While we would love for dental insurance to cover the entire amount of orthodontic treatment, often the policy only covers a portion of the expense. Insurance carriers offer several different policies, many of which include orthodontics. Because the benefit is negotiated by the subscriber's employer, if orthodontics is a priority to you, talking to your company's Human Resource Department is a great place to start! Many companies also offer Flexible Spending (FSA) or Health Savings (HSA) accounts which are also helpful. Additional tips from Stacey, our Professional Relations Coordinator, include:

- Check that the policy covers both children and adults.
- Be sure HR departments are transmitting personal information correctly.
- Before purchasing a “Small Business” policy research that the benefit received is greater than if paid by the responsible.
- Be sure to use FSA or HSA funds before the annual renewal date.

Thank you!
One of the highest compliments that we can receive is when our patients refer their friends and/or family members to our practice. A BIG “THANK YOU” goes out to the following people for their recent referrals: Katrina Tet, Jennifer and Ted Gilmore, Traci Yudman, Sam Wu, Linda and Joe Doughty, Diane Bellucci, Melinda Favela, Jennifer Swanson, Amanda Gray, Karen Krafick, Gary Wolff, Enrique Paguio and Karina Chow! Thank you for your continued support! Your confidence in our practice is extremely valued and appreciated!

With summer rapidly approaching, our team is preparing to assist the Boys and Girls Club of Tracy in hosting the 2014 Keena Turner Golf Tournament and Live Auction which will benefit over 2,500 youth in our Tracy area. The Boys and Girls Club of Tracy’s mission is to inspire young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. As a board member, for over 11 years, I am very proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Congratulations to all of our new graduates! Best wishes as you move on to a new chapter in your life. I applaud you!

Why age 7 is the right time to see an orthodontist.

While your child’s teeth might appear to be straight, there may actually be a problem that needs to be evaluated. If you recognize any of the following issues with your child, please schedule an appointment. It may be one of the most important actions you can take to ensure your child’s healthy teeth for a lifetime:

- Early or late loss of baby teeth
- Difficulty chewing or biting
- Mouth breathing
- Jaws that shift or make sounds
- Speech difficulties
- Biting the cheek or the roof of mouth
- Facial imbalance
- Grinding or clenching of teeth
- Thumb or finger sucking

Drs. Tom and Claire are specialists in straightening teeth and aligning bites, which means they have 3 years of education beyond dental school as well as 45 years of combined experience! They are experts at helping you and your child, get a great smile that feels amazing, too!

Meet Baby Grace!
We are excited to announce that we have a new addition to our Marcel family! Grace Marie Morphis was born Sunday, April 6, 2014 to Daniel and Merideth Morphis, weighing in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. CONGRATULATIONS to our proud Grandma, Kim (Office Manager) who shared with us that she has the most beautiful grand-daughter in the world! Commenting on her experience of being a first time grandmother, Kim readily exclaimed, “It’s just magical!”
Summer Contest!

Be sure to stop by the office and pick up your Claire-a-Long to take with you on your summer adventures! Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Beach Bummin’, funniest, most original and most adventurous. Photo with the most LIKES on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM will receive 500 Rewards Hub Points!

Beach Party!

Monday, August 4, 2014
5:30 p.m.
Robert Livermore Community Aquatic Center

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of food, games, raffles and prizes!

We’re Giving Parents a Great Reason to Smile!

May is Parent Appreciation Month at Marcel Orthodontics and we’re celebrating by giving our moms and dads an additional $300 off their Invisalign treatment (and that’s in addition to any family courtesies that may apply)! So call to schedule your complimentary exam TODAY!

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