

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Many patients have a commonly held misconception that medical and dental benefit policies their employers, or they individually have purchased, will pay for all their treatment. This is not the case.

As a patient in this office, you will receive treatment specific to the problems noted during your initial examination. Your doctor will carefully review his findings with you and explain to you the treatment options, if any, available to you. In return, your financial responsibility for this treatment will be to the doctor's office. We will be glad to assist you in obtaining reimbursement for part of these benefits from your third party benefits payer.

Often third party payers, upon the patient's request, will send benefit reimbursement directly to the doctor's office. Please understand your benefits contract will always have an "allowable benefit" payment for each procedure provided. This "allowable" is determined by the limitations of the contract that your employer or the individual has purchased from the company and does not always equal the doctor's submitted fees. The third party payer will pay a percentage of the "allowable" with a co-payment portion assigned to the patient.

Please understand third party payment is no longer termed "insurance" as it does not guarantee payment even though you may feel you have the coverage. Financial responsibility for services you receive at the office is yours alone and are due at the time services are rendered, unless prior financial arrangements have been made. We will be happy to file your insurance claim for you.

Thank you for your confidence in our office. We look forward to providing you with competent care and courteous service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Jankowski and Staff

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND UNDERSTAND I AM FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE TO LAKELAND HILLS DENTAL FOR ALL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO ME.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_