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**Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD) Warranty & Maximum Fee Guarantee**

We are here for you!

As you will see, we have a very High Tech office. We have ways of screening, evaluating and ultimately treating you for TMD that is simply second to no other dental office in this area. We care very much for your overall health. We want you to know that even with all of these tools available right here in our office, our fees most likely are either very competitive, or simply less compared to other offices offering similar services. We feel it is imperative to take a Holistic (full body) approach towards the successful treatment of TMD related issues. It is possible that we may recommend outside services for an MRI or other specialized type of x-ray. Also, we may need to refer you to see Medical Doctors, Chiropractors, Message Therapists, etc.

Your office visit(s) may include some or all of the following services:

1. Screening, Consultation, Initial Workup or possible Emergency Care
2. Impressions, study models, bite registrations related to the custom fabrication of an Oral Appliance to help treat your TMD symptoms.
3. ALL X-rays used to help evaluate you:
  - a. We ONLY use modern low dose digital x-ray equipment
  - b. This may even include our own Galileos 3D CBCT. This is one of a few located in all of WNY and the only one in Niagara County!
4. All adjustments and follow-up care required by the treating dentist related to your Appliance for an ENTIRE year!!
5. Diagnostic Treatment therapy of your TMD with cutting edge and state of the art equipment
  - a. Treatment may include:
    - i. Mphi5 Laser System - This is a specialized 'Cold Laser.' You can't feel this as it aids in healing, reduces or eliminates both pain and inflammation.
    - ii. Oral Orthotics Appliances\* – used to help stabilize and decompress your TMJ, reduce or eliminate detrimental parafunctional jaw activity and reduce or eliminate detrimental elevator muscle activity
      1. Since TMD therapy / treatment are very complex in nature, all orthotics are considered diagnostic. The orthotic appliance may need to be adjusted many times and/or several appliances may be required.
6. Diagnosis and Screening:
  - a. Screening and evaluating your TMD with advanced high tech equipment:
    - i. JVA Quick – Listens to TMJ Vibrations for possible associated jaw problems
    - ii. Rhinometer - Nasal function studies
    - iii. Pharyngometer - Pharyngeal functions studies
  - b. Complete BioPak testing and evaluation:
    - i. Repeat diagnostic testing will never exceed our Maximum Fee Guarantee (MFG) for your out of pocket expenses for an entire year
    - ii. We are even extending the time the MFG will begin. It will start AFTER the delivery of your last treatment-planned appliance.
      1. Of course you will need to follow the recommended treatment-planned protocol.
    - iii. BioEMG III - Surface Electromyography that shows measurements of muscle activity. We evaluate many muscles in the Head, Jaw and Neck. We track the muscle firing activities while you stand, relax, chew, clench and swallow.

- iv. JT-3D Jaw Tracker (EGN) – 3-Dimensionally Measures your jaws range of motion, maximum opening, and chewing cycle, velocity and jaw movement.
  - v. Joint Vibration Analysis (JVA) in coordination with the BioEMG III and JT-3D Jaw Tracker
  - vi. T-Scan III - Measures relative biting forces, including occlusal force and timing. This is done in hundredths of a second time interval to help determine if there are occlusal interferences that can be leading to some or all of your TMD issues.
- c. Obstructive Sleep Apnea Screening (OSA) – There is a higher chance that you may have this life threatening condition. This is true since the same factors that most likely are at the root cause of your TMD issues which may play a primary role for many people with OSA. We have advanced screening devices that can help determine if you are at risk for OSA.

We participate with a majority of the local major medical insurances. Depending on your insurance carrier and the severity and complexity of your TMD treatment(s), we may be able to get some insurance reimbursement. Since there are many potential testing and treatment protocols involved, we are providing you with an up-front list of fees you may need to pay out of pocket. Since all treatment(s) and treatment packages are paid up front, we are offering payment plan options with Care Credit. This is for the most part a 0% treatment type of credit card. We are offering this to try and help you pay for out of pocket expenses. This is completely your choice!

In order to help our patients who have a lot of out of pocket expenses we are extending our **Maximum Fee Guarantee (MFG)** for our TMD services. You should keep in mind that many of these services are not for everyone. Additionally, when they are needed, these treatment protocols may take a while to fully implement. We do have additional ways of trying to gain financing for your treatments if needed. Of course we will try our best to get as many of these TMD services covered under your medical insurance as possible! Even though charges may potentially exceed the below listed categories of treatments, you will under no circumstance pay out of pocket more than the below listed amounts, for our screening, evaluating and appliance fabrication (and even includes our 1 year limited liability warranty for our oral appliance Orthotics\*).

1. TMD Evaluation Package
  - a. Can include all of the above mentioned testing
  - b. **Total charges can be \$1,965**
  - c. **MFG not to exceed \$1,200**
2. Laser Treatment Package for 10 Visits
  - a. **Total charges \$1,200**
  - b. **MFG not to exceed \$1,000**
  - c. **MFG not to exceed \$700 for additional groups of 10 visits**
3. Comprehensive TMD Evaluation and treatment Package
  - a. Includes above TMD Evaluation Package
  - b. Includes above Laser Treatment Package for 10 Visits
  - c. Includes up to 3 custom fabricated oral Orthotics\*
  - d. Includes all Orthotic Post-Insertion Testing and Evaluating for an entire year as deemed medically necessary by Dr. Levine to make sure the appliances(s) are doing what they were designed for.
  - e. **Total charges can be \$6,515**
  - f. **MFG not to exceed \$4,700**

\*We will Repair or replace your Custom Fabricated TMD Appliance(s) free of charge for one year with our Limited Liability Warranty. For more detailed information please see our Equipment Warranty Information and Proof of Delivery form.