<u>POLICY REGARDING DENTURES, PARTIALS, AND RELINES</u>

First, it is most important to understand that these appliances are artificial and you should not expect them to work as well as your natural teeth. Essentially, you will be handicapped. We often compare dentures to an artificial leg or arm; they serve their purpose, but are nothing more than a man-made substitute. For this reason, we cannot offer any guarantee that you will be satisfied (although we certainly hope that you will be). The only guarantee we do offer is that the dentures will be made correctly.

Also, it is important that we make you aware that upper dentures and lower dentures are not at all alike. Patients have many more problems with lower dentures than upper dentures. Your lower jaw is movable like it is on a hinge. Your upper jaw is stable and does not move at all. When the tongue moves during eating and speaking, the floor of the mouth raises and lowers, creating a tendency to dislodge the lower denture. The upper denture literally creates a vacuum, where the lower floats.

From time to time, sore spots will appear. We can make corrections to these sore spots usually without a problem. You can expect to have this happen two to three times during the first few weeks of wearing your dentures. The fee for the dentures include oral cancer screening, impressions, models, shade and shape selection, bite registration records, wax try-in, delivery of the dentures, and three post insertion adjustments, if needed, within the first 6 months.

Soft relines for immediate dentures are required as the bone heals and remodels. The first two relines are included in the price; afterwards chair side relines are an additional fee. These relines only last 4 to 6 weeks due to the nature of the material. Once your bone is stable, your complete dentures can be fabricated (usually within 3 months of extractions). Lab relines of partials and complete final dentures will incur additional fees.

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