw. I understand I may need further treatment by a specialist or even hospitalization if complications arise during or following treatment, the cost of which is my responsibility.

### **5. Crowns, bridges and caps**

I understand that sometimes it is not possible to match the color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. I further understand that I may be wearing temporary crowns, which may come off easily and that I must be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crowns are delivered. I realize the final opportunity to make changes in my new crown, bridge, or cap (including shape, fit, size and color) will be before cementation.

### **6. Dentures, complete or partial**

I realize that full or partial dentures are artificial, constructed of plastic, metal, and/or porcelain. The problems of wearing these appliances have been explained to me, including looseness, soreness, and possible breakage. I realize the final opportunity to make changes in my new dentures (including shape, fit, size, placement, and color) will be the "teeth in wax" try-in visit. I understand that most dentures require relining approximately three to twelve months after initial placement. The cost for this procedure is not included in the initial denture fee.

I understand the wearing of dentures is difficult. Sore spots altered speech and difficulty in eating are common problems. Immediate dentures (placement of dentures immediately after extractions) may be painful. Immediate dentures may require considerable adjusting and several relines. A permanent reline will be needed later. This is not included in the denture fee. I understand that it is my responsibility to return for delivery of the dentures.

I understand that failure to keep my delivery appointment may result in poorly fixed dentures. If a remake is required due to my delays of more than 30 days there will be additional charges.

### 7. Endodontic treatment (root canal)

I realize there is no guarantee that root canal treatment will save my tooth, and that complications can occur from the treatment, and that occasionally metal objects are cemented in the tooth or extend through the root, which does not necessarily affect the success of the treatment. I understand that occasionally additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment.

### 8. Periodontal loss (tissue & bone)

I understand that I have a serious condition, causing gum and bone infection or loss and that it can lead to the loss of my teeth. Alternative treatment plans have been explained to me, including gum surgery, replacement and/or extractions. I understand that undertaking any dental procedures may have a future adverse effect on my periodontal condition.

### 9. Fillings

I understand that care must be exercised in chewing on fillings especially during the first 24 hours to avoid breakage. I understand that a more expensive filling that initially diagnosed may be required due to additional decay. I understand that significant sensitivity is a common after effect of a newly placed filling.

I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and that, therefore, reputable practitioners cannot fully guarantee results. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding the dental treatment which I have requested and authorized. I have had the opportunity to read this form and ask questions. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent to the proposed treatment.

If you were denied a dental service for your Medicaid procedure, there is an appeals process.

By signing below you agree to waive your rights to this appeals process.

Name of Patient (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian if patient is a minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_