

## Welcome to the dental practice of Thunder Bay Family Dentistry!

Thank you for choosing Thunder Bay Family Dentistry for your family dental care. We want this opportunity to welcome you to our practice and to offer you assistance in making your visit comfortable.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- Patient Registration Form
- Medical History Form
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices
- Consent Form for purposes of Treatment, Payment & Healthcare Operations (HIPPA)
- Financial Policy and Dental Insurance Information Letter
- Records Transfer Form (if needed)

In order to shorten your registration time when you arrive for your appointment, please complete the enclosed Patient Registration and Medical History Forms. Please also review and sign the HIPPA Consent and Financial Policy. We would like to have these completed forms and a copy of your most recent dental insurance card at least a day prior to your appointment, but you may bring them with you the day of your appointment if it is not convenient to do so otherwise.

Our practice participates with Delta Dental. We will accept and bill a number of other major dental insurances as a courtesy. We ask that you be somewhat familiar with your particular insurance policy. If you have any specific questions about your policy, please contact Kari at 989-354-8112 or your insurance carrier. We have enclosed a Dental Insurance Information Letter to help you better understand some of the basic insurance principles.

If you need to change or cancel your appointment, please contact us within 24 hours of your scheduled time. This is a courtesy to our patients who may be on a waiting list to see the doctor.

We will attempt to call you one to two days before your appointment to confirm the date and time. If you have any questions before your appointment, please call us at 989-354-8112.



# **Patient Information**

Please take a moment to enter or update your information to help us ensure the quality of your care is excellent.

					Chart #.	
						FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Patient Na	ıme:					
		Last		First	MI	Preferred Name
Title: Mr/M	//s/Mrs/etc	Gender: Ma	ale  Female	Family Status: (	Married S	ingle Child Other
Birth Date	:		SS #.		Р	rev. Visit:
Email Add	ress:				Best tim	e to call:
Phone:						
	Home	Wo	ork Ext	Mobile	Fax	Other
Address:						
Address.						
		City			L	Zip Code
Proferred	intm	•			State	∠ιμ ∪υα <del>σ</del>
	d appointme					
Mon		Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Mornin	ng 📙	Afternoon	Evening	Any time		
Whom m	ay we than	ık for referring ya	ou to our practice?			
Dental	l Office	Ye	llow Pages	Internet		
Newsp	oaper	Sc	hool	Work		
	(name belo	 pw):		_		
Name of	person, off	ice, or other sou	rce referring you to	our practice:		

# **Spouse or Responsible Party Information**

The follow	ving is for: the patient's spo	buse the person respo	nsible for payment	neither-not applicable
Name:				
	Last	First	MI Preferre	ed Name
Title: Mr/l	Gender: Male	Female Family Status	: Married Sing	gle Child Other
Birth Date		Ema	il Address:	
Phone:	Home Work	Ext Mobile	Best time t	o call:
Address:				
	City		State	Zip Code
		Employment Inforr	nation	
The follow	wing is for: the patient	the person responsible	for payment	
Employer	Name:			Phone:
Address:				
	City		State	Zip Code

# **Primary Insurance Information**

# **Primary Dental Insurance:**

Name of Insured:					
	Last		First	MI	
Insured's Birth Date:		] ID #.			Group #.
Insured's Address:					
	City			State	Zip Code
Insured's Employer N	Name:				
Employer Address:					
	City			State	Zip Code
Patient's relationship	o to insured: Self	O Spouse	Ohild	Other	
Insurance Plan Name	e:				
Insurance Address:					
	Citv			State	Zip Code

# **Secondary Insurance Information**

# **Secondary Dental Insurance:**

Name of Insured:						
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Insured's Birth Date:		ID #.			 Group #.	
Insured's Address:						
	City			State		Zip Code
Insured's Employer N	ame:					
Employer Address: [						
L	City			State		Zip Code
Patient's relationship	to insured: O Self	O Spouse	Ohild	Other		
Insurance Plan Name	e:					
Insurance Address:						
L	City			State		Zip Code
Signature of patient,	parent, or guardian (r	esponsible party):				
Signature:					Date:	
Relationship to Patie	ent:					
				Respons	se Date:	

## **PARENTAL CONSENT FOR MINORS**

Father:	
Mother:	
Grandparent:	
	Legal Guardianship
□ Father □ Moth	er
I/We,	give my/our permission as the legal guardian(s) of
To be examined and/or treated in Family Dentistry.	my/our absence by the dental professionals of Thunder Bay
	he following individuals below to bring in, be present, and event I/we can not be present myself/ourselves.
Name:	Relationship:
I understand that I can recant this	document at any time I feel it is necessary.
Signature:	
Signature:	



# **Medical History**

Patient Name:			
Last	First	MI	Preferred Name
Birth Date			
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Although dental personnel primarily treat the ar Health problems that you may have, or medicati the dentistry you will receive. Thank you for answ	ion that you may be taking,	could have an i	
Are you under a physician's care now?			
* Yes No			
If yes, please explain:			
Have you ever been hospitalized or had a major	operation?		
* Yes No			
If yes, please explain:			
Are you taking any medications, pills, or drugs?			
* Yes No			
Medications List:			
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riave you ever taker i osa	max, bornva, Actorier or ar	my other medications contain	ning dispriosprioriates:
* Yes No			
Bisphosphonate taken and	duration:		
Do you use tobacco?			
* Yes No			
Women: Are you			
Wolliell. Are you			
Pregnant/Trying to get pre	gnant?		
◯ Yes ◯ No			
Taking oral contraceptives	?		
◯ Yes ◯ No			
Nursing?			
Yes No			
Do you have, or have	a you had any of the	following?	
Do you have, or have	e you had, any or the	: lollowing :	
*Pre-Med - Amox	*Pre-Med - Clind	*Pre-Med - Other	Allergy - Aspirin
Allergy - Codeine	Allergy - Erythro	Allergy - Latex	Allergy - Other
Allergy - Penicillin	Allergy - Seasonal	Allergy - Sulfa	Alzheimers/Dimentia
Angina/Chest Pain	Arthritis	Artificial Joints	Asthma
Auto Immune Disease	Blood Disease	Blood Thinners	Breathing Problems
Cancer	Chemotherapy	Cold Sores/Blisters	Crohn's Disease
Diabetes	Drug Addiction	Dry Mouth	Emphysema/COPD
Fainting/Dizziness	Frequent Headache	Glaucoma	Head Injuries
Heart Attack/Failure Murmur/Prolaps	Heart Disease		

Heart Stents	Hepatitis B or C	Herpes	High Blood P	ressure
High Cholesterol	HIV/AIDS	Hives/Rash	Hypoglycemia	а
Jaw Pain/Discomfort	Kidney Problems	Liver Problems	Low Blood Pr	essure
Mental Disorders	Nervous Disorders	Osteoporosis	Pacemaker	
Radiation Treatment	See Health History	Seizures/Convulsions	Shingles	
Sinus Problems	Stomach Problems	Stroke	Thyroid Probl	ems
Tuberculosis	Tumors/Growths	Ulcers		
Have you ever had any serious illness not listed above?  Yes No  If yes, please explain:				
Comments:				
•	be dangerous to my (or pat	orm have been accurately an ient's) health. It is my respor		
Signature:			Date:	
			Response Date:	



### **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

## **Our Legal Duty**

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information. We are also required to give you this Notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your protected health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect January 1, 2010, and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and provide the new Notice at our practice location, and we will distribute it upon request.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of this notice.

**Your Authorization:** In addition to our use of your health information for the following purposes, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described in this Notice.

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### **Uses and Disclosures of Health Information**

We use and disclose health information about you without authorization for the following purposes.

**Treatment:** We may use or disclose your health information for your treatment. For example, we may disclose your health information to a physician or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you.

**Payment:** We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide to you. For example, we may send claims to your dental health plan containing certain health information.

**Healthcare Operations:** We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. For example, healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

**To You Or Your Personal Representative:** We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. We may disclose your health information to your personal representative, but only if you agree that we may do so.

**Persons Involved In Care:** We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, of your location, your general condition, or death. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses or disclosures. In the event of your absence or incapacity or in emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare. We will also use our professional judgment and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays, or other similar forms of health information.

**Disaster Relief:** We may use or disclose your health information to assist in disaster relief efforts.

**Marketing Health-Related Services:** We will not use your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization.

**Required by Law:** We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law.

**Public Health and Public Benefit:** We may use or disclose your health information to report abuse, neglect, or domestic violence; to report disease, injury, and vital statistics; to report certain information to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); to alert someone who may be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease; for health oversight activities; for certain judicial and administrative proceedings; for certain law enforcement purposes; to avert a serious threat to health or safety; and to comply with workers' compensation or similar programs.

**Decedents:** We may disclose health information about a decedent as authorized or required by law.

**National Security:** We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody the protected health information of an inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

**Appointment Reminders:** We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards, or letters).

#### **PATIENTS RIGHTS**

Access: You have the right to look at or get copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practicably do so. You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your health information. You may obtain a form to request access by using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You may also request access by sending us a letter to the address at the end of this Notice. We will charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for the cost of supplies and labor of copying. If you request copies, we reserve the right to charge you a nominal fee of \$35.00 to copy your health information, and postage if you want the copies mailed to you. If you request an alternative format, we will charge a cost-based fee for providing your health information in that format. If you prefer, we will prepare a summary or an explanation of your health information for a fee. Contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice for a full explanation of our fee structure.

**Disclosure Accounting:** You have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our business associates disclosed your health information for purposes other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations, and certain other activities, for the last 6 years, but not before April 14, 2003. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

**Restriction:** You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. In most cases we are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in certain circumstances where disclosure is required or permitted, such as an emergency, for public health activities, or when disclosure is required by law). We must comply with a request to restrict the disclosure of protected health information to a health plan for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations (as defined by HIPAA) if the protected health information pertains solely to a health care item or service for which we have been paid out of pocket in full.

**Alternative Communication:** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or at alternative locations. (You must make your request in writing.) Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation of how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location you request.

**Amendment:** You have the right to request that we amend your health information. Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

**Electronic Notice:** You may receive a paper copy of this notice upon request, even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically on our Web site or by electronic mail (e-mail).

## **Questions and Complaints**

If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us.

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You also may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support your right to the privacy of your health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Contact Officer: Jack H Behl DDS

Telephone: (989) 354-8112 Fax: (989) 354-3542

E-mail: admin@thunderbayfamdent.com

Address: 2229 US 23 South Alpena, MI 49707



### PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL POLICY

We would like to thank you for choosing Thunder Bay Family Dentistry to provide you your dental care. We are committed to providing you with quality and affordable dental care. Because you may have some questions regarding personal and insurance responsibility for services rendered, we have developed this payment and financial policy. Please read it and feel free to ask any questions that you may have. A copy will be provided to you upon request.

#### FOR OUR INSURED PATIENTS:

Copays: All copays must be paid at the time of service.

<u>Deductibles</u>: Some insurance policies have deductible requirements. These are your responsibility and will be billed to you. Payment is due within 29 days of receipt of your statement.

<u>Non-covered services</u>: Some, and perhaps all, of the services that you receive may be non-covered, or not considered necessary by your insurance. These services are your responsibility and will be billed to you. Payment is due within 29 days of receipt of your statement.

<u>Submitting claims</u>: We will submit your claims and assist in every reasonable way we can to get your claims paid. However, there may be times when your insurance requires information from you directly. It is your responsibility to provide this information if or when it is requested. If your claim is denied because you failed to provide this information, the balance will become your responsibility.

<u>Proof of Insurance</u>: All patients must complete our registration forms. We must also obtain a copy of your current insurance card. If you do not have this available at your appointment, and do not produce it within a reasonable amount of time, you will be responsible for your services.

<u>Change in coverage</u>: If your insurance changes, please notify us prior to your appointment.

#### FOR OUR SELF-PAY PATIENTS:

Payment is due at the time of service. If you need an estimate for your services, please ask to speak to Kari.

### FOR ALL PATIENTS:

<u>Payment Financing:</u> We have partnered with CareCredit Health Care Financial Services to provide you affordable, interest free, monthly payment options. Information and an application for Care Credit can be found at <a href="https://www.carecredit.com">www.carecredit.com</a> or by contacting our office ahead of your scheduled appointment.

<u>No-Show appointments</u>: There is a minimal \$50.00 fee for appointments not cancelled 24 hours prior to an appointment. We understand that certain circumstances arise and will extend a courtesy for a couple of legitimate excuses. The fee is normally charged this out on the third documented no communication, no-show appointment. This fee is not payable by insurance and must be paid prior to your next appointment. Upon a third no communication no-show appointment, we reserve the right to discharge you from the practice and ask you to find services at another practice where your schedule is better matched.

<u>Copy Fees</u>: If you need your records copied, there is a nominal fee of \$35.00. Payment for these copies is due before the copies leave the office.

<u>Collection procedures</u>: If your account is over 90 days old, you will receive a letter stating that you have 10 days to pay your account in full. Please be aware that if your balance remains unpaid, we will submit the balance to an outside collection agency. Any future treatment following any collection procedure must be paid in full prior to time of service. An alternative action taken may be that you and your immediate family members may be subject to discharge from our practice.

Thank you for understanding our payment and financial policy. If you have any questions regarding this document, please let us know.

I have read this Payment	t and Financial Po	olicy document and fully understand its contents:	
Signature	Date		

### DENTAL INSURANCE INFORMATION LETTER

### Dear Patients:

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 the premiums paid. They have nothing to do with the actual charges. Our fees are based upon 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, whom 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 for Kari or April, and should be able to give clarification on services, billing, and insurance coverage.

Thank you



Dear Dr.	:
	, request the release of my dental records to the practice of
	Bay Family Dentistry. ease the information requested by Thunder Bay Family Dentistry, so that they can continu
	y dental care.
	o include the following immediate family members for dental record release as well:
1	
3	
5	
Signatur	:
Date: _	

Phone: (989) 354-8112