

AGREEMENT TO USE TOOTH COLORED FILLINGS AND ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED

At Signature Smiles of Cullman P.C., Drs. Marshall and Stidham **DO NOT ROUTINELY USE AMALGAM (SILVER) FILLINGS** as a treatment for restoring broken or decayed teeth. We recommend and **ONLY** place composite resin (tooth colored) fillings as we believe it is best for our patients. Please inform us at the time of treatment planning and review of costs, whether you do not want composite resin fillings. During your visit, if the need for a filling is diagnosed and treatment planned by Dr. Marshall and/or Dr. Stidham, and, if you do not specify otherwise, then a composite resin filling will be planned and performed.

There are additional costs involved with composite resin fillings, depending on the insurance plan that you have selected. Insurance companies will only pay for composite fillings based on their charge for a comparable amalgam filling. You will be responsible for the difference between our charge for the composite resin filling and the amount paid by your insurance company for the comparable amalgam filling. This is standard procedure accepted by insurance companies, and is a result of your insurance companies' reimbursements; **NOT** based on our billing procedures. Therefore, once we process the insurance claim, there usually will be a difference between the amount you paid to us at your visit, and any remaining co-payment as determined by your insurance company. This means that after we receive your claim, **YOU MAY STILL RECEIVE A BILL** from us, as the co-payment you paid at the office will cover only part of the procedure.

We want to be as accurate and as upfront as possible with you concerning costs. At the time of treatment planning and review of costs, we cannot give you the exact additional amount that will be billed to you. This is based upon the way different insurance companies reimburse for composite fillings, and this difference will be noted in the Explanation of Benefits that you will receive following payment to your provider. Therefore, we can only give you an estimate.

I have read and understand the above statement, and by signing this agreement, I agree to the use of composite resin for my fillings, as well as the additional costs involved. I also understand that Signature Smiles of Cullman P.C. (Dr. Lindsey Marshall and Dr. Katie Stidham) is in no way trying to persuade me into a particular type of filling, and is only providing me with treatment and financial options.

Print Name

Date

Signature