

APPOINTMENT, COMMUNICATION AND FINANCIAL POLICY

- 1. Your appointment** has been set-aside for you to fit your busy schedule. If you are unable to keep your appointment, appointment changes or cancellations need to be made with at least **1 full business day (24 Hrs)** advance notice, in order to avoid a **\$ 25 per hour** broken appointment charge, payable no later than the time of your next visit. **(Initials)** _____
- 2. Full Patient Portion** for the day's procedure is due at the time of check in. Parents or Guardians accompanying a minor are responsible for full payment of the services. Please call up before your appointment in case you may have any questions on your patient portion for that appointment. In the event that you do not have your patient portion, your appointment may be re-scheduled. **(Initials)** _____
- 3. In case of Insurance**, Patient's with dental insurance certify that they are eligible for Dental Coverage under the Insurance name, plan number provided by them to us. We will process your Insurance claims based on your current eligibility and coverage and help you receive the maximum benefits available under your policy. In office or over the phone, patient portion or insurance quotes are only estimates to the best of our ability based on what your insurance company tells us. Before any treatment is done, we will provide you an opportunity to openly discuss your treatment, insurance coverage and payment options. We ask you to keep in mind and realize that the relationship is between you, the insured, and your insurance company. Please be aware of your yearly maximum and patient portions by contacting your insurance company directly. Insurance is only a method of payment and not a substitution of payment. If your insurance does not pay, then you are required to pay the unpaid portion immediately. If we do not receive payment from your insurance company within six weeks after submission of the claim, you will receive a statement to let you know that the account has not been paid you will be expected to pay for all dental services in full. In the event of duplicate payments you will be reimbursed. **(Initials)** _____
- 4. A Finance charge** of 1.5% will be added to your account on any balance not paid in full within seven weeks from the date of service. If your account should be sent to collections a **25% delinquency** fee will be added to your balance. Any financing that is offered at Accurate Family Dental is through outside organizations. The relationship is between you and the financing company and you are ultimately responsible for your own financing contract. Our office will submit the paperwork for payment of the entire treatment plan at your first scheduled visit. As your dental work is completed the charges will be deducted from your credit balance. In the event that you are going to discontinue with procedures at anytime, you are responsible to terminate with the financing company. Failing to cancel your financing contract can result in finance charges from the outside financing company for treatment that has not been completed. **(Initials)** _____
- 5. Request for Dental Records:** If for any reason that copies of dental records are requested by the patient, a fee of \$25 will be charged. **(Initials)** _____
- 6. Patient E mail/Text Messaging Communication Policy:** Patient/Legal Guardian give consent for e-mail/ text communication for reinforcing spoken communications and conveying simple matters, such as appointment & referral reminders, practice hours, contact information, special offers or alerts notifying you about important office news via your provided e-mail address or text messaging to you on your provided cell phone number. You also agree that you are the person legally responsible for all use of the accounts, are at least 18 years of age and all individuals associated with your account may receive alerts. Text message charges from your cell phone provider may apply. The doctor and office staff will have access to e mail/text communications to process the flow of communication. It is important to note that email and text communication is not always secure. Email and text messages can be intercepted and for this reason, Accurate Family Dental does not communicate personal health information through this method and will never ask for account information, credit card numbers, or personal information via email or text message. If you think you may have received a suspicious email or text from Accurate Family Dental, please contact our office immediately. **(Initials)** _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ACCURATE FAMILY DENTAL'S NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICE, APPOINTMENT, FINANCIAL & E-MAIL/TEXT POLICY and MATERIAL DATA SHEET.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of Accurate Family Dental's Joint Notice of Privacy Practices, Appointment Policy, Financial, E mail/ text Policy and Dental Material Data sheet. I have Read, Understand and Agree to all 6 Sections above by initialing them. I understand that I have been given the opportunity to understand/ get Translation and ask questions on the contents in the text of the above policy in SPANISH and understand its contents clearly.

Patients Name (Print): _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____



Notice of Privacy Practices

This Notice describes how your health information may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully. The privacy of your health information is important to us.

Our Legal Duty

Federal and state laws require us to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to provide this Notice about our office's privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights regarding your health information. We are required to follow the practices that are outlined in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect **09/22/2013** and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and make the new Notice available upon request. For more information about our privacy practices or additional copies of this Notice, please contact us (*contact information below*).

Uses and Disclosures of Health Information: We use and disclose health information about you for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. For example:

Treatment: We disclose medical information to our employees and others who are involved in providing the care you need. We may use or disclose your health information to another dentist or other healthcare providers providing treatment that we do not provide. We may also share your health information with a pharmacist in order to provide you with a prescription, or with a laboratory that performs tests or fabricates dental prostheses or orthodontic appliances. **Payment:** We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide you, unless you request that we restrict such disclosure to your health plan when you have paid out-of-pocket and in full for services rendered. **Health-care Operations:** We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include, but are not limited to, quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities. **Your Authorization:** In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it is in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described in this Notice. **To Your Family and Friends:** We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. You have the right to request restrictions on disclosure to family members, other relatives, close personal friends, or any other person identified by you. **Unsecured Email:** We will not send you unsecured emails pertaining to your health information without your prior authorization. If you do authorize communications via unsecured email, you have the right to revoke the authorization at any time. **Persons Involved in Care:** We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, of your location, your general condition, or death. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses or disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare. We will also use our professional judgment and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, X-rays, or other similar forms of health information. **Change of Ownership:** If this dental practice is sold or merged with another practice or organization, your health records will become the property of the new owner. However, you may request that copies of your health information be transferred to another dental practice. **Required by Law:** We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law. **Public Health:** We may, and are sometimes legally obligated, to disclose your health information to public health agencies for purposes related to preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting abuse or neglect; reporting domestic violence; reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications; and reporting disease or infection exposure. Upon reporting suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or domestic violence, we will promptly inform you or your personal representative unless we believe the notification would place you at risk of harm or would require informing a personal representative we believe is responsible for the abuse or harm. **Marketing Health-Related Services:** We may contact you about products or services related to your treatment, case management or care coordination, or to propose other treatments or health-related benefits and services in which you may be interested. We may also encourage you to purchase a product or service when you visit our office. If you are currently an enrollee of a dental plan, we may receive payment for communications to you in relation to our provision, coordination, or management of your dental care, including our coordination or management of your health care with a third party, our consultation with other health care providers relating to your care, or if we refer you for health care. We will not otherwise use or disclose your health information for marketing purposes without your written authorization. We will disclose whether we receive payments for marketing activities you have authorized.

Abuse or Neglect: We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others. **National Security:** We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials having lawful custody of protected health information of inmates or patients under certain circumstances. **Appointment Reminders:** We may contact you to provide you with appointment reminders via voicemail, postcards, or letters. We may also leave a message with the person answering the phone if you are not available.

Sign In Sheet and Announcement: Upon arriving at our office, we may use and disclose medical information about you by asking that you sign an intake sheet at our front desk. We may also announce your name when we are ready to see you.

Patient Rights

Access: You have the right to look at or get copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practically do so. You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your health information. You may obtain a form to request access by contacting our office. We will charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for expenses such as copies and staff time. You may also request access by sending us a letter. If you request copies, there may be a charge for time spent. If you request an alternate format, we will charge a cost-based fee for providing your health information in that format. If you prefer, we will prepare a summary or an explanation of your health information for a fee. Contact us for a full explanation of our fee structure. **Disclosure Accounting:** You have a right to receive a list of instances in which we disclosed your health information for purposes other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations and certain other activities for the last six years. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

Restriction: You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in emergency). In the event you pay out-of-pocket and in full for services rendered, you may request that we not share your health information with your health plan. We must agree to this request.

Alternative Communication: You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. You must make your request in writing. Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation of how payments will be handled under the alternative means or you request.

Breach Notification: In the event your unsecured protected health information is breached, we will notify you as required by law. In some situations, you may be notified by our business associates.

Amendment: You have the right to request that we amend your health information. (Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended). We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

Research: Your health information may be disclosed to researchers for research purposes. In this situation written authorization is not required as approved by an Institutional Review Board or privacy board.

Fundraising: We may use or disclose demographic information and dates of treatment in order to contact you for fundraising activities. If you no longer wish to receive these communications, notify us at the contact information provided below and we will stop sending further fundraising information.

Questions and Complaints: If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us at:

Contact Officer: [Dr. Prashant S.Parmar](#)
Telephone: [209-668-4040](tel:209-668-4040)
Fax: [209-668-3030](tel:209-668-3030)
E-Mail: AccurateFamilyDental@yahoo.com
Address: [2840 Geer Rd, Turlock, CA 95382.](#)

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may send a written complaint to our office or to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.