Merlo & Fahrney Dentistry
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Welcome to the dental practice of Dr. William H. Merlo and Dr. Christopher R. Fahrney. Here you will find comprehensive dental services performed in a pleasant environment. We believe that you, as our patient, deserve highly skilled dentistry with the goal of optimal oral health. Our team will keep you comfortable while addressing your individual needs.

Your first visit to our office will allow for a detailed exam by one of our dentists to determine your overall oral health. We will discuss all options for any needed and/or requested treatment. A treatment plan will be generated that details all costs and the time that will be involved in treatment.

For your convenience, we have included the patient registration and medical history forms. Please complete and sign all forms and bring them with you to the first appointment. If the patient is a minor, the responsible party should sign and complete all financial information.

If you have dental benefits, please complete the dental insurance portion of the registration form and bring your insurance card with you to your appointment. Our office will file all PPO commercial insurance. However, we are only contracted providers for Delta Dental, Cigna PPO and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina PPO. As a courtesy to our patients, we will contact your insurance company to verify your coverage and benefits. Payment will be based on the terms of your insurance plan. You will be responsible for your estimated co-payment at the time services are rendered. Any fees not covered or paid by the insurance company thereafter, will be your responsibility.

Our office offers several payment options to cover cost of treatment. We accept Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Care Credit.

If you have any questions regarding our policies please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish to make your time with us pleasant and informative. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Dr. William H. Merlo & Dr. Christopher R. Fahrney

PATIENT REGISTRATION

ID: _____ Chart ID: _____

First Name: Last Name: Middle Initial:

Patient Is: ☐ Policy Holder Preferred Name: _____

☐ Responsible Party

Responsible Party (if someone other than the patient)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____

Address: _____ Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Pager: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Cellular: _____

Birth Date: _____ Soc Sec: _____ Drivers Lic: _____

◯ Responsible Party is also a Policy Holder for Patient ◯ Primary Insurance Policy Holder ◯ Secondary Insurance Policy Holder

Patient Information

Address: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ State / Zip: _____ _____ Pager: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Cellular: _____

Sex: ◯ Male ◯ Female Marital Status: ◯ Married ◯ Single ◯ Divorced ◯ Separated ◯ Widowed

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Soc. Sec: _____ Drivers Lic:

E-mail: ☐ I would like to receive correspondences via e-mail.

Section 2

Employment Status: ◯ Full Time ◯ Part Time ◯ Retired

Student Status: ◯ Full Time ◯ Part Time

Medicaid ID: Pref. Dentist:

Employer ID: _____ Pref. Pharmacy: _____

Carrier ID: _____ Pref. Hyg.: _____

Section 3

LAST INS UPDATE: _____

MAXIMUM: _____

PROPHY FREQ: _____

EXAM FREQ: _____

PAN/FMX FREQ: _____

9940 NTEGRD: _____

DEDUCTIBLE: _____

Primary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Insured: ◯ Self ◯ Spouse ◯ Child ◯ Other

Insured Soc. Sec: _____ Insured Birth Date: _____

Employer: _____ Ins. Company: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address 2: _____ Address 2: _____

City,State,Zip: _____ City,State,Zip: _____

Rem. Benefits: _____.00 Rem. Deduct: _____.00

Secondary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Insured: ◯ Self ◯ Spouse ◯ Child ◯ Other

Insured Soc. Sec: _____ Insured Birth Date: _____

Employer: _____ Ins. Company: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address 2: _____ Address 2: _____

City,State,Zip: _____ City,State,Zip: _____

Rem. Benefits: .00 Rem. Deduct: _____.00

DENTAL INSURANCE RELEASE

I authorize payment directly to the above named dentist of the insurance benefits otherwise payable to me for their services. I authorize the release of information relating to this claim including x-rays and study models.

Signature_____Date_____
If patient is a minor signature of insured responsible party

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

I authorize treatment by the above named dentist. I accept financial responsibility for all treatment. I am aware that payment in full is expected at time of treatment unless prior financial arrangements have been made. I understand that even if insurance is filed, I am responsible for any balance not paid by insurance.

Signature_____Date_____
If patient is a minor signature of responsible party

MEDICAL HISTORY

PATIENT NAME _____ Birth Date _____

Although dental personnel primarily treat the area in and around your mouth, your mouth is a part of your entire body. Health problems that you may have, or medication that you may be taking, could have an important interrelationship with the dentistry you will receive. Thank you for answering the following questions.

Are you under a physician's care now? ◯ Yes ◯ No If yes, please explain: _____
Have you ever been hospitalized or had a major operation? ◯ Yes ◯ No If yes, please explain: _____
Have you ever had a serious head or neck injury? ◯ Yes ◯ No If yes, please explain: _____
Are you taking any medications, pills, or drugs? ◯ Yes ◯ No If yes, please explain: _____
Do you take, or have you taken, Phen-Fen or Redux? ◯ Yes ◯ No _____
Have you ever taken Fosamax, Boniva, Actonel or any other medications containing bisphosphonates? ◯ Yes ◯ No _____
Are you on a special diet? ◯ Yes ◯ No
Do you use tobacco? ◯ Yes ◯ No
Do you use controlled substances? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Women: Are you
Pregnant/Trying to get pregnant? ◯ Yes ◯ No Taking oral contraceptives? ◯ Yes ◯ No Nursing? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Are you allergic to any of the following?
☐ Aspirin ☐ Penicillin ☐ Codeine ☐ Local Anesthetics ☐ Acrylic ☐ Metal ☐ Latex ☐ Sulfa drugs
☐ Other If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have, or have you had, any of the following?

AIDS/HIV Positive ◯ Yes ◯ No	Cortisone Medicine ◯ Yes ◯ No	Hemophilia ◯ Yes ◯ No	Radiation Treatments ◯ Yes ◯ No
Alzheimer's Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No	Diabetes ◯ Yes ◯ No	Hepatitis A ◯ Yes ◯ No	Recent Weight Loss ◯ Yes ◯ No
Anaphylaxis ◯ Yes ◯ No	Drug Addiction ◯ Yes ◯ No	Hepatitis B or C ◯ Yes ◯ No	Renal Dialysis ◯ Yes ◯ No
Anemia ◯ Yes ◯ No	Easily Winded ◯ Yes ◯ No	Herpes ◯ Yes ◯ No	Rheumatic Fever ◯ Yes ◯ No
Angina ◯ Yes ◯ No	Emphysema ◯ Yes ◯ No	High Blood Pressure ◯ Yes ◯ No	Rheumatism ◯ Yes ◯ No
Arthritis/Gout ◯ Yes ◯ No	Epilepsy or Seizures ◯ Yes ◯ No	High Cholesterol ◯ Yes ◯ No	Scarlet Fever ◯ Yes ◯ No
Artificial Heart Valve ◯ Yes ◯ No	Excessive Bleeding ◯ Yes ◯ No	Hives or Rash ◯ Yes ◯ No	Shingles ◯ Yes ◯ No
Artificial Joint ◯ Yes ◯ No	Excessive Thirst ◯ Yes ◯ No	Hypoglycemia ◯ Yes ◯ No	Sickle Cell Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No
Asthma ◯ Yes ◯ No	Fainting Spells/Dizziness ◯ Yes ◯ No	Irregular Heartbeat ◯ Yes ◯ No	Sinus Trouble ◯ Yes ◯ No
Blood Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No	Frequent Cough ◯ Yes ◯ No	Kidney Problems ◯ Yes ◯ No	Spina Bifida ◯ Yes ◯ No
Blood Transfusion ◯ Yes ◯ No	Frequent Diarrhea ◯ Yes ◯ No	Leukemia ◯ Yes ◯ No	Stomach/Intestinal Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No
Breathing Problem ◯ Yes ◯ No	Frequent Headaches ◯ Yes ◯ No	Liver Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No	Stroke ◯ Yes ◯ No
Bruise Easily ◯ Yes ◯ No	Genital Herpes ◯ Yes ◯ No	Low Blood Pressure ◯ Yes ◯ No	Swelling of Limbs ◯ Yes ◯ No
Cancer ◯ Yes ◯ No	Glaucoma ◯ Yes ◯ No	Lung Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No	Thyroid Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No
Chemotherapy ◯ Yes ◯ No	Hay Fever ◯ Yes ◯ No	Mitral Valve Prolapse ◯ Yes ◯ No	Tonsillitis ◯ Yes ◯ No
Chest Pains ◯ Yes ◯ No	Heart Attack/Failure ◯ Yes ◯ No	Osteoporosis ◯ Yes ◯ No	Tuberculosis ◯ Yes ◯ No
Cold Sores/Fever Blisters ◯ Yes ◯ No	Heart Murmur ◯ Yes ◯ No	Pain in Jaw Joints ◯ Yes ◯ No	Tumors or Growths ◯ Yes ◯ No
Congenital Heart Disorder ◯ Yes ◯ No	Heart Pacemaker ◯ Yes ◯ No	Parathyroid Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No	Ulcers ◯ Yes ◯ No
Convulsions ◯ Yes ◯ No	Heart Trouble/Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No	Psychiatric Care ◯ Yes ◯ No	Venereal Disease ◯ Yes ◯ No
			Yellow Jaundice ◯ Yes ◯ No

Have you ever had any serious illness not listed above? ◯ Yes ◯ No _____

Comments: _____

To the best of my knowledge, the questions on this form have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my (or patient's) health. It is my responsibility to inform the dental office of any changes in medical status.

SIGNATURE OF PATIENT, PARENT, or GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

We respect our legal obligation to keep health information that identifies you private. We are obligated by law to give you notice of our privacy practices. This Notice describes how we protect your health information and what rights you have regarding it.

TREATMENT, PAYMENT, AND HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS

The most common reason why we use or disclose your health information is for treatment, payment or health care operations. Examples of how we use or disclose information for treatment purposes are: setting up an appointment for you; examining your teeth; prescribing medications and faxing them to be filled; referring you to another doctor or clinic for other health care or services; or getting copies of your health information from another professional that you may have seen before us. Examples of how we use or disclose your health information for payment purposes are: asking you about your health or dental care plans, or other sources of payment; preparing and sending bills or claims; and collecting unpaid amounts (either ourselves or through a collection agency or attorney). "Health care operations" mean those administrative and managerial functions that we have to do in order to run our office. Examples of how we use or disclose your health information for health care operations are: financial or billing audits; internal quality assurance; personnel decisions; participation in managed care plans; defense of legal matters; business planning; and outside storage of our records.

We routinely use your health information inside our office for these purposes without any special permission. If we need to disclose your health information outside of our office for these reasons, we usually will not ask you for special written permission.

USES AND DISCLOSURES FOR OTHER REASONS WITHOUT PERMISSION

In some limited situations, the law allows or requires us to use or disclose your health information without your permission. Not all of these situations will apply to us; some may never come up at our office at all. Such uses or disclosures are:

- when a state or federal law mandates that certain health information be reported for a specific purpose;
- for public health purposes, such as contagious disease reporting, investigation or surveillance; and notices to and from the federal Food and Drug Administration regarding drugs or medical devices;
- disclosures to governmental authorities about victims of suspected abuse, neglect or domestic violence;
- uses and disclosures for health oversight activities, such as for the licensing of doctors; for audits by Medicare or Medicaid; or for investigation of possible violations of health care laws;
- disclosures for judicial and administrative proceedings, such as in response to subpoenas or orders of courts or administrative agencies;
- disclosures for law enforcement purposes, such as to provide information about someone who is or is suspected to be a victim of a crime; to provide information about a crime at our office; or to report a crime that happened somewhere else;

- disclosure to a medical examiner to identify a dead person or to determine the cause of death; or to funeral directors to aid in burial; or to organizations that handle organ or tissue donations;
- uses or disclosures for health related research;
- uses and disclosures to prevent a serious threat to health or safety;
- uses or disclosures for specialized government functions, such as for the protection of the president or high ranking government officials; for lawful national intelligence activities; for military purposes; or for the evaluation and health of members of the foreign service;
- disclosures of de-identified information;
- disclosures relating to worker's compensation programs;
- disclosures of a "limited data set" for research, public health, or health care operations;
- incidental disclosures that are an unavoidable by-product of permitted uses or disclosures;
- disclosures to "business associates" who perform health care operations for us and who commit to respect the privacy of your health information;

Unless you object, we will also share relevant information about your care with your family or friends who are helping you with your dental care.

APPOINTMENT REMINDERS

We may call or write to remind you of scheduled appointments, or that it is time to make a routine appointment. We may also call or write to notify you of other treatments or services available at our office that might help you. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will mail you an appointment reminder on a post card, and/or leave you a reminder message on your home answering machine or with someone who answers your phone if you are not home.

OTHER USES AND DISCLOSURES

We will not make any other uses or disclosures of your health information unless you sign a written "authorization form." The content of an "authorization form" is determined by federal law. Sometimes, we may initiate the authorization process if the use or disclosure is our idea. Sometimes, you may initiate the process if it's your idea for us to send your information to someone else. Typically, in this situation you will give us a properly completed authorization form, or you can use one of ours.
If we initiate the process and ask you to sign an authorization form, you do not have to sign it. If you do not sign the authorization, we cannot make the use or disclosure. If you do sign one, you may revoke it at any time unless we have already acted in reliance upon it. Revocations must be in writing. Send them to the office contact person named at the beginning of this Notice.

YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION

The law gives you many rights regarding your health information. You can:

- ask us to restrict our uses and disclosures for purposes of treatment (except emergency treatment), payment or health care operations. We do not have to agree to do this, but if we agree, we must honor the restrictions that you want. To ask for a restriction, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E Mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- ask us to communicate with you in a confidential way, such as by phoning you at work rather than at home, by mailing health information to a different address, or by using E mail to your personal E Mail address. We will accommodate these requests if they are reasonable, and if you pay us for any extra cost. If you want to ask for confidential communications, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- ask to see or to get photocopies of your health information. By law, there are a few limited situations in which we can refuse to permit access or copying. For the most part, however, you will be able to review or have a copy of your health information within 30 days of asking us (or sixty days if the information is stored off-site). You may have to pay for photocopies in advance. If we deny your request, we will send you a written explanation, and instructions about how to get an impartial review of our denial if one is legally available. By law, we can have one 30 day extension of the time for us to give you access or photocopies if we send you a written notice of the extension. If you want to review or get photocopies of your health information, send a written

request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.

- ask us to amend your health information if you think that it is incorrect or incomplete. If we agree, we will amend the information within 60 days from when you ask us. We will send the corrected information to persons who we know got the wrong information, and others that you specify. If we do not agree, you can write a statement of your position, and we will include it with your health information along with any rebuttal statement that we may write. Once your statement of position and/or our rebuttal is included in your health information, we will send it along whenever we make a permitted disclosure of your health information. By law, we can have one 30 day extension of time to consider a request for amendment if we notify you in writing of the extension. If you want to ask us to amend your health information, send a written request, including your reasons for the amendment, to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- get a list of the disclosures that we have made of your health information within the past six years (or a shorter period if you want). By law, the list will not include: disclosures for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations; disclosures with your authorization; incidental disclosures; disclosures required by law; and some other limited disclosures. You are entitled to one such list per year without charge. If you want more frequent lists, you will have to pay for them in advance. We will usually respond to your request within 60 days of receiving it, but by law we can have one 30 day extension of time if we notify you of the extension in writing. If you want a list, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- get additional paper copies of this Notice of Privacy Practices upon request. It does not matter whether you got one electronically or in paper form already. If you want additional paper copies, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.

OUR NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

By law, we must abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices until we choose to change it. We reserve the right to change this notice at any time as allowed by law. If we change this Notice, the new privacy practices will apply to your health information that we already have as well as to such information that we may generate in the future. If we change our Notice of Privacy Practices, we will post the new notice in our office, have copies available in our office, and post it on our Web site.

COMPLAINTS

If you think that we have not properly respected the privacy of your health information, you are free to complain to us or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. We will not retaliate against you if you make a complaint. If you want to complain to us, send a written complaint to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice. If you prefer, you can discuss your complaint in person or by phone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about our privacy practices, call or visit the office contact person at the address or phone number shown at the beginning of this Notice.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I acknowledge that I received a copy of Merlo & Fahrney Dentistry's Notice of Privacy Practices.

Patient name _____

Signature _____ Date _____