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## New Year! New Insurance?

Insurance benefits seem to be changing all the time. Premiums continue to increase as the benefit to you decreases. Many of your plans renew at the beginning of the year. With the renewal, there may be changes to your plan that you are not aware of. While it is your responsibility to know the details of your plan, we are happy to look into it for you. If your insurance has changed, please arrive to your appointment a few minutes early so that we can change the insurance information in our system.

We have had questions regarding the new Medicare related dental programs. From what we understand, many of the plans will pay only if you see a Medicare provider, which we are not. For the plans that allow you to be seen outside of the Medicare provider network, the amount they do pay is quite minimal. Many of our patients have chosen to join our Membership Program instead of using the Medicare dental insurance.



**Dental Assistant Recognition Week –  
March 3-7**

Dental assistants play a major role in every dental office by strengthening the entire practice and enhancing patient satisfaction. To show appreciation, they get a special week dedicated to them each year in March! Dental Assistants are committed to professional development and quality patient care.

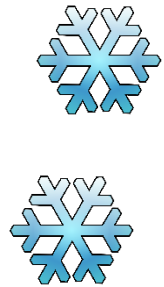
This week we celebrate by recognizing Kendra and Emily for all the great work they do! We couldn't do this without them! Be sure to show them your appreciation when you are in the office!

**Children's Dental Health Month!**

We celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month in February! Good oral health is essential for a child's overall health and well-being. Tooth decay can begin as soon as a child's first tooth is developed. It is important to begin good oral hygiene habits at a young age. This includes teaching your child to brush 2-3 times daily for at least two minutes, flossing daily, and visiting a dentist regularly.

***Happy Martin Luther King Day!  
January 20<sup>th</sup>!  
We will be here if you need us!***

With winter weather upon us, we'd like to remind you of our snow/ice policy. If we find snow/ice on the roadways, we will make every effort to be open. However, if we are unable to make it to the office, we will call, text or email our scheduled patients as soon as possible. If you are unable to make it to your appointment, please contact us at your earliest possible opportunity.



**OFFICE CLOSINGS**

So that our team can observe upcoming holidays, our office will be closed Monday, Feb. 17th. We will be adding future dates so that our team can attend Continuing Education courses. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for future closings. Thank you for understanding when we are out of the office!

