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PAYMENT POLICY FOR UNINSURED PATIENTS AND MEDICARE PATIENTS

In order to avoid misunderstandings regarding payment for services provided at this office, we wish to clearly explain our payment policy. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please let us know.

- Full payment is required at the time of service unless other arrangements have previously been made. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card (VISA or Mastercard).
- Medicare: Routine periodontal treatment as provided at this office is not covered by Medicare. Medicare regulations clearly state that Medicare does not provide reimbursement for "treatment of the teeth and gums".
- Patients who make full payment in cash or by check (not by credit card) at the time of service will receive a 5% discount.
- A payment plan is available through a healthcare credit program called *CareCredit*. This program offers the following advantages:
 - Patients choosing this option can make no payment at the time of service.
 - There is no membership fee or annual fee.
 - The minimum payment is only 3% of the balance or \$10.00.
 - The monthly interest rate varies from 1.45% to 1.75% and is based upon the amount charged.
 - There is no interest charge if the account balance is paid within 6 months.
 - The application and approval procedure can be completed in a matter of minutes.Please let us know if you wish to take advantage of this program.
- Accounts with balances over \$350.00 which are more than 60 days past due will be assessed a monthly finance charge of 1.5% (18% annually).
- Accounts with balances under \$350.00 which are more than 60 days past due will be assessed a \$5.00 billing service charge.

Patient's name

Name of the person who is responsible for the patient's account

I have read, understand and received a copy of this Payment Policy.

Signature of the person who is responsible for the patient's account

Date

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- Patients can also make installment payments by authorizing periodic charges to a credit card account. Please contact our business manager if you are interested in using this payment option.
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