

# *Limited Warranty*

## **Sealants**

People always ask us “How long should this last? In our office, we strive for perfection and satisfaction which is why we are happy to provide you with this warranty, something few other offices offer. Let us remember in today’s technology, almost everything we have learned is on the preventive side. Instead of going to the dentist every few years for “Drill, Fill and Bill,” let’s try preventative dentistry. If you spend four minutes in the morning and four minutes in the evening brushing, flossing and doing any other special treatments your dentist and hygienist have recommended and let your dentist or hygienist professionally clean your teeth, check for decay, apply a fluoride treatment, or apply sealants, you can prevent most or all disease. With six-month check-ups your teeth and gums are winners!

1. Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings which are applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to prevent decay. Most tooth decay in children and adolescents occurs on the chewing surfaces of these back teeth or molars. This is because molars have irregular surfaces with pits and grooves which tend to trap food and bacteria debris. Sealants flow into and coat these pits and grooves so that bacteria cannot multiply and cause decay.
2. The teeth most likely to benefit from sealant application are the first and second molars just after they have erupted and before they have had a chance to decay. Children between the ages of 5 and 14 benefit most from sealants.
3. A sealant application can last for as long as five years and often longer. Sealants should be checked regularly and reapplied when they appear to have worn off. Because teeth are most susceptible to decay when they are young, preventing decay during the first 5 to 14 years after a tooth erupts is critical.
4. This warranty is null and void if the patient does not maintain his/her six-month continuing care cleaning appointments.