*(Insert Date)*

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to appeal your decision to deny coverage of proper health care for *(insert patient name)*.   As usual with our comprehensive dental examination each tooth had six-point probing and a full mouth series was done.  Staging and grading of the periodontal disease was done using the guidelines established by the American Academy of Periodontology classification system published in 2017.

  There is calculated attachment loss of 1-2mm on each of the following teeth:    *(list each tooth CAL)*

*(insert patient name)*  presented with Stage *(fill in I, II or III*) Grade *(A,B,or C).*

At side of greatest loss *(*X) mm of CAL was noted.  Bone loss is present and is more than 15% as evidenced by the full mouth radiographs.    Bone loss is generalized as it affects more than four teeth per quadrant.

Active disease was evidenced by the heavy bleeding on probing.  Which was charted and previously provided.  Generalized subgingival calculus was noted when the probing was done.

*(insert patient name)* has a family history of diabetes/heart disease/pregnancy.

***A note:*** *Any reference to how untreated gum disease can affect overall health is HUGE!  Ask your patient:*

*“Are you planning on getting pregnant?”    “Have you ever been told you are prediabetic?”    “Any history of heart disease in your family?”*

*If so, remind the insurance company that their denial of coverage can be linked to future heart attacks, diabetes and low term birth weight. THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT TEETH!*

The recommended scale and root planing is needed treatment and is in accordance with the ADA definition for treatment. “This procedure involves instrumentation of the crown and root surfaces of the teeth to remove plaque and calculus from these surfaces.  It is indicated for patients with periodontal disease and is therapeutic not prophylactic, in nature. Root planing is the definitive procedure designed for the removal of cementum and dentin that is rough, and/or permeated by calculus or contaminated with toxins or microorganisms.  Some soft tissue removal occurs.  This procedure may be used as a definitive treatment in some stages of periodontal disease and/or as a part of pre-surgical procedures in others.”

Please review this claim and respond to our office.  Again, please provide documentation that this claim was reviewed by a dentist licensed in North Carolina.

Regards,

*(insert name, title and signature)­­*