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- 1. NEW PATIENT EXAMINATION:** (No Charge) At this visit Dr. Means will evaluate the condition of the new patient including Cephalometric and Panelipse X-rays. She will briefly discuss the treatment plan and an office staff member will discuss fees as well as insurance coverage for this treatment.

- 2. RECORDS APPOINTMENT:** (\$150.00 payment due regardless of insurance coverage) This fee covers X-ray tracing, impressions, pouring, trimming and finishing study models, photographs, diagnosis, treatment plan and consultation.
SPACERS/SEPARATORS: These are small rubber donuts placed between the back teeth to create spaces so the appliances or braces can be fitted more comfortably. This takes about five minutes. There may be some tenderness for a few days, but Tylenol or Advil should help relieve this if necessary.

- 3. CONSULTATION:** Usually a one-hour visit scheduled two weeks after the records appointment. Dr. Means will go over the patient's treatment in detail using the x-rays and models made at the last visit. Brushing instructions, food lists, appointment scheduling as well as the financial contract will be explained at this time. It is important for the patient as well as the parent (if patient is a minor) be present at this visit.
FIT and IMPRESS FOR APPLIANCES: This visit should take about thirty minutes. It may be done at the end of the consultation if scheduled in advance. It normally will take about two weeks before the lab has the appliance finished and ready to place in the mouth. Payment number two on the down payment schedule is due at this time.

- 4. PLACE APPLIANCES and/or BRACES:** This visit last one to two hours depending on the amount of work done and cannot be scheduled at the end of the day. The final payment of the down payment will be collected. The patient will be given instructions regarding cleaning, brushing, eating (and not eating) as well as what to do about any problems that might arise.

MONTHLY VISITS: Appointments will be scheduled every three to six weeks. Most contracts will **require monthly** payments. These payments can be made at monthly visits or mailed in if there is not a monthly visit scheduled. We will provide you with a payment book. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00-1:00) Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (emergencies only – no doctor).