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COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS AND INSURANCE

Today your dentist has recommended a restorative procedure (filling) for your child based on what the doctor has observed during the exam or on an x-ray. The material used will be composite resin (tooth colored filling).

There are several reasons why this is preferred over an amalgam (silver) filling:

- it utilizes a chemical bond
- it requires removal of less tooth structure than if a silver filling was used
- the composite filling releases fluoride
- composite fillings have a more natural appearance

Please be aware that your insurance may not pay for a composite filling at the same level as for an amalgam filling. In this case, you will have a co-pay. You may call your insurance company to see what coverage they provide for composite fillings. In the case of a patient who needs extensive restorative work, we will be happy to submit a pre-treatment estimate to your insurance company.

In every case, your dentist will make recommendations in your child's best interest. Please call with any questions prior to your child's appointment. Thank you.