

# Steven R. Bates, D.M.D.

8385 Dorchester Rd., N. Charleston, SC 29418

We are pleased to welcome you to our practice and would like to thank you for selecting our dental care team. We will strive to provide you we the best possible care. To help us meet your needs, please familiarize yourself with our office policies.

#### OFFICE HOURS and APPOINTMENTS

We see all patients on an appointment basis. We ask that you call our office in advance so that we may reserve time for you. We respect our patients' time and make every effort to remain on schedule; we request that you extend the same courtesy. Our office hours are:

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

We pride ourselves in providing extra time for the personal attention each patient deserves. Your appointment time in this office will be reserved exclusively for you. We respect your time and make every effort to keep you from waiting. We request you provide us with at least 48 hours notice if you need to reschedule your appointment. Without at least 24 hours notice of cancellation you will be subject to a \$75.00 broken appointment fee. After three (3) broken appointments, you will be dismissed from the practice.

#### **FEES and PAYMENTS**

Payment is expected at the time of service unless arrangements have been made prior to your scheduled appointment. We accept the following methods of payment:

CASH, MONEY ORDERS, CHECK, VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS & DISCOVER

## **RETURNED CHECKS:**

There will be a \$35.00 charge applied to your account for any checks returned for non-sufficient funds.

## **INSURANCE**

As a courtesy to our patients, we will file your dental insurance claims and bill your dental insurance company for treatments you receive. However, in the event the insurance company, for any reason does not pay the estimated portion of the bill, the balance will become the patient's responsibility and will be billed directly to you. Balances unpaid by your insurance will be billed to you and should be paid within 30 days. Accounts <u>90</u> days past due may be turned over to a collections agency with no further notice.

Please take the time to read and understand your insurance policy and benefits. In most cases, dental insurance is a contract between your employer and a dental insurance company. The benefits you receive are based on the terms of the contract that were negotiated between your employer and the dental insurance company, and not our dental office. Our goal is to help you achieve and maintain optimal dental care. Our office will do everything possible to help you understand and make the most of your dental insurance benefits.

If you should have any questions regarding our policies, please do not hesitate to ask. Once again, we would like to thank you for choosing our office. Please sign and date below certifying that you have read and agree to the above office policies.

SIGNATURE	DATE	

# **REGISTRATION AND TREATMENT**

Date	Home Phone ()	
	Cell Phone ()	
PATIENT IN	FORMATION	
Name	SS/HIC/Patient ID #	
Address	E-mail	
City	State Zip	
Sex M F Age Birthdate	☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Single ☐ Minor	
	☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Partnered for years	
Patient Employer/School	Occupation	
Employer/School Address		
Whom may we thank for referring you?		
	Phone ()	
PRIMARYI	NSURANCE	
Person Responsible for Account		
Person Responsible for Account Last Name	First Name Middle Initial	
Relation to Patient		
	Phone ()	
City		
Person Responsible Employed By		
Business Address	,	
Insurance Company		
Contract # Group #		
Names of other dependents covered under this plan		
ADDITIONAL	INSURANCE	
Is patient covered by additional insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Subscriber Name	Relation to Patient Birthdate	
Address (If different from patient's)	Phone ()	
City	State Zip	
Subscriber Employed by	Business Phone ()	
Insurance Company	Soc. Sec. #	
Contract # Group #	Subscriber #	
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Please Complete Above Information and Next Page

Names of other dependents covered under this plan \_

#### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICE

# THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

The Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPPA") is a federal program that requires that all medical records and other individually identifiable health information used or disclosed by us in any form, whether electronically, or paper, or orally, are kept properly confidential. This Act gives you, the patient, significant new rights to understand and control how your health information is used. "HIPPA" provides penalties for covered entities that misuse person health information. As required by "HIPPA", we prepared this explanation of how we are required to maintain the privacy of your health information and how we may use and disclose your health information. We may use and disclose your medical records only for each of the following purposed: treatment, payment and health care operations.

- Treatment means providing, coordination, or managing health car and related services by one or more health care providers.

  An example of this would include teeth cleaning services.
- Payment means such activities as obtaining reimbursement for services, confirming coverage, billing or collection activities, and utilization review. An example of this would be sending a bill for your visit to your health insurance company for payment.
- Health care operations include the business aspects of running our practice, such as conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, auditing functions, cost-management analysis, and customer service. An example would be an internal quality assessment review.

We may also create and distribute de-identified health information by removing all reference to individually identifiable information. We may contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. Any other uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization. You may revoke such authorization in writing and we are required to honor and abide by that written request, except to the extent that we have already taken actions relying on your authorization.

You have the following rights with respect to your protected health information, which you can exercise by presenting a written request to the Privacy Officer:

- The right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information, including those related to disclosures to family members, other relatives, close personal friends, or any other person identified by you. We are, however, not required to agree to a requested restriction. If we do agree to a restriction, we must abide by it unless you agree in writing to remove it.
- The right to reasonable request to receive confidential communications of protected health information from us by alternative means or at alternative locations.
- The right to inspect and copy your protected health information.
- The right to amend your protected health information.
- The right to receive an accounting of disclosure of protected health information.
- The right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us upon request.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information and to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. This notice is effective as of April 14, 2003 and we are required to abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices currently in effect. We reserve the right to change the terms of our Notice of Privacy Practices and to make the new notice provisions effective for all protected health information that we maintain. We will post and you may request a written copy of a revised Notice of Privacy Practices from this office. You have recourse if you feel that your privacy protections have been violated. You have the right to file written complaint with our office, or with the Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Civil Rights, about violations of the provisions of this notice or the policies and procedures of our office. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Please contact us for more information

Steven R. Bates, D.M.D. 6518 Dorchester Road North Charleston, SC 29418 (843) 767-1809 For more information about HIPPA Or to file a complaint:

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Civil Rights 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 (202) 619-0257 Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

#### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PROACTICES ACKNOWKLEDGEMENT

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I understand that, under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPPA"), I have certain rights to privacy Reqarding my protected health information. I understand that this information can and will be used to:

- Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow-up among the multiple health care providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly.
- Obtain payment from third-party payers.

to do so as documented below.

Initials:

Reason:

Date:

• Conduct normal health care operations such as quality assessments and physician certifications.

I acknowledge that I have received you Notice Privacy Practices containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my health information. I understand that this organization has the right to change its Notice of Privacy Practices from time to time and that I amy contact this organization at any time at the address above to obtain a current copy of the Notice of Private Practices.

I understand that I may request in writing that you restrict how my private information is used of disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. I also understand you are not required to agree to my requested restrictions, but if you do agree then you are bound to abide by such restrictions.

Patient Name:	
Patient/Guardian Signature:	
Relationship to Patient:	
Date:	
	OFFICE USE ONLY
I attempted to obtain the patient's si	mature in acknowledgement of this Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement, but was unable