



Elma FAMILY DENTAL
Financial and Appointment Policy for
Oral Conscious Sedation

There is an additional fee that applies to appointments using oral conscious sedation. It is a flat fee and is not based on the length of the appointment. All payments for the sedation fee and for the day's scheduled estimated fees for treatment are required one (1) week prior to your sedation appointment. If payment is not made one week prior to your appointment, your appointment will need to be cancelled. Due to the nature of the sedation medications you would lack the mental concentration to pay on the day of services, and due to the amnesiac effects of the medications there would be legal and ethical reasons why we will not be able to conduct any financial transactions with you on the day of sedation services.

If your insurance company provides certification beforehand, we will accept those insurance payments for applicable treatment and/or sedation fees. We accept credit cards and offer financing/payment plan options through Care Credit. Our experience is that insurance companies are not concerned with your fear of dentists and the need for advanced sedative techniques. Most do not pay a benefit for the sedation fees.

Due to the extended length of these types of appointments (often up to five hours) we require that you provide us with a minimum of 7 day notice if you need to cancel your appointment. It is a hardship for our dentists, staff and other patients if we have a large appointment block set aside for you that is cancelled at the last minute. If you fail to show up for your appointment or give adequate cancellation time the sedation fee will be forfeited and a \$50 per hour fee will be added to your bill.

Due to differences in medication metabolism and efficacy between individuals, oral sedation is approximately 50-60% successful and sedation cannot be guaranteed, in which case the fee for sedation will not be refunded to the patient. Payments made towards any treatment that is not completed, will be returned.

At your initial consult visit we will be reviewing your medical history, answering questions and filling out the forms in the sedation packet. We will be taking or reviewing your radiographs (x-rays), completing your records and deciding your treatment needs. Your treatment needs are then prioritized and organized into time blocks of treatment. We will try to address as many of your needs in as few appointments as possible. However, there is no guarantee we can complete all of your diagnosed treatment or scheduled treatment in one sedation appointment. If additional appointments are needed, an additional sedation fee will be charged.

I have read and understand the above policy for appointments and financial arrangements.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name _____