WARRANTY
SILVER AND WHITE FILLINGS

People always ask us how long should this last? In our office we strive for perfection and patient satisfaction, which is why we are happy to provide you this warranty, something no other office is offering. Let us remember in today’s technology almost everything we have learned is on the preventive side. Instead of going to the dentist every few years for “Drill, Bill and Fill”, let’s try preventive dentistry. If you spend four minutes in the morning and evening brushing and flossing and come in for your regular six month check-ups, together, we can prevent almost all dental disease. On your continuing care visits, we will professionally clean and examine your teeth (with x-rays), apply fluoride and sealants where needed, and find any early problems should they develop.

1. FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE, WE WILL REPLACE A SILVER OR WHITE FILLING DUE TO BREAKAGE, MISFIT, OR DECAY AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE PATIENT. WHEN A TOOTH HAS A CAVITY THE DENTIST REMOVES THE DECAY AND FILLS THE HOLE WITH A SILVER OR WHITE FILLING. THE TOOTH IS WHAT SUPPORTS THE FILLING. THUS, THE IDEAL FILLING IS ONE WITH AS MUCH TOOTH AS POSSIBLE LEFT AROUND THE FILLING TO HOLD IT IN PLACE. IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TOOTH LEFT AROUND A FILLING TO HOLD IT IN, RATHER THEN PUTTING A FILLING IN THE TOOTH, A CROWN SHOULD BE PLACED AROUND THE TOOTH. A CROWN COVERS THE ENTIRE TOOTH AND HOLDS THE TOOTH TOGETHER. SOMETIMES WE PLACE A FILLING THINKING THERE IS ENOUGH TOOTH TO HOLD THE FILLING IN, WHEN ACTUALLY THERE IS NOT, THE TOOTH SURROUNDING THE FILLING THEN STARTS TO BREAK AWAY BECAUSE IT CAN NO LONGER SUPPORT THE FILLING. IN THIS CASE WE WILL CREDIT THE COST OF THE FILLING TOWARDS THE COST OF A CROWN AND BUILD UP.

2. THIS WARRANTY IS NULL AND VOID IF THE PATIENT DOES NOT MAINTAIN HIS/HER 6 MONTH CONTINUING CARE CLEANING APPOINTMENTS.

Tooth Number(s) ________
Signature (or Seal) ___________________________
Date __________
Bonding is a procedure used to repair chipped teeth, fill spaces between teeth and cosmetically restore discolored or stained teeth. This procedure is a result of the development of modern composite resins. These resins have the strength to withstand the stress we place on our teeth in everyday life. The composite resin is bonded directly to the teeth.

Bonding is a simple procedure that is usually performed without anesthetic. First, the surface of the tooth is etched with a special liquid. Etching enhances the adhesive abilities of the bonding material. Next, an adhesive material is applied to the tooth. A bonding material, which has the consistency of toothpaste, is then applied to the tooth. This bonding material is shaped to resemble the original tooth. The bonding material is hardened by using the special and safe properties of an ultraviolet light. Sometimes, a veneer, (a custom-shaped tooth covering) may be bonded to the surface of a tooth much like a false fingernail is used to enlarge and beautify a natural fingernail.

**Instructions**

1. You may use this tooth immediately after the bonded filling or veneer has been placed.
2. Brush and floss the area as usual.
3. The bonding or veneering material may not feel as smooth as the original tooth material due the microscopic glass particles embedded in it.
4. It is sometimes necessary to lightly grind and reduce the opposing natural tooth or teeth. This will not make your opposing natural tooth more prone to decay!