

## **To: All Patients**

This is to inform you that our office **does not** put in Amalgam (silver) fillings. **We only use Composite (white) fillings.** In my opinion it is a higher quality material that is beneficial in minimizing tooth preparation, increased bonding strength to remaining tooth, less post-op sensitivity, safer (no mercury) and aesthetically pleasing. Insurance companies pay their estimated portion (dictated by your individual policy) to the Amalgam price. They usually will NOT cover the additional few dollars (approximately 3-5%) for the difference for the upgraded composite filling. There can be an exception to this depending on your company. **It is your responsibility to cover that additional cost, along with your co-pay.**

**With the vast number of insurance companies and employers, it's not possible for us to know exactly what your coverage includes. If you have any questions concerning your benefit coverage, we suggest you review your policy and contact your insurance company.**

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