

DENTAL OASIS

— ❖ of Clayton ❖ —

Dental Oasis of Clayton only offers composite (white) fillings. We no longer do amalgam (silver colored) fillings. Dr Williams has decided to no longer offer this treatment because:

- ❧ We want to restore teeth to their most natural appearance
- ❧ Composite resin fillings do not require the removal of healthy tooth structure in order to ensure strength and/or retention
- ❧ Composite restorations may be repaired, where appropriate, while dental amalgams cannot. Repairs result in less trauma to the nerve of the tooth
- ❧ Large dental amalgam fillings predispose teeth to fracture
- ❧ The tooth fractures caused by the expansion of dental amalgam over time can be avoided by using alternative dental filling materials.
- ❧ The concerns over the use of mercury in dental filling material.

Most insurance companies allow an alternate treatment or downgrade to silver amalgam fillings on back (molar & sometimes premolars)teeth.

If your insurance company downgrades, the difference in the cost of a composite restoration & an amalgam restoration would not be paid for by the insurance company and you would be responsible for this cost. This cost is typically between \$8 and \$40 per filling depending on the size of the filling and your insurance company.

Your signature below confirms that you understand that Dr. Williams will only perform composite fillings and you understand that any difference in payment from your insurance company from what is estimated will be your responsibility.

Patient Name

Date

Patient Signature