

Radiograph Services & Computerized Tomography (CT) Scans

Full-sized, clear and current digital panoramic or cone-beam CT images are necessary for diagnosis and planning of treatment and are mandatory for medical, legal and insurance purposes. We do not take radiographs unnecessarily.

A CT (computerized tomography) scan produces images showing internal structures in cross sections rather than the overlapping images typically seen in conventional images. Conventional imaging of your mouth limits your dentist to 2-D Visualization. Diagnosis and treatment planning can require a more complete understanding of a complex 3-D anatomy. CT examinations provide a wealth of 3-D information that can be used when planning for dental implants, surgical extractions, maxillofacial surgery and advanced dental restorative procedures. The CT scan enhances Dr. Clark's ability to understand your case before treatment is started.

CT scans are **NOT** recommended for pregnant women because of danger to the fetus.

I am pregnant I am not pregnant I am unsure whether I am pregnant

RISKS: CT scans, like conventional X-rays, expose you to radiation. The amount of radiation you will be exposed to by the CT scan used by this office is approximately the equivalent to the exposure you would get from minutes in the sun. Our CT produced dental Images are obtained with 1/3 less radiation exposure than a Full Mouth X-Ray series. An alternative to CT scans is conventional X-rays. Our office can e-mail the alternative images to your physician/dentist, if requested.

I, _____, certify that I have read and understood the above, its benefits, risks and alternatives. CT scans are deemed necessary at the time of your consultation; risks/benefits will be discussed at that time with your rendering provider.

Please sign this form only if you have read, understand and agree with its contents.

Patient Name: _____

Patient or Guardian Signature

Date

Financial Policy

We are happy to bill your insurance as a courtesy to you; however, any balance that is not covered under your insurance plan is your responsibility.

Payment Is Due at Time of Service

We accept cash, checks, Visa, American Express, Mastercard & Discover. For long term or extended payments, we offer a healthcare financing program. PatientFi and Care Credit allow you to make monthly payments extending over a 6-month to 60-month period. Interest-free options available on approved credit.

If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment and/or do not show up for your appointment or cancel within 24 hours, a \$50 fee will be charged to your account.

We accept Medicaid for 18 and younger only. We have an agreement with Medicaid for **ANY** services needing rendered. Dr. Clark is obligated to submit a pre-authorization prior to rendering service. If a pre-authorization is not submitted, it could result in you no longer being eligible for the program. Pre-authorization for Medicaid can take up to 2 months to complete. A pre-authorization **DOES NOT GUARANTEE COVERAGE.**

We want you to receive the full benefit of your insurance. We will verify coverage and file any dental claims from our office on your behalf. You will be responsible for your deductible and estimated portion, which are due the day the services are provided. Our estimate is based on limited information obtained from your insurance company.

Regardless of what we might calculate as your dental benefits in dollar amounts, we must stress the fact that you are responsible for the entire fee. We do not render services based on the assumption that our charges will be paid by your insurance company. Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance company; we are not a party to that contract. Please ensure you know your policy and we will do our best to help you obtain any information needed.

All co-pays are due at the time of service.

Please Initial the following statements:

_____ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above Medicaid and
Payment Policy

_____ I am fully responsible for all fees at the time of service that is not covered by
my insurance. Any unpaid balance older than 90 days is subject to 25%
interest annually and can be sent to collections.