

## **SE YOUR DENTAL BENEFITS**

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More and more, people are losing their dental insurance as companies reduce employee benefits during these recessionary times. Recently, Chrysler announced their plans to discontinue all dental coverage for their retired employees as of July 1, 2009. For those patients, call your dentist today.

I strongly encourage all people to take full advantage of their dental insurance each year. If your dentist has discussed future treatment that will eventually need to be done, consider doing some of it each year, so as to maximize those benefits that are available. Once the year is over, those insurance dollars are lost **forever**.

By waiting until a tooth “breaks” or it “hurts”, you may have multiple problems all in one year and your dental benefits may not cover everything that needs to be done. That is more, out of pocket expenses, for the patient. Be proactive, be preventative. Restore your teeth to be the healthiest and strongest they can be and let your dental benefits work for you to accomplish that goal. Don’t wait for problems, that you have been told will eventually occur, to act. Your dental insurance may not be there for you.

For patients who are losing their dental coverage, contact your dentist now and discuss what can be done to utilize those benefits for you while they are available. By waiting till the end, time may not allow you to get the treatment you need.

If you have dental insurance, talk with your dentist on how best to use those funds now, to give you the healthiest teeth possible, so when the dental insurance is no longer around, your only concern is prevention and maintenance.

Any questions or comments, contact my office.

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