



DENTAL HEALTH CARE
ASSOCIATES
Filling Policy Form

Dear New Patient,

Like many dental offices, our office chooses to composite material (natural colored fillings) for our filling restorations.

Our reasons for using composite over amalgam material (silver/mercury fillings) are listed below:

1. The use of composite material allows us to remove minimal tooth structure when cleaning the decay away then with the use of amalgam material. Note: The more tooth structure taken away the weaker the tooth becomes, making it more prone to fracturing and possibly the need for a crown in the future.
2. Composite material bonds to teeth giving the tooth about 85% of its strength back, compared to amalgam material, which just fills the prepared area.
3. Another Bonus: Cosmetically it looks natural.

Although amalgam restorations are an option, unfortunately, our office does not provide this service.

How Most Insurance Companies Pay for Composite Fillings

Your dental insurance has a clause that says composite fillings on posterior teeth will be downgraded to the amalgam fee. If your plan has 80% coverage for restorative and you have this clause, your insurance is paying 80% of the amalgam fee. Due to this clause this leaves patients paying slightly larger co-pays. Insurance companies are not set up to benefit the patient's best interest; unfortunately, it is set up for whatever is less costly for them.

I have read the above statement and agree to the terms.

(Signature of Patient/Guardian)

(Date)

(Printed Name of Patient/Guardian)