



# Alexander Family Dental

## Patient Information

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Married  Single  Child

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent / Guardian Information (If under the age of 18)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Insurance Information

Primary Insured (Subscriber): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Subscriber ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber Employer or Plan Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Group#: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Insurance

Primary Insured (Subscriber): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Subscriber ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber Employer or Plan Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Group#: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorization and Release

I authorize my insurance company to pay Alexander Family Dental all insurance benefits otherwise payable to me for services rendered. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges not paid by insurance. Alexander Family Dental may use my health care information and may disclose such information to my insurance company(ies) and their agents for the purpose of obtaining payment for the services and determining insurance benefits payable for related services, as pertaining to the HIPAA guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## HEALTH HISTORY FORM

As required by law, our office adheres to written policies and procedures to protect the privacy of information about you that we create, receive or maintain. Your answers are for our records only and will be kept confidential subject to applicable laws. Please note that you will be asked some questions about your responses to this questionnaire and there may be additional questions concerning your health. This information is vital to allow us to provide appropriate care for you. This office does not use this information to discriminate.

<b>Do you have any of the following diseases or problems:</b> (Check DK if you Don't Know the answer to the question)		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>DK</b>
Active Tuberculosis.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistent cough greater than a 3 week duration .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cough that produces blood .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Been exposed to anyone with tuberculosis .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you answer yes to any of the 4 items above, please stop and return this form to the receptionist.</i>				

### Dental Information

For the following questions, please mark (X) your responses to the following questions.

		Yes	No	DK			Yes	No	DK
Do your gums bleed when you brush or floss? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have earaches or neck pains? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your teeth sensitive to cold, hot, sweets or pressure?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have any clicking, popping or discomfort in the jaw? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your mouth dry? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you brux or grind your teeth?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you had any periodontal (gum) treatments? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have sores or ulcers in your mouth?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever had orthodontic (braces) treatment?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you wear dentures or partials?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you had any problems associated with previous dental treatment? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you participate in active recreational activities?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your home water supply fluoridated? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever had a serious injury to your head or mouth? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you drink bottled or filtered water?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of your last dental exam:				
If yes, how often? Circle one: DAILY / WEEKLY / OCCASIONALLY					What was done at that time?				
Are you currently experiencing dental pain or discomfort? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of last dental x-rays:				
What is the reason for your dental visit today?									
How do you feel about your smile?									

### Medical Information

Please mark (X) your response to indicate if you have or have not had any of the following diseases or problems.

		Yes	No	DK			Yes	No	DK
Are you in good health? .....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you had a serious illness, operation or been hospitalized in the past 5 years?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has there been any change in your general health within the past year?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, what was the illness or problem?				
If yes, what condition is being treated?									
Are you now under the care of a physician?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you taking or have you recently taken any prescription or over the counter medicine(s)?.....		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physician Name:	Phone: Include area code								
	( )								
Address/City/State/Zip:									
Date of last physical exam:									
	If so, please list all, including vitamins, natural or herbal preparations and/or dietary supplements:								
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# Medical Information (cont.)

Please mark (X) your response to indicate if you have or have not had any of the following diseases or problems.

<p>(Check DK if you Don't Know the answer to the question)</p> <p>Do you wear contact lenses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p><b>Joint Replacement.</b> Have you had an orthopedic total joint (hip, knee, elbow, finger) replacement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>Date: _____ If yes, have you had any complications? _____</p> <p>Are you taking or scheduled to begin taking an antiresorptive agent (like Fosamax®, Actonel®, Atelvia®, Boniva®, Reclast®, Prolia®) for osteoporosis or Paget's disease? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>Since 2001, were you treated or are you presently scheduled to begin treatment with an antiresorptive agent (like Aredia®, Zometa®, XGEVA®) for bone pain, hypercalcemia or skeletal complications resulting from Paget's disease, multiple myeloma or metastatic cancer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>Date Treatment began: _____</p>	<p>Do you use controlled substances (drugs)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>Do you use tobacco (smoking, snuff, chew, bidis)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>If so, how interested are you in stopping? Circle one: VERY / SOMEWHAT / NOT INTERESTED</p> <p>Do you drink alcoholic beverages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>If yes, how much alcohol did you drink in the last 24 hours? _____</p> <p>If yes, how much do you typically drink in a week? _____</p> <p><b>WOMEN ONLY Are you:</b></p> <p>Pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>Number of weeks: _____</p> <p>Taking birth control pills or hormonal replacement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>Nursing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p>
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<p><b>Allergies.</b> Are you allergic to or have you had a reaction to: To all <b>yes</b> responses, specify type of reaction.</p> <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="width:80%;"></th> <th style="width:10%;">Yes</th> <th style="width:10%;">No</th> <th style="width:10%;">DK</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Local anesthetics</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aspirin</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Penicillin or other antibiotics</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbiturates, sedatives, or sleeping pills</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sulfa drugs</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Codeine or other narcotics</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>		Yes	No	DK	Local anesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aspirin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Penicillin or other antibiotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbiturates, sedatives, or sleeping pills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulfa drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Codeine or other narcotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="width:80%;"></th> <th style="width:10%;">Yes</th> <th style="width:10%;">No</th> <th style="width:10%;">DK</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Metals</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Latex (rubber)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iodine</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hay fever/seasonal</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Animals</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>		Yes	No	DK	Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latex (rubber)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iodine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hay fever/seasonal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please mark (X) your response to indicate if you have or have not had any of the following diseases or problems.

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Artificial (prosthetic) heart valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Autoimmune disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glaucoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Previous infective endocarditis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rheumatoid arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis, jaundice or liver disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Damaged valves in transplanted heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Systemic lupus erythematosus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congenital heart disease (CHD)				Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fainting spells or seizures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unrepaired, cyanotic CHD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronchitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neurological disorders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repaired (completely) in last 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify: _____			
Repaired CHD with residual defects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sinus trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sleep disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Except for the conditions listed above, antibiotic prophylaxis is no longer recommended for any other form of CHD.</i>				Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you snore?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Cancer/Chemotherapy/ Radiation Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health disorders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Chest pain upon exertion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify: _____			
Cardiovascular disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chronic pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recurrent Infections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes Type I or II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type of infection: _____			
Arteriosclerosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eating disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congestive heart failure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Malnutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Night sweats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Damaged heart valves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gastrointestinal disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Osteoporosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	G.E. Reflux/persistent heartburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Persistent swollen glands in neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart murmur	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe headaches/migraines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thyroid problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe or rapid weight loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexually transmitted disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other congenital heart defects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					Excessive urination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Has a physician or previous dentist recommended that you take antibiotics prior to your dental treatment?  Yes  No  DK

Name of physician or dentist making recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: *Include area code* ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any disease, condition, or problem not listed above that you think I should know about?  Yes  No  DK

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Both doctor and patient are encouraged to discuss any and all relevant patient health issues prior to treatment.**

I certify that I have read and understand the above and that the information given on this form is accurate. I understand the importance of a truthful health history and that my dentist and his/her staff will rely on this information for treating me. I acknowledge that my questions, if any, about inquiries set forth above have been answered to my satisfaction. I will not hold my dentist, or any other member of his/her staff, responsible for any action they take or do not take because of errors or omissions that I may have made in the completion of this form.

Signature of Patient/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Dentist \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR COMPLETION BY DENTIST**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



*Alexander Family Dental is committed to providing you with the best dental care available. We have found that a clear understanding of our office financial guidelines relieve some of the anxiety associated with going to the dentist. We want to be certain that our guidelines are clear and that all of your questions are answered to your satisfaction. For your convenience we honor several different payment plans.*

**Payment Options:**

When you do not have dental insurance, we ask that you pay for your dental services in full at the end of each appointment. We gladly accept Cash, MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express. We also offer a dental plan for those without insurance as an added value to you.

**Dental Insurance:**

As a courtesy we will file your insurance claim for you. We will make a good faith estimate for planned treatment and request that you pay your estimated portion at the time of service. When payment has been received from your insurance carrier, we will settle the outstanding balance of your account with you (there may be a difference between the estimated portion and actual payment). As a service to you, we will complete and file the appropriate claim forms with your insurance carrier(s). We are happy to provide any x-rays or additional information they might require.

If your insurer denies coverage or delays payment beyond 60 days from the claim filing date, the entire amount will become due and payable by you. Although we make every effort to help you obtain your full benefit, there are many variables we cannot anticipate nor control. Please be aware that your insurance benefits are a contract between you, your employer (if applicable) and insurance company.

**Financial Services:**

We offer CareCredit service that allows you to pay over time with convenient monthly payments. For more information please inquire with the front office staff.

**Cancelling Treatment:**

We understand that sometimes a patient may find it necessary to cancel treatment that has not started or is not yet complete. If that treatment was paid in advance then you may be entitled to refund up to the full amount. In cases where treatment is in progress your prepayment will be reduced by the amount of work completed. If you only partially prepaid for this treatment, you could still have a balance due.

**Refund Policy:**

As part of our fraud and abuse controls our office staff do not have the ability to directly issue a refund. They will submit a refund request to our Accounts Payable department on your behalf. In the event of HSA Accounts or third party payors, like CareCredit, refunds must be processed directly back to the originator and you will receive a credit on your account as opposed to a check in the mail. Our process, including internal controls, takes about two weeks to complete.

**We Would Also Like You to Know:**

- Our office requires a minimum of 2 business days notice (longer if possible) if you are unable to keep your reserved appointment time.
- YOUR APPOINTMENT IS SPECIFICALLY RESERVED FOR YOU. A fee of \$50 per hour of missed appointment time will be charged to the patient for any appointment that is canceled without at least two business days' notice.
- There will be a \$25.00 charge for unpaid returned checks.

I authorize payment to be made directly to Alexander Family Dental by my insurance company and I accept financial responsibility for all services not covered by my insurance. I authorize release of any medical information requested by my insurance carrier. I agree to pay interest of 1.5% (18% annually) on any balance over 30 days. I hereby agree that in the event of default of any amount due, and if this account is placed with a collection agency or attorney for collection or legal action, to pay an additional charge equal to the cost of collection including any attorney fees and court costs incurred and permitted by laws governing these transactions up to 50% of the family's total balance.

**SIGNATURE OF PATIENT / GUARDIAN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Patient/Parent or Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

### **PROTECTING YOUR CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US!**

#### **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.

#### **OUR PROMISE!**

*Dear Patient:*

*This is not meant to alarm you! Quite the opposite! It is our desire to communicate to you that we are taking the new Federal (HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) laws written to protect the confidentiality of your health information seriously. We do not ever want you to delay treatment because you are afraid your personal health history might be unnecessarily made available to others outside of our office*

#### **SO WHAT HAS CHANGED? WHY A PRIVACY POLICY NOW? VERY GOOD QUESTIONS!**

The most significant variable that has motivated the Federal government to legally enforce the importance of the privacy of health information is the rapid evolution of computer technology and its use in healthcare.

The government has appropriately sought to standardize and protect the privacy of the electronic exchange of your health information. This has challenged us to review not only how your health information is used within our computers but also with the Internet, phone, faxes, copy machines, and charts. We believe this has been an important exercise for us because it has disciplined us to put in writing the policies and procedures we use to ensure the protection of your health information everywhere it is used.

We want you to know about these policies and procedures which we developed to make sure your health information will not be shared with anyone who does not require it. Our office is subject to State and Federal law regarding the confidentiality of your health information and in keeping with these laws, we want you to understand our procedures and your rights as our valuable patient.

We will use and communicate your **HEALTH INFORMATION** only for the purposes of providing your treatment, obtaining payment and conducting health care operations. Your health information will not be used for other purposes unless we have asked for and been voluntarily given your written permission.

## **HOW YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION MAY BE USED**

### **TO PROVIDE TREATMENT**

We will use your **HEALTH INFORMATION** within our office to provide you with the best dental care possible. This may include administrative and clinical office procedures designed to optimize scheduling and coordination of care between hygienist, dental assistant, dentist, and business office staff. In addition, we may share your health information with physicians, referring dentists, clinical and dental laboratories, pharmacies or other health care personnel providing you services and/or treatment.

### **TO OBTAIN PAYMENT**

We may include your health information with an invoice used to collect payment for treatment you receive in our office. We may do this with insurance forms filed for you in the mail or sent electronically. We will be sure to only work with companies with a similar commitment to the security of your health information.

### **TO CONDUCT HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS**

Your health information may be used during performance evaluation of our staff. Some of our best teaching opportunities use clinical situation experienced by patients receiving care at our office. As a result, health information may be included in training programs for students, interns, associates, and business and clinical employees. It is also possible that health information will be disclosed during audits by insurance companies or government appointed agencies as part of their quality assurance and compliance reviews. Your health information may be reviewed during the routine process and certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

### **IN PATIENT REMINDERS**

Because we believe regular care is very important to your oral and general health, we will remind you of a scheduled appointment or that it is time for you to contact us and make an appointment. Additionally, we may contact you to follow up on your care and inform you of treatment options or services that may be of interest to you or your family.

These communications are an important part of our philosophy of partnering with our patients to be sure they receive the best preventive and restorative care modern dentistry can provide. They may include postcards, letters, telephone reminders or electronic reminders such as email (unless you tell us that you do not want to receive these reminders).

### **ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

We will notify government authorities if we believe a patient is the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will make this disclosure only when we are compelled by our ethical judgment, when we believe we are specifically required or authorized by law or with the patient's agreement.



# Alexander Family Dental

### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND NATIONAL SECURITY**

We may be required to disclose to Federal officials or military authorities health information necessary to complete an investigation related to public health or national security. Health information could be important when the government believes that the public safety could benefit when the information could lead to the control or prevention of an epidemic or the understanding of new side effects of a drug treatment or medical device.

### **FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

As permitted or required by State or Federal law, we may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for certain law enforcement purposes, including, under certain limited circumstances, if you are a victim of a crime or in order to report a crime.

### **FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CAREGIVERS**

We may share your health information with those you tell us will be helping you with your home hygiene, treatment, medication, or payment. We will be sure to ask your permission first. In the case of an emergency, where you are unable to tell us what you want we will use our very best judgment when sharing your health information only when it will be important to those participating in providing your care.

### **AUTHORIZATION TO USE OR DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION**

Other than is stated above or where Federal, State or Local law requires us, we will not disclose your health information other than with your written authorization. You may revoke that authorization in writing at any time.

### **PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**PATIENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much for taking time to review how we are carefully using your health information. If you have any questions we want to hear from you. If not, we would appreciate very much your acknowledging your receipt of our policy by your signature. We look forward to guiding you with your dental care.

### **PATIENT RIGHTS**

This new law is careful to describe that you have the following rights related to your health information.

### **RESTRICTIONS**

You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information. Our office will make every effort to honor reasonable restriction preferences from our clients.

### **CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

You have the right to request that we communicate with you in a certain way. You may request that we only communicate your health information privately with no other family members present or through mailed communications that are sealed. We will make every effort to honor your reasonable requests for confidential communications.

### **INSPECT AND COPY YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION**

You have the right to ask us to update or modify your records if you believe your health information records are incorrect or incomplete. We will be happy to accommodate you as long as our office maintains this information. In order to standardize our process, please provide us with your request in writing and describe your reason for the change.

### **AMEND YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION**

You have the right to ask us to update or modify your records if you believe your health information records are incorrect or incomplete. We will be happy to accommodate you as long as our office maintains this information. In order to standardize our process, please provide us with your request in writing and describe your reason for the change.

Your request may be denied if the health information record in question was not created by our office, is not part of our records or if the records containing your health information are determined to be accurate and complete.

### **DOCUMENTATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

You have the right to ask us for a description of how and where your health information was used by our office for any reason other than for treatment, payment or health operations. Our documentation procedures will enable us to provide information on health information usage from April 14, 2003 and forward. Please let us know in writing the time period for which you are interested. Thank you for limiting your request to no more than six years at a time. We may need to charge you a reasonable fee for your request.

### **REQUEST A PAPER COPY OF THE NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices directly from our office at any time. Stop by or give us a call and we will mail or email a copy to you.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide to you and your representative this Notice of our Privacy Practices. We are required to practice the policies and procedures described in this notice but we do reserve the right to change the terms of our Notice. If we change our privacy practices we will be sure all of our patients receive a copy of the revised Notice.

You have the right to express complaints to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been compromised. We encourage you to express any concerns you may have regarding the privacy of your information. Please let us know of your concerns or complaints in writing.

### **ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WE CAN RELEASE INFORMATION TO:**

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**Patient/Parent or Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**