

GRAHAM COURT FAMILY DENTAL

Dear Patient and Friends,

You may soon find yourself faced with a difficult decision about your dental insurance. It might affect not only your relationship with our office, but with the dental care your family receives.

We believe that traditional dental plans offer our patients the best features to obtain the ideal type of dental care they require. The flexibility of these conventional plans not only allows you to be treated by the dentist of your choice, but also permits dentists to use their own professional judgment about the best treatment for each individual patient.

Today, some insurance companies are promoting different types of plans that trade much of this flexibility for a promise of lower benefit costs to employers. If you are offered this type of plan as a dental option, or if your employer makes that decision for you, there are some things to consider.

Your choice of dentists may be greatly restricted. Those who participate in the plan may not be familiar to you or well known in your community.

An insurance administrator who does not know you—and who has no clinical training—may dictate the treatment allowed for a dental problem based on the plan's rules and regulations. Treatment will not be determined by the professional judgment of your dentist.

You may not be permitted to seek care from a dental specialist (such as an endodontist, periodontist or oral surgeon) if the plan administrators do not believe it to be necessary.

It has been my practice to participate in those dental plans that are in the best interests of my patients. It is very important to me not to cut corners or compromise the care I deliver, including sending my patients to a specialist when it is necessary. Please keep this in mind if you are asked to change to a dental plan that will not allow you to come to our office. Weigh your options carefully.

If you have any questions about your dental care or plan, please feel free to call me at any time. I value our relationship and hope to continue to be your family dentist for many years to come.

Sincerely,
The Staff at Graham Court Family Dental