BONDED CERAMIC INLAYS & ONLAYS

You have elected to receive or are contemplating the decision to receive a Bonded ceramic inlay or onlay. The following is important information that you should know.

Advantages of Bonded Ceramic Inlays & Onlays: Bonded ceramic inlays and onlays are both functional and esthetic alternatives to metallic restorations. Because they bond to the tooth, they strengthen weakened teeth and reduce the potential for fractures that lead to the necessity to have a full crown placed. This could reduce long term dental costs. In addition, because ceramic inlay/onlays bond to the tooth, they require less tooth destruction than conventional non-bonded restorations. They are more conservative. This results in a less invasive procedure and a reduced potential for tissue irritation caused by crown margins placed below the tissues. These restorations are not only highly esthetic but beneficial to your long term oral health.

Cost: The initial cost of a ceramic inlay/onlay is more than a filling due to the extra time and laboratory costs involved. Because these bonded restorations strengthen teeth they reduce the rate of tooth deterioration which reduce long term costs.

Insurance Reimbursement: Because these restorations are more costly, insurance companies do not automatically pay for them. They will usually pay the amount they would have paid for a filling, but this may be a smaller amount or percentage than you are used to receiving for restorations. Every effort will be made to obtain maximum reimbursement.

Conclusions: Ceramic inlays and onlays are an investment in your long term oral health and esthetics. You are fortunate that these conservative contemporary restorations have been perfected. In time they will be the standard in every dental practice.

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