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Dear Patient:

We have prepared this letter to help you better understand the complexities of dental insurance; we realize how confusing it can be. To begin, we would like to highlight a misconception-dental insurance was not designed to pay for all dental care. Most contracts have limits and/or various degrees of co-payment.

All levels of payment by insurance companies, including allowed fees, usual and customary (UCR), are governed by premiums paid. They have nothing to do with the actual charges. Our fees are based on a combination of our costs, our time, and our constant dedication to supplying our patients with the highest quality dental care. The treatment recommended by our office is never based on what your insurance company will pay; your treatment should not be governed by your insurance contract.

However, it should be understood, that the dental insurance contract is between the insurance company and the patient. The patient bears the ultimate financial responsibility.

We hope this information has been helpful. Please take the time to review your contract thoroughly so we may best serve you. As always, you may feel free to ask any member of our staff for clarification on services, billing and insurance.

Also, please be aware there is a 24 hour cancellation policy at our office. There will be a \$45.00 fee for each hour of appointments canceled without notice. A specific amount of time has been allotted for you. We need notice to make schedule changes if necessary.

Thank You in advance for your cooperation.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

