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Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997

Insurance companies have become increasingly important in helping patients to receive needed medical and dental care. Unfortunately some companies have interfered with the Doctor-patient relationship which we have always thought to be the cornerstone of any patient oriented practice.

The American Dental Association is increasingly concerned that the rapid changes in our health care system may be limiting access to quality care by overemphasizing cost controls.

Representative Charlie Norwood (R-GA) has introduced a bill in the 104th Congress. This bill is written to protect your right to choose your doctor, and to underscore the importance of quality in health care.

Some plans only allow you to be treated by a dentist who is on a list. Not only does this limit your choice but often these dentists are a far distance from you.. This bill will reinforce one of your most precious rights. A patient's freedom to select a health care provider is fundamental. Every patient should have access to an adequate mix and distribution of providers as well as a point of service option that allows participants to obtain care outside the plan's "network" without confronting prohibitive cost barriers.

Some plans have "gag" clauses. These clauses limit the information that your doctor can provide you. The law should ensure that you have access to easily understandable information about their policies, particularly with respect to coverage details and history of patient satisfaction. No plan should restrict appropriate patient-provider communication about treatment options.

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Silver Fillings Alternative

Silver fillings have served us well over many years. It is rewarding to see some of these fillings still functioning after being placed thirty years ago. Silver fillings are still used extensively today however, modern technology has introduced alternative materials that may make silver obsolete.

Composite resins became available approximately fifteen years ago. These resins are tooth colored plastics, mixed with ceramics, that blend with the natural look of teeth. Composites bond to the tooth to support the remaining tooth structure, which helps to prevent breakage and insulate the tooth from excessive temperature changes. These fillings were originally confined to the front teeth because they were not strong enough to withstand the pressure and wear generated by the back teeth. Since then, composites have been significantly improved and can be successfully placed in the back teeth as well.

Resin fillings are not only used for restoring decay. They can also be used for cosmetic improvements. For example, a smile can be improved by changing the color of the teeth, or enhanced by reshaping disfigured teeth.

Another alternative to silver that just became available this January is Targis. Targis is a ceromer or (ceramic optimized polymer) composition, which includes a fiber reinforced composite framewok. If a tooth has a large cavity or requires a large filling, it may be best to have a white restoration prepared by the lab. It is even strong enough to replace missing teeth.

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“Care Act”

Patients who are given information will most often make the correct decision for themselves. When insurance companies deny treatment that the doctor and patient have decided is best there should be a fair and reasonable process for patients to appeal adverse coverage decisions.

Memorial day just passed. Our freedoms have been protected by the sacrifices of many. Protect your rights.

Write your Congressman and/or Senator today.

We have a copy of the bill in our office. If you need more information, call us.

Please send us a copy of the letter that you send. Let us know how your health and dental insurance programs have affected you and your families.

“Silver Fillings”

Currently we are using all the materials you have just read about in our office. Advances in technology are providing alternative filling materials and more conservative treatments.

Double Vision



Dr. Silvers III

This August, Dr. Silvers II will be joined in practice by his son, Dr. Silvers III. Both Dr. Silvers II and Dr. Silvers III share a common vision for the future of this practice and are dedicated to providing you with more hours of availability and the very latest in dental technology in this new team approach. Their combined experience and commitment to excellence is sure to enhance your experience as a patient in our practice.

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We are excited about the future and this opportunity for our family to serve your family's dental health needs and concerns.

New e-mail Address

Our office is now on the internet. You can send e-mail to warren.silvers@internetmci.com.

The internet is an extensive resource for all types of information. Our office is able to contact the American Dental Association's library for a list of newly released books and news that would not normally be viewed for a month or more. It really does keep information flying.

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