



## **STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY**

A Stock Life Insurance Company  
900 SW Fifth Avenue  
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### **CERTIFICATE GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE**

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**The Policyholder**      **MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Policy Number**      **160-648015**      **Insured Person**

**Plan Effective Date**    **September 1, 2015**      **Certificate Effective Date**  
**Refer to Exceptions on 9070**

**Plan Change Effective Date**      **September 1, 2018**

**Class Number 1**

Standard Insurance Company certifies that you will be insured for the benefits described on the following pages, according to all the terms of the group policy numbered above which has been issued to the Policyholder.

Possession of this certificate does not necessarily mean you are insured. You are insured only if you meet the requirements set out in this certificate.

The group policy may be amended or cancelled without the consent of the insured person.

The group policy and this certificate are governed by the laws of the state in which the group policy was delivered.

This is not a policy of workers' compensation insurance. The employer does not become a subscriber to the workers compensation system by purchasing his policy, and if the employer is a non-subscriber, the employer loses those benefits that would otherwise accrue under the workers' compensation laws. The employer must comply with the workers' compensation law as it pertains to non-subscribers and the required notifications that must be filed and posted.

**STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Greg Ness". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." being small and the last name "Ness" being larger and more prominent.

J. Greg Ness  
President

## **Have a complaint or need help?**

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

### **Standard Insurance Company**

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

**Call: Complaint Officer at 888-418-6811 (Toll Free)**

Email: [standard@employeebenefitservice.com](mailto:standard@employeebenefitservice.com)

Mail: P.O. Box 82629, Lincoln, NE 68501-2629

### **The Texas Department of Insurance**

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Mail: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

## **¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?**

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

### **Standard Insurance Company**

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Llame a: **Complaint Officer al 888-418-6811 (Teléfono gratuito)**

Correo electrónico: [standard@employeebenefitservice.com](mailto:standard@employeebenefitservice.com)

Dirección postal: P.O. Box 82629, Lincoln, NE 68501-2629

### **El Departamento de Seguros de Texas**

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente una queja en: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Correo electrónico: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Dirección postal: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

## **Notice of Complaint and Appeal Procedures - TEXAS**

Please read this notice carefully. Please also review your plan documents and Explanation of Benefits you receive with a benefit decision resulting from a claim or elective request for a pre-treatment estimate of benefits. This notice contains important information about how to file complaints or appeals.

### **I. Definitions**

“Adverse Determination” means that benefits are not available based on a utilization review determination that services provided or proposed are not medically necessary or are experimental. All adverse determinations are made by licensed dentists. Adverse determinations are made in accordance with the Utilization Review Agent's (URA) Clinical Guidelines, which are based upon Current Dental Terminology nomenclature and definitions, as well as professional clinical standards of care garnered through clinical experience and publications by organized dentistry.

“Complaint” means an oral or written expression of dissatisfaction concerning the URA's process in conducting a utilization review. The term "complaint" does not include an expression of dissatisfaction constituting an appeal or a misunderstanding or misinformation that is resolved promptly by supplying the appropriate information or by clearing up the misunderstanding to the satisfaction of the complaining party.

“Independent Review Organization” (“IRO”) means an entity authorized by the Texas Department of Insurance to provide an external review of an adverse determination.

“Prospective Review” means a benefits review prior to receiving a service. Prospective reviews are not required under this policy, but you or your provider may choose to request a pre-treatment estimate of benefits before a service is performed.

“Reasonable Opportunity” means at least one documented good faith attempt to contact the provider of record that provides an opportunity for the provider of record to discuss the services under review with us during normal business hours prior to issuing a prospective, concurrent, or retrospective utilization review adverse determination:

- (A) no less than one working day prior to issuing a prospective utilization review adverse determination;
- (B) no less than five working days prior to issuing a retrospective utilization review adverse determination; or
- (C) prior to issuing a concurrent or post-stabilization review adverse determination.

“Retrospective Utilization Review” means a form of utilization review for health care services that have been provided to a member. Retrospective utilization review does not include review of services for which prospective or concurrent utilization reviews were previously conducted or should have been previously conducted.

### **II. Our Benefit Notices**

If we make an adverse determination as defined above, after giving the treating provider a reasonable opportunity for discussion, you, an individual acting on your behalf, and the provider will have access to our appeals process even if the discussion does not occur. An Explanation of Benefits or Payment will also be included, that includes:

- 1. principal reason for the benefit decision, and
- 2. the clinical basis and description or source of screening criteria.

For adverse determinations, you, an individual acting on your behalf, or the provider has a right to request a review by an IRO. You can request an immediate review by an IRO in cases of life threatening conditions. Please find attached the Independent Review request forms.

### **III. Designated Person Responsible For Complaints and Appeals Management**

Name: Kate McCown  
Second Vice President - Group Compliance  
Address: P.O. Box 82629  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2629  
Email: <http://standard@employeebenefitservice.com>  
Phone: 888-418-6871 (Toll-Free)  
Fax: 402-309-2579

#### IV. Levels of Review Available

##### A. Our Internal Review

The member or someone acting on the member's behalf and the provider of record has the right to appeal an adverse determination (denial) orally or in writing. A licensed dentist who has not previously reviewed the case will make the appeal decision. The appealing party must send us the appeal no later than 30 calendar days after the date of this letter.

- **Written Appeal:** To submit a written appeal, mail or fax the written appeal to the address or fax number listed above.
- **Oral Appeal:** To file an oral appeal, call the following toll-free number: 877-897-4328.

##### There are three types of appeals:

- **Standard Appeal:** An appeal that does not involve urgent care such as emergency care, life-threatening conditions, or continued hospitalization.
- **Expedited Appeal:** An expedited appeal is available for emergency care, life-threatening conditions, and hospitalized members. An expedited appeal is also available for denials of prescription drugs and intravenous infusions for which the member is currently receiving benefits.
- **Acquired Brain Injury Appeal (this type of appeal may not be applicable in your case):** An appeal of denied services concerning an acquired brain injury.

**Appeal Acknowledgment:** Within five working days of receipt of the appeal, we will send the appealing party a letter acknowledging the date that we received the appeal and a list of documents that we may need for the appeal. If the appeal is oral, we will send the appealing party a one-page appeal form. The appealing party does not have to return the appeal form but we encourage its return because the form will help us resolve the appeal.

##### Our deadlines to resolve the appeal and send a written decision to the member or someone acting on the member's behalf and the provider of record are:

- **Standard Appeal:** 30 calendar days of receipt of the appeal
- **Expedited Appeal:** One working day from the date we receive all information necessary to complete the appeal. We may provide the determination by telephone or electronic transmission, but will provide a written determination within three working days of the initial telephonic or electronic notification.
- **Retrospective (claim) Appeal:** 30 calendar days after receipt of appeal. However, we may extend this deadline once for a period not to exceed 15 days.
- **Acquired Brain Injury Appeal (this type of appeal may not be applicable in your case):** Not later than three business days after the date on which the individual submits the appeal. The notification of the determination must be provided through a direct telephone contact to the individual making the request. We will provide a written determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of the appeal.

**Life-Threatening Conditions:** If the patient has a life-threatening condition or receives a denial for prescription drugs or intravenous infusions for which they are currently receiving benefits, the patient, or someone acting on the patient's behalf, and the provider of record can request an immediate review by an independent review organization (IRO) and is not required to follow our internal appeal procedures. See below for more information about the independent review.

After our internal review of your appeal, we will send a written decision, including:

- A statement of the specific medical, dental, or contractual reasons for the resolution;
- The clinical basis for the decision

- A description of or the source of the screening criteria that were utilized in making the determination
- The professional specialty of the provider who made the determination
- Notice of the appealing party's right to seek review of the adverse determination by an IRO under 28 TAC 19.1717
- A copy of a request for a review by an IRO form;
- Procedures for filing a complaint as described in 28 TAC 19.1705 (f).

**Exhaustion of Internal Appeals:** We will not require exhaustion of our internal appeals process if: (a) we fail to meet our internal appeal process timelines, or (b) the claimant with an urgent care situation files an external review before exhausting our internal appeal process, or (c) we decide to waive the appeal process requirements.

## **B. Independent Review**

If we deny the appeal (continue to deny the services or treatment described above), the member or someone acting on the member's behalf and the provider of record has the right to request a review by an IRO. The IRO does not have an affiliation with your payor (insurance company or health plan), your health care providers, or the URA. To request the independent review, fill out the enclosed form and return it to the address or fax number listed in Section III. above. The patient, parent, or the patient's legal guardian must sign the consent to release medical information to the IRO (included as part of the IRO form). We will notify the Texas Department of Insurance of the request for an Independent Review within one working day from the date the IRO request is received. The Texas Department of Insurance will randomly assign an IRO to review the matter. We will provide all required information to the IRO within three working days after the date we receive a request for IRO review. We will bear the costs of the Independent Review and will comply with their benefit decisions.

## **V. Complaint Procedures**

The enrollee, an individual acting on behalf of the enrollee, or the provider of record may file an oral or a written complaint regarding our utilization review process or procedures by using the contact information listed above. We will respond to your complaint within 30 calendar days.

You always have the right to file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance

333 Guadalupe St.  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Web: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>  
Toll Free: 1-800- 252-3439  
Fax: 512- 490-1007

## How you're protected if your life or health insurance company fails

The Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association protects you by paying your covered claims if your life or health insurance company is insolvent (can't pay its debts). **This notice summarizes your protections.**

The Association will pay your claims, with some exceptions required by law, if your company is licensed in Texas and a court has declared it insolvent. You must live in Texas when your company fails. If you don't live in Texas, you may still have some protections.

### For each insolvent company, the Association will pay a person's claims only up to these dollar limits set by law:

- **Accident, accident and health, or health insurance (including HMOs):**
  - Up to \$500,000 for health benefit plans, with some exceptions.
  - Up to \$300,000 for disability income benefits.
  - Up to \$300,000 for long-term care insurance benefits.
  - Up to \$200,000 for all other types of health insurance.
- **Life insurance:**
  - Up to \$100,000 in net cash surrender or withdrawal value.
  - Up to \$300,000 in death benefits.
- **Individual annuities:** Up to \$250,000 in the present value of benefits, including cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values.
- **Other policy types:** Limits for group policies, retirement plans and structured settlement annuities are in Chapter 463 of the Texas Insurance Code.
- **Individual aggregate limit:** Up to \$300,000 per person, regardless of the number of policies or contracts. A limit of \$500,000 may apply for people with health benefit plans.
- **Parts of some policies might not be protected:** For example, there is no protection for parts of a policy or contract that the insurance company doesn't guarantee, such as some additions to the value of variable life or annuity policies.

To learn more about the Association and your protections, contact:  <b>Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association</b> 515 Congress Avenue, Suite 1875 Austin, TX 78701 1-800-982-6362 or <a href="http://www.txlifega.org">www.txlifega.org</a>	For questions about insurance, contact:  <b>Texas Department of Insurance</b> P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 1-800-252-3439 or <a href="http://www.tdi.texas.gov">www.tdi.texas.gov</a>
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**Note:** You're receiving this notice because Texas law requires your insurance company to send you a summary of your protections under the Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act (Insurance Code, Chapter 463). These protections apply to insolvencies that occur on or after September 1, 2019. **There may be other exceptions that aren't included in this notice.** When choosing an insurance company, you should not rely on the Association's coverage. Texas law prohibits companies and agents from using the Association as an inducement to buy insurance or HMO coverage.

Chapter 463 controls if there are differences between the law and this summary.

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**SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS  
OUTLINE OF COVERAGE**

The Insurance for each Insured and each Insured Dependent will be based on the Insured's class shown in this Schedule of Benefits.

Benefit Class

Class Description

Class 1

Eligible Employee Electing The Low Plan

**DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFITS**

When you select a Contracting Provider, a discounted fee schedule is used which is intended to provide you, the Insured, reduced out of pocket costs.

Deductible Amount:

Type 1 Procedures - Each Visit	\$10
Combined Type 2 and Type 3 Procedures - Each Benefit Period	\$50

Coinsurance Percentage:

Type 1 Procedures	85%
Type 2 Procedures	50%
Type 3 Procedures	30%

Maximum Amount - Each Benefit Period	\$1,250
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**ORTHODONTIC EXPENSE BENEFITS**

Deductible Amount - Once per lifetime	\$0
Coinsurance Percentage	50%
Maximum Benefit During Lifetime	\$1,000

## INCREASED DENTAL MAXIMUM BENEFIT

Carry Over Amount Per Insured Person – Each Benefit Period	\$250
Network Provider Bonus – Each Benefit Period	\$100
Benefit Threshold Per Insured Person – Each Benefit Period	\$500
Maximum Carry Over Amount	\$1,000

After the first Benefit Period following the coverage effective date, the Maximum Amount for Dental Expenses Per Insured Person as shown in the Schedule of Benefits may be increased by the Carry Over Amount if:

- a) The Insured Person has submitted a claim for dental expenses incurred during the preceding Benefit Period; and
- b) The benefits paid for dental expenses incurred in the preceding Benefit Period did not exceed the Benefit Threshold.

After the first Benefit Period following the coverage effective date of this provision, the Carry Over Amount Per Insured Person will be increased by the Network Provider Bonus if:

- a) The insured person has submitted a claim for dental expenses incurred during the preceding benefit period, and
- b) At least one of the claims submitted by the insured person for dental expenses incurred during the preceding benefit period were expenses resulting from services rendered by a Network Provider, and
- c) The benefits paid for dental expenses incurred in the preceding Benefit Period did not exceed the Benefit Threshold.

The additional Carry Over Amount earned by the Network Provider Bonus can be used for any Provider.

In each succeeding Benefit Period in which the total dental expense benefits paid do not exceed the Benefit Threshold, the Insured Person will be eligible for the Carry Over Amount and the Network Provider Bonus.

The Carry Over Amount and the Network Provider Bonus can be accumulated from one Benefit Period to the next up to the Maximum Carry Over amount unless:

- a) During any Benefit Period, dental expense benefits are paid in excess of the Benefit Threshold. In this instance, there will be no additional Carry Over Amount or Network Provider Bonus for that Benefit Period; or
- b) During any Benefit Period, no claims for covered dental expenses incurred during the preceding Benefit Period are submitted. In this instance, there will be no Carry Over Amount or Network Provider Bonus for that Benefit Period, and any accumulated Carry Over Amounts, including any Network Provider Bonuses from previous Benefit Periods will be forfeited.

Eligibility for the Carry Over Amount and the Network Provider Bonus will be established or reestablished at the time the first claim in a Benefit Period is received for dental expenses incurred during that Benefit Period.

In order to properly calculate the Carry Over Amount and/or the Network Provider Bonus, claims should be submitted timely in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision found within the General Provisions. You have the right to request review of prior Carry Over Amount or Network Provider Bonus calculations. The request for

review must be within 24 months from the date the Carry Over Amount or the Network Provider Bonus was established.

## DEFINITIONS

**COMPANY** refers to Standard Insurance Company. The words "we", "us" and "our" refer to Company. Our Home Office address is 900 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-1282.

**POLICYHOLDER** refers to the Policyholder stated on the face page of the policy.

**INSURED** refers to a person:

- a. who is a Member of the eligible class; and
- b. who has qualified for insurance by completing the eligibility period, if any; and
- c. for whom the insurance has become effective.

**DOMESTIC PARTNER:** Refers to two unrelated individuals who share the necessities of life, live together, and have an emotional and financial commitment to one another, similar to that of a spouse.

**CHILD.** Child refers to the child of the Insured, a child of the Insured's spouse or a child of the Insured's Domestic Partner, if they otherwise meet the definition of Dependent.

- a. an Insured's spouse or Domestic Partner, or,
- b. each child less than 26 years of age, for whom the Insured, the Insured's spouse, or the Insured's Domestic Partner, is responsible, or is eligible under the federal laws identified below, including:
  - i. natural born children;
  - ii. adopted children, eligible from the date of placement for adoption, or from the date the insured is a party to a suit to adopt the child, whichever is earlier;
  - iii. grandchildren, if such children are dependents of the Insured for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child is made;
  - iv. stepchildren of the Insured; and
  - v. children covered under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by applicable Federal and State laws.
  - vi. any child if the parent is required by a court order or administrative order to provide health insurance coverage for the child.

Spouses of Dependents and children of Dependents may not be enrolled under this policy. Additionally, if the Policyholder's separate medical plans are considered to have "grandfathered status" as defined in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Dependents may not be eligible Dependents under such medical plans if they are eligible to enroll in an eligible employer-sponsored health plan other than a group health plan of a parent for plan years beginning before January 1, 2014. Dependents that are ineligible under the Policyholder's separate medical plans will be ineligible under this Policy as well; or,

- c. The child's attainment of age 26 does not terminate coverage while the child is:
  - (1) incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical disability; and

- (2) chiefly dependent on the insured or group member for support and maintenance.

To obtain coverage for a child as described by Subsection (c), You must provide Us proof of the child's incapacity and dependency:

- (1) not later than the 31st day after the date the child attains the limiting age; and
  - (2) subsequently We require, except that We may not require proof more frequently than annually after the second anniversary of the date the child attains the limiting age.
- d. each unmarried grandchild less than 26 years of age, if such children are dependents of the Insured for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child is made.

**TOTAL DISABILITY** describes the Insured's Dependent as:

1. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical handicap; and
2. Chiefly dependent upon the Insured for support and maintenance.

**DEPENDENT UNIT** refers to all of the people who are insured as the dependents of any one Insured.

**PROVIDER** refers to any person who is licensed by the law of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of the license.

**CONTRACTING AND NON-CONTRACTING PROVIDERS.** A Contracting Provider is a Provider who has a contract with Us to provide services to Insureds at a discount. A Contracting Provider is also referred to as a "Network Provider". The terms and conditions of the agreement with our network providers are available upon request. Members are required to pay the difference between the plan payment and the Contracting Provider's contracted fees for covered services. A Non-Contracting Provider is any other provider and may also be referred to as an "Out-of-Network Provider." Members are required to pay the difference between the plan payment and the provider's actual fee for covered services. Therefore, the out-of-pocket expenses may be lower if services are provided by a Contracting Provider.

**LATE ENTRANT** refers to any person:

- a. whose Effective Date of insurance is more than 31 days from the date the person becomes eligible for insurance; or
- b. who has elected to become insured again after canceling a premium contribution agreement.

**PLAN EFFECTIVE DATE** refers to the date coverage under the policy becomes effective. The Plan Effective Date for the Policyholder is shown on the policy cover. The effective date of coverage for an Insured is shown in the Policyholder's records.

All insurance will begin at 12:01 A.M. on the Effective Date. It will end after 11:59 P.M. on the Termination Date. All times are stated as Standard Time of the residence of the Insured.

**PLAN CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE** refers to the date that the policy provisions originally issued to the Policyholder change as requested by the Policyholder. The Plan Change Effective date for the Policyholder will

be shown on the policy cover, if the Policyholder has requested a change. The plan change effective date for an Insured is shown in the Policyholder's records or on the cover of the certificate.

## **CONDITIONS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE**

### *ELIGIBILITY*

**ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR MEMBERS.** The members of the eligible class(es) are shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Each member of the eligible class (referred to as "Member") will qualify for such insurance on the day he or she completes the required eligibility period, if any. Members choosing to elect coverage will hereinafter be referred to as "Insured."

A member of the Eligible Class for Insurance is any eligible employee electing the low plan working at least 18.75 hours per week.

Substitute And Hourly Employees are excluded from the Eligible Class for Insurance.

If both spouses are Members, and if either of them insures their dependent children, then the spouse, whoever elects, will be considered the dependent of the other. As a dependent, the person will not be considered a Member of the Eligible Class, but will be eligible for insurance as a dependent.

**ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE.** Each Member of the eligible class(es) for dependent coverage is eligible for the Dependent Insurance under the policy and will qualify for this Dependent Insurance on the first of the month following the latest of:

1. the day he or she qualifies for coverage as a Member;
2. the day he or she first becomes a Member; or
3. the day he or she first has a dependent.

**COVERAGE FOR NEWBORN AND ADOPTED CHILDREN.** A newborn child will be covered from the date of birth. An adopted child will be covered from the date an insured enters in suit seeking adoption of a child. A foster child and other child in court-ordered custody will be covered from the date of placement in the Insured's residence.

Coverage for a newborn child shall consist of coverage for covered dental expenses, subject to applicable deductibles, coinsurance percentages, maximums and limitations, resulting from care or treatment of congenital defects, birth abnormalities, including cleft lip and cleft palate and premature birth.

Initial coverage for a newborn child will be covered for a period of 31 days. For coverage to continue beyond this initial 31-day period, the Insured must give us notice and we will charge the applicable additional premium from the date of birth.

A Member must be an Insured to also insure his or her dependents.

A member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance is any eligible employee electing the low plan working at least 18.75 hours per week and has eligible dependents.

Substitute And Hourly Employees are excluded from the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance.

Any spouse who elects to be a dependent rather than a member of the Eligible Class for Personal Insurance, as explained above, is not a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance.

When a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance dies and, if at the date of death, has dependents insured, the Policyholder has the option of offering the dependents of the deceased employee continued coverage. If elected by the Policyholder and the affected dependents, the name of such deceased member will continue to be listed as a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance.

**CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.** Member Insurance: An Insured is required to contribute to the payment of his or her insurance premiums.

Dependent Insurance: An Insured is required to contribute to the payment of insurance premiums for his or her dependents.

**SECTION 125.** This plan is provided as part of the Employer's Section 125 Plan. Each Member has the option under the Section 125 Plan of participating or not participating in this plan.

If a Member does not elect to participate when initially eligible, the Member may elect to participate at a subsequent Election Period. This Election Period will be held each year and those who elect to participate in this plan at that time will have their coverage become effective on September 1.

Members may change their election option only during an Election Period, except for a change in family status. Such events would be marriage, divorce, birth of a child, death of a spouse or child, or termination of employment of a spouse.

**ELIGIBILITY PERIOD.** For Members on the Plan Effective Date of the policy, qualification will occur on the first of the month following the date of employment.

For persons who become Members after the Plan Effective Date of the policy, qualification will occur on the first of the month following the date of employment.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT.** If a Member does not elect to participate when initially eligible, the Member may elect to participate at the Policyholder's next enrollment period. This enrollment period will be held each year and those who elect to participate in this policy at that time will have their insurance become effective on September 1.

An Insured whose eligibility terminates and is established again, may or may not have to complete a new eligibility period before he or she can again qualify for insurance.

**ELIMINATION PERIOD.** Certain covered expenses may be subject to an elimination period, please refer to the TABLE OF DENTAL PROCEDURES, DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFITS, and if applicable, the ORTHODONTIC EXPENSE BENEFITS pages for details.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each Member has the option of being insured and insuring his or her Dependents. To elect coverage, he or she must agree in writing to contribute to the payment of the insurance premiums. The Effective Date for each Member and his or her Dependents, will be the first of the month following:

1. the date on which the Member qualifies for insurance, if the Member agrees to contribute on or before that date.
2. the date on which the Member agrees to contribute, if that date is within 31 days after the date he or she qualifies for insurance.
3. the date we accept the Member and/or Dependent for insurance when the Member and/or Dependent is a Late Entrant. The Member and/or Dependent will be subject to any limitation concerning Late Entrants.

**EXCEPTIONS.** A Member must be in active service on the date the insurance, or any increase in insurance, is to take effect. If not, the insurance will not take effect until the day he or she returns to active service. Active service refers to the performance in the customary manner by an employee of all the regular duties of his or her employment with his or her employer on a full time basis at one of the employer's business establishments or at some location to which the employer's business requires the employee to travel.



A Member will be in active service on any regular non-working day if he or she is not totally disabled on that day and if he or she was in active service on the regular working day before that day.

A Member must not be totally disabled on the date the insurance, or any increase in insurance, is to take effect. The insurance will not take effect until the day after he or she ceases to be totally disabled.

But any person who is not in active service or is totally disabled will be insured on the Effective Date if:

- a. the person was insured under a policy of group insurance providing like benefits which ended on the day immediately before the Effective Date of the policy providing this coverage; and
- b. the person is considered a Member or an eligible Dependent under the policy providing this coverage; and had the prior policy contained the same definition of eligibility, would have been a Member or Dependent under the prior policy.

### ***TERMINATION DATES***

**INSUREDS.** The insurance for any Insured, will automatically terminate on the end of the month falling on or next following the **earliest of:**

1. the date the Insured ceases to be a Member;
2. the last day of the period for which the Insured has contributed, if required, to the payment of insurance premiums; or
3. the date the policy is terminated.

**DEPENDENTS.** The insurance for all of an Insured's dependents will automatically terminate on the end of the month falling on or next following the **earliest of:**

1. the date on which the Insured's coverage terminates;
2. the date on which the Insured ceases to be a Member;
3. the last day of the period for which the Insured has contributed, if required, to the payment of insurance premiums; or
4. the date all Dependent Insurance under the policy is terminated.

The insurance for any Dependent will automatically terminate on the end of the month falling on or next following the day before the date on which the dependent no longer meets the definition of a dependent. See "Definitions."

**CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE.** If coverage ceases according to TERMINATION DATE, some or all of the insurance coverages may be continued. Contact your plan administrator for details.

#### Strike or Lockout

For Employees Only

This continuation only applies when the Employer is required by a collective bargaining agreement to pay all or part of the Insured's premium.

1. The Insured may continue coverage if it would stop because the Insured's work is stopped due to:
  - a. a strike; or
  - b. a lockout;

provided premiums are paid by the Insured.

The Insured may also continue to insure his or her dependents.

2. Benefits

This continuation applies to all benefits payable under the policy.

3. Termination

Such insurance will stop on the earlier of:

- a. the last day of the period for which the premium is paid;
- b. the date coverage would normally stop under the terms of the policy;
- c. the date the Insured becomes eligible under another group health plan;
- d. the date coverage has been continued for six months;
- e. the date seventy-five percent (75%) of the covered employees continue coverage;
- f. the date the policy terminates.

4. Premiums

We may charge the full premium, i.e. the employee and employer's portion, during the continuation period.

We may change the premium rate at any time the Insured's group plan premium rate is changed.

## DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFITS

We will determine dental expense benefits according to the terms of the group policy for dental expenses incurred by an Insured. An Insured person has the freedom of choice to receive treatment from any Provider.

**DETERMINING BENEFITS.** The benefits payable will be determined by totaling all of the Covered Expenses submitted into each benefit type as shown in the Table of Dental Procedures. This amount is reduced by the Deductible, if any. The result is then multiplied by the Coinsurance Percentage(s) shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are subject to the Maximum Amount, if any, shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**BENEFIT PERIOD.** Benefit Period refers to the period shown in the Table of Dental Procedures.

**DEDUCTIBLE.** The Deductible is shown on the Schedule of Benefits and is a specified amount of Covered Expenses that must be incurred and paid by each Insured person prior to any benefits being paid.

**MAXIMUM AMOUNT.** The Maximum Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits is the maximum amount that may be paid for the Covered Expenses incurred by an Insured.

**COVERED EXPENSES.** Covered Expenses include:

1. only those expenses for dental procedures performed by a Provider; and
2. only those expenses for dental procedures listed and outlined on the Table of Dental Procedures.

Covered Expenses are subject to "Limitations." See Limitations and Table of Dental Procedures.

Benefits payable for Covered Expenses also will be based on the lesser of:

1. the actual charge of the Provider.
2. the Maximum Allowable Charge ("MAC") as covered under your plan.
3. the Maximum Allowable Benefit ("MAB") as covered under your plan, if services are provided by a Non Contracting Provider.

MAC - The Maximum Allowable Charge is derived from the array of provider charges within a particular ZIP code area. These allowances are the charges accepted by dentists who are Contracting Providers. The MAC is reviewed and updated periodically to reflect increasing provider fees within the ZIP code area.

MAB - The Maximum Allowable Benefit is derived from a blending of submitted provider charges within a ZIP code area. These allowances are an option for policyholders who want to offer affordable yet comprehensive coverage. The MAB is reviewed and updated periodically to reflect increasing provider fees within the ZIP code area.

**ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES.** If two or more procedures are considered adequate and appropriate treatment to correct a certain condition under generally accepted standards of dental care, the amount of the Covered Expense will be equal to the charge for the least expensive procedure. This provision is NOT intended to dictate a course of treatment. Instead, this provision is designed to determine the amount of the plan allowance for a submitted treatment when an adequate and appropriate alternative procedure is available. Accordingly, you may choose to apply the alternate benefit amount determined under this provision toward payment of the submitted treatment.

We may request existing pre-operative dental radiographic images, periodontal charting and/or additional diagnostic data to determine the plan allowance for the procedures submitted. We strongly encourage pre-treatment estimates so you understand your benefits before any treatment begins. Ask your provider to submit a claim form for this purpose.

**EXPENSES INCURRED.** An expense is incurred at the time the impression is made for an appliance or change to an appliance. An expense is incurred at the time the tooth or teeth are prepared for a dental prosthesis or prosthetic crown. For root canal therapy, an expense is incurred at the time the pulp chamber is opened. All other expenses are incurred at the time the service is rendered or a supply furnished.

**LIMITATIONS.** Covered Expenses will not include and benefits will not be payable for expenses incurred:

1. in the first 12 months that a person is insured if the person is a Late Entrant; except for Type 1 and Type 2 procedures.
2. for initial placement of any dental prosthesis or prosthetic crown unless such placement is needed because of the extraction of one or more teeth while the insured person is covered under this contract. But the extraction of a third molar (wisdom tooth) will not qualify under the above. Any such dental prosthesis or prosthetic crown must include the replacement of the extracted tooth or teeth.
3. for appliances, restorations, or procedures to:
  - a. alter vertical dimension;
  - b. restore or maintain occlusion; or
  - c. splint or replace tooth structure lost as a result of abrasion or attrition.
4. for any procedure begun after the insured person's insurance under this contract terminates; or for any prosthetic dental appliances installed or delivered more than 90 days after the Insured's insurance under this contract terminates.
5. to replace lost or stolen appliances.
6. for any treatment which is for cosmetic purposes.
7. for any procedure not shown in the Table of Dental Procedures. (There may be additional frequencies and limitations that apply, please see the Table of Dental Procedures for details.)
8. for orthodontic treatment under this benefit provision. (If orthodontic expense benefits have been included in this policy, please refer to the Schedule of Benefits and Orthodontic Expense Benefits provision found on 9260).
9. for which the Insured person is entitled to benefits under any workmen's compensation or similar law, or charges for services or supplies received as a result of any dental condition caused or contributed to by an injury or sickness arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit.
10. for charges which the Insured person is not liable or which would not have been made had no insurance been in force, except for those benefits paid under Medicaid.
11. for services that are not required for necessary care and treatment or are not within the generally accepted parameters of care.
12. because of war or any act of war, declared or not.

## TABLE OF DENTAL PROCEDURES

### **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY FOR YOUR PROCEDURE FREQUENCIES AND PROVISIONS.**

The attached is a list of dental procedures for which benefits are payable under this section; and is based upon the Current Dental Terminology © American Dental Association. **No benefits are payable for a procedure that is not listed.**

- Your benefits are based on a Calendar Year. A Calendar Year runs from January 1 through December 31.
- Benefit Period means the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same year. But during the first year a person is insured, a benefit period means the period from his or her effective date through December 31 of that year.
- Covered Procedures are subject to all plan provisions, procedure and frequency limitations, and/or consultant review. Examples of procedures which may be subject to Alternate Benefits are crowns, inlays, onlays, fixed partial dentures, composite restorations, and overdentures. Examples of procedures which may be subject to plan payments based on consultant review are services related to oral maxillofacial surgery, fixed partial dentures, periodontics, and endodontics.
- Reference to "traumatic injury" under this plan is defined as any injury caused by an object or a force other than bruxism (grinding of teeth).
- Benefits for replacement dental prosthesis or prosthetic crown will be based on the prior placement date. Frequencies which reference Benefit Period will be measured forward within the limits defined as the Benefit Period. All other frequencies will be measured forward from the last covered date of service.
- We may request existing radiographs, periodontal charting, surgical notes, narratives, photos and/or a patient's records on any procedure for our dental consultants to review. Commonly reviewed procedures include: Periodontic procedures, Oral Maxillofacial Surgical procedures, Implants, Crowns, Inlays, Onlays, Core Build-Ups, Fixed Partial Dentures, Post and Cores, Veneers, Endodontic Retreatment, and Apexification/Recalcification procedures.
- We recommend that a pre-treatment estimate be submitted for all anticipated work that is considered to be expensive by our insured.
- A pre-treatment estimate is not a pre-authorization or guarantee of payment or eligibility; rather it is an indication of the estimated benefits available if the described procedures are performed.

## **TYPE 1 PROCEDURES**

**PAYMENT BASIS - NON-CONTRACTING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Benefit**

**PAYMENT BASIS - CONTRACTING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Charge**

**BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year**

**For Additional Limitations - See Limitations**

### **ROUTINE ORAL EVALUATION**

D0120 Periodic oral evaluation - established patient.

D0145 Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver.

D0150 Comprehensive oral evaluation - new or established patient.

D0180 Comprehensive periodontal evaluation - new or established patient.

COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION: D0150, D0180

Coverage is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per provider.

In addition, D0150, D0180 coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

D0120, D0145, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

If frequency met, will be considered at an alternate benefit of a D0120/D0145 and count towards this frequency.

ROUTINE EVALUATION: D0120, D0145

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

D0150, D0180, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Procedure D0120 will be considered for individuals age 3 and over. Procedure D0145 will be considered for individuals age 2 and under.

### **COMPLETE SERIES OR PANORAMIC**

D0210 Intraoral - complete series of radiographic images.

D0330 Panoramic radiographic image.

COMPLETE SERIES/PANORAMIC: D0210, D0330

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

### **OTHER XRAYS**

D0220 Intraoral - periapical first radiographic image.

D0230 Intraoral - periapical each additional radiographic image.

D0240 Intraoral - occlusal radiographic image.

D0250 Extra-oral - 2D projection radiographic image created using a stationary radiation source, and detector.

D0251 Extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.

PERIAPICAL: D0220, D0230

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

### **BITEWINGS**

D0270 Bitewing - single radiographic image.

D0272 Bitewings - two radiographic images.

D0273 Bitewings - three radiographic images.

D0274 Bitewings - four radiographic images.

D0277 Vertical bitewings - 7 to 8 radiographic images.

BITEWINGS: D0270, D0272, D0273, D0274

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

D0277, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

VERTICAL BITEWINGS: D0277

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

### **PROPHYLAXIS (CLEANING) AND FLUORIDE**

D1110 Prophylaxis - adult.

D1120 Prophylaxis - child.

## TYPE 1 PROCEDURES

- D1206 Topical application of fluoride varnish.
- D1208 Topical application of fluoride-excluding varnish.
- D9932 Cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, maxillary.
- D9933 Cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, mandibular.
- D9934 Cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, maxillary.
- D9935 Cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, mandibular.

FLUORIDE: D1206, D1208

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

PROPHYLAXIS: D1110, D1120

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

An adult prophylaxis (cleaning) is considered for individuals age 14 and over. A child prophylaxis (cleaning) is considered for individuals age 13 and under. Benefits for prophylaxis (cleaning) are not available when performed on the same date as periodontal procedures.

CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF REMOVABLE DENTURE: D9932, D9933, D9934, D9935

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

Benefits are not available when performed on the same date as prophylaxis (cleaning) or periodontal maintenance.

## APPLIANCE THERAPY

- D8210 Removable appliance therapy.
- D8220 Fixed appliance therapy.

APPLIANCE THERAPY: D8210, D8220

Coverage is limited to the correction of thumb-sucking.

## **TYPE 2 PROCEDURES**

**PAYMENT BASIS - NON-CONTRACTING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Benefit**

**PAYMENT BASIS - CONTRACTING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Charge**

**BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year**

**For Additional Limitations - See Limitations**

### **LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION**

D0140 Limited oral evaluation - problem focused.

D0170 Re-evaluation - limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit).

LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION: D0140, D0170

Coverage is allowed for accidental injury only. If not due to an accident, will be considered at an alternate benefit of a D0120/D0145 and count towards this frequency.

### **ORAL PATHOLOGY/LABORATORY**

D0472 Accession of tissue, gross examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D0473 Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D0474 Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, including assessment of surgical margins for presence of disease, preparation and transmission of written report.

ORAL PATHOLOGY LABORATORY: D0472, D0473, D0474

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).

Coverage is limited to 1 examination per biopsy/excision.

### **SEALANTS AND CARIES MEDICAMENTS**

D1351 Sealant - per tooth.

D1352 Preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient-permanent.

D1353 Sealant repair - per tooth.

SEALANT: D1351, D1352, D1353

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

Benefits are considered for persons age 15 and under.

Benefits are considered on permanent molars only, excluding 3rd molars (wisdom teeth).

Coverage is allowed on the occlusal surface only.

### **SPACE MAINTAINERS**

D1510 Space maintainer-fixed, unilateral-per quadrant.

D1516 Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral, maxillary.

D1517 Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral, mandibular.

D1520 Space maintainer-removable, unilateral-per quadrant.

D1526 Space maintainer - removable - bilateral, maxillary.

D1527 Space maintainer - removable - bilateral, mandibular.

D1551 Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer-maxillary.

D1552 Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer-mandibular.

D1553 Re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer-per quadrant.

D1556 Removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer-per quadrant.

D1557 Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer-maxillary.

D1558 Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer-mandibular.

D1575 Distal shoe space maintainer - fixed, unilateral-per quadrant.

SPACE MAINTAINER: D1510, D1516, D1517, D1520, D1526, D1527, D1575

Coverage is limited to space maintenance for unerupted teeth, following extraction of primary teeth. Allowances include all adjustments within 6 months of placement date.

### **AMALGAM RESTORATIONS (FILLINGS)**

D2140 Amalgam - one surface, primary or permanent.

D2150 Amalgam - two surfaces, primary or permanent.

D2160 Amalgam - three surfaces, primary or permanent.

D2161 Amalgam - four or more surfaces, primary or permanent.

AMALGAM RESTORATIONS: D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990, D9911, also contribute(s) to this limitation.



## TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

### RESIN RESTORATIONS (FILLINGS)

- D2330 Resin-based composite - one surface, anterior.
- D2331 Resin-based composite - two surfaces, anterior.
- D2332 Resin-based composite - three surfaces, anterior.
- D2335 Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces or involving incisal angle (anterior).
- D2391 Resin-based composite - one surface, posterior.
- D2392 Resin-based composite - two surfaces, posterior.
- D2393 Resin-based composite - three surfaces, posterior.
- D2394 Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces, posterior.
- D2410 Gold foil - one surface.
- D2420 Gold foil - two surfaces.
- D2430 Gold foil - three surfaces.
- D2990 Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions.

COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS: D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D9911, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from decay or replacement due to existing unserviceable restorations.

GOLD FOIL RESTORATIONS: D2410, D2420, D2430

Gold foils are considered at an alternate benefit of an amalgam/composite restoration.

### RECEMENT

- D2910 Re-cement or re-bond inlay, onlay, veneer or partial coverage restoration.
- D2915 Re-cement or re-bond indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core.
- D2920 Re-cement or re-bond crown.
- D2921 Reattachment of tooth fragment, incisal edge or cusp.
- D6092 Re-cement or re-bond implant/abutment supported crown.
- D6093 Re-cement or re-bond implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture.
- D6930 Re-cement or re-bond fixed partial denture.

### SEDATIVE FILLING

- D2940 Protective restoration.
- D2941 Interim therapeutic restoration - primary dentition.

### DENTURE REPAIR

- D5511 Repair broken complete denture base, mandibular.
- D5512 Repair broken complete denture base, maxillary.
- D5520 Replace missing or broken teeth - complete denture (each tooth).
- D5611 Repair resin partial denture base, mandibular.
- D5612 Repair resin partial denture base, maxillary.
- D5621 Repair cast partial framework, mandibular.
- D5622 Repair cast partial framework, maxillary.
- D5630 Repair or replace broken retentive/clasping materials per tooth.
- D5640 Replace broken teeth - per tooth.

### DENTURE RELINES

- D5730 Reline complete maxillary denture (direct).
- D5731 Reline complete mandibular denture (direct).
- D5740 Reline maxillary partial denture (direct).
- D5741 Reline mandibular partial denture (direct).
- D5750 Reline complete maxillary denture (indirect).
- D5751 Reline complete mandibular denture (indirect).
- D5760 Reline maxillary partial denture (indirect).
- D5761 Reline mandibular partial denture (indirect).

DENTURE RELINE: D5730, D5731, D5740, D5741, D5750, D5751, D5760, D5761

Coverage is limited to service dates more than 6 months after placement date.

### PALLIATIVE

## TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

D9110 Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain - minor procedure.

PALLIATIVE TREATMENT: D9110

Not covered in conjunction with other procedures, except diagnostic x-ray radiographic images.

### PROFESSIONAL CONSULT/VISIT/SERVICES

D9310 Consultation - diagnostic service provided by dentist or physician other than requesting dentist or physician.

D9430 Office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours) - no other services performed.

D9440 Office visit - after regularly scheduled hours.

D9930 Treatment of complications (post-surgical) - unusual circumstances, by report.

CONSULTATION: D9310

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per provider.

OFFICE VISIT: D9430, D9440

Procedure D9430 is allowed for accidental injury only. Procedure D9440 will be allowed on the basis of services rendered or visit, whichever is greater.

### OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT

D9951 Occlusal adjustment - limited.

D9952 Occlusal adjustment - complete.

OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT: D9951, D9952

Coverage is considered only when performed in conjunction with periodontal procedures for the treatment of periodontal disease.

### MISCELLANEOUS

D0486 Laboratory accession of transepithelial cytologic sample, microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D2951 Pin retention - per tooth, in addition to restoration.

D9911 Application of desensitizing resin for cervical and/or root surfaces, per tooth.

DESENSITIZATION: D9911

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from decay or replacement due to existing unserviceable restorations.

### **TYPE 3 PROCEDURES**

**PAYMENT BASIS - NON-CONTRACTING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Benefit**

**PAYMENT BASIS - CONTRACTING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Charge**

**BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year**

**For Additional Limitations - See Limitations**

#### **STAINLESS STEEL CROWN (PREFABRICATED CROWN)**

- D2390 Resin-based composite crown, anterior.
  - D2929 Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - primary tooth.
  - D2930 Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth.
  - D2931 Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth.
  - D2932 Prefabricated resin crown.
  - D2933 Prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window.
  - D2934 Prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crown - primary tooth.
- STAINLESS STEEL CROWN: D2390, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933, D2934

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

#### **INLAY RESTORATIONS**

- D2510 Inlay - metallic - one surface.
  - D2520 Inlay - metallic - two surfaces.
  - D2530 Inlay - metallic - three or more surfaces.
  - D2610 Inlay - porcelain/ceramic - one surface.
  - D2620 Inlay - porcelain/ceramic - two surfaces.
  - D2630 Inlay - porcelain/ceramic - three or more surfaces.
  - D2650 Inlay - resin-based composite - one surface.
  - D2651 Inlay - resin-based composite - two surfaces.
  - D2652 Inlay - resin-based composite - three or more surfaces.
- INLAY: D2510, D2520, D2530, D2610, D2620, D2630, D2650, D2651, D2652

Inlays will be considered at an alternate benefit of an amalgam/composite restoration and only when resulting from caries (tooth decay) or traumatic injury.

#### **ONLAY RESTORATIONS**

- D2542 Onlay - metallic - two surfaces.
  - D2543 Onlay - metallic - three surfaces.
  - D2544 Onlay - metallic - four or more surfaces.
  - D2642 Onlay - porcelain/ceramic - two surfaces.
  - D2643 Onlay - porcelain/ceramic - three surfaces.
  - D2644 Onlay - porcelain/ceramic - four or more surfaces.
  - D2662 Onlay - resin-based composite - two surfaces.
  - D2663 Onlay - resin-based composite - three surfaces.
  - D2664 Onlay - resin-based composite - four or more surfaces.
- ONLAY: D2542, D2543, D2544, D2642, D2643, D2644, D2662, D2663, D2664

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D2510, D2520, D2530, D2610, D2620, D2630, D2650, D2651, D2652, D2710, D2712, D2720, D2721, D2722, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2780, D2781, D2782, D2783, D2790, D2791, D2792, D2794, D6600, D6601, D6602, D6603, D6604, D6605, D6606, D6607, D6608, D6609, D6610, D6611, D6612, D6613, D6614, D6615, D6624, D6634, D6710, D6720, D6721, D6722, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6780, D6781, D6782, D6783, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792, D6794, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from caries (tooth decay) or traumatic injury.

Benefits will not be considered if procedure D2390, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933 or D2934 has been performed within 12 months.

#### **CROWNS SINGLE RESTORATIONS**

- D2710 Crown - resin-based composite (indirect).
- D2712 Crown - 3/4 resin-based composite (indirect).

## TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

- D2720 Crown - resin with high noble metal.
- D2721 Crown - resin with predominantly base metal.
- D2722 Crown - resin with noble metal.
- D2740 Crown - porcelain/ceramic.
- D2750 Crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal.
- D2751 Crown - porcelain fused to predominantly base metal.
- D2752 Crown - porcelain fused to noble metal.
- D2753 Crown-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D2780 Crown - 3/4 cast high noble metal.
- D2781 Crown - 3/4 cast predominantly base metal.
- D2782 Crown - 3/4 cast noble metal.
- D2783 Crown - 3/4 porcelain/ceramic.
- D2790 Crown - full cast high noble metal.
- D2791 Crown - full cast predominantly base metal.
- D2792 Crown - full cast noble metal.
- D2794 Crown - titanium and titanium alloys.

CROWN: D2710, D2712, D2720, D2721, D2722, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2780, D2781, D2782, D2783, D2790, D2791, D2792, D2794

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D2510, D2520, D2530, D2542, D2543, D2544, D2610, D2620, D2630, D2642, D2643, D2644, D2650, D2651, D2652, D2662, D2663, D2664, D6600, D6601, D6602, D6603, D6604, D6605, D6606, D6607, D6608, D6609, D6610, D6611, D6612, D6613, D6614, D6615, D6624, D6634, D6710, D6720, D6721, D6722, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6780, D6781, D6782, D6783, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792, D6794, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from caries (tooth decay) or traumatic injury.

Benefits will not be considered if procedure D2390, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933 or D2934 has been performed within 12 months.

### CORE BUILD-UP

- D2950 Core buildup, including any pins when required.

CORE BUILDUP: D2950

A pretreatment is strongly suggested for D2950. This is reviewed by our dental consultants and benefits are allowed when diagnostic data indicates significant tooth structure loss.

### POST AND CORE

- D2952 Post and core in addition to crown, indirectly fabricated.
- D2954 Prefabricated post and core in addition to crown.

### VENEERS

- D2960 Labial veneer (resin laminate) - direct.
- D2961 Labial veneer (resin laminate) - indirect.
- D2962 Labial veneer (porcelain laminate) - indirect.

LABIAL VENEERS: D2960, D2961, D2962

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Benefits are considered on anterior teeth only.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from caries (tooth decay) or traumatic injury.

### FIXED CROWN AND PARTIAL DENTURE REPAIR

- D2980 Crown repair necessitated by restorative material failure.
- D2981 Inlay repair necessitated by restorative material failure.
- D2982 Onlay repair necessitated by restorative material failure.
- D2983 Veneer repair necessitated by restorative material failure.

## TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

- D6980 Fixed partial denture repair necessitated by restorative material failure.
- D9120 Fixed partial denture sectioning.

### ENDODONTICS MISCELLANEOUS

- D3220 Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) - removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament.
- D3221 Pulpal debridement, primary and permanent teeth.
- D3222 Partial Pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development.
- D3230 Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - anterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration).
- D3240 Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration).
- D3333 Internal root repair of perforation defects.
- D3351 Apexification/recalcification - initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
- D3352 Apexification/recalcification - interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, pulp space disinfection, etc.).
- D3353 Apexification/recalcification - final visit (includes completed root canal therapy - apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
- D3357 Pulpal regeneration - completion of treatment.
- D3430 Retrograde filling - per root.
- D3450 Root amputation - per root.
- D3920 Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy.

ENDODONTICS MISCELLANEOUS: D3333, D3430, D3450, D3920

Procedure D3333 is limited to permanent teeth only.

### ENDODONTIC THERAPY (ROOT CANALS)

- D3310 Endodontic therapy, anterior tooth.
- D3320 Endodontic therapy, premolar tooth (excluding final restorations).
- D3330 Endodontic therapy, molar tooth (excluding final restorations).
- D3332 Incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth.
- D3346 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - anterior.
- D3347 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - premolar.
- D3348 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - molar.

ROOT CANALS: D3310, D3320, D3330, D3332

Benefits are considered on permanent teeth only.

Allowances include intraoperative radiographic images and cultures but exclude final restoration.

RETREATMENT OF ROOT CANAL: D3346, D3347, D3348

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).

D3310, D3320, D3330, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Benefits are considered on permanent teeth only.

Coverage is limited to service dates more than 12 months after root canal therapy. Allowances include intraoperative radiographic images and cultures but exclude final restoration.

### SURGICAL ENDODONTICS

- D3355 Pulpal regeneration - initial visit.
- D3356 Pulpal regeneration - interim medication replacement.
- D3410 Apicoectomy - anterior.
- D3421 Apicoectomy - premolar (first root).
- D3425 Apicoectomy - molar (first root).
- D3426 Apicoectomy (each additional root).
- D3427 Periradicular surgery without apicoectomy.

### SURGICAL PERIODONTICS

- D4210 Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.
- D4211 Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.
- D4240 Gingival flap procedure, including root planing - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.
- D4241 Gingival flap procedure, including root planing - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.

### TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

- D4260 Osseous surgery (including elevation of a full thickness flap and closure) - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.
- D4261 Osseous surgery (including elevation of a full thickness flap and closure) - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant.
- D4263 Bone replacement graft - retained natural tooth - first site in quadrant.
- D4264 Bone replacement graft - retained natural tooth - each additional site in quadrant.
- D4265 Biologic materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration.
- D4270 Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure.
- D4273 Autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including donor and recipient surgical sites) first tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in graft.
- D4274 Mesial/distal wedge procedure, single tooth (when not performed in conjunction with surgical procedures in the same anatomical area).
- D4275 Non-autogenous connective tissue graft (including recipient site and donor material) first tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in graft.
- D4276 Combined connective tissue and double pedicle graft, per tooth.
- D4277 Free soft tissue graft procedure (including recipient and donor surgical sites) first tooth, implant, or edentulous tooth position in graft.
- D4278 Free soft tissue graft procedure (including recipient and donor surgical sites) each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site.
- D4283 Autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including donor and recipient surgical sites) - each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site.
- D4285 Non-autogenous connective tissue graft procedure (including recipient surgical site and donor material) - each additional contiguous tooth, implant or edentulous tooth position in same graft site.

#### BONE GRAFTS: D4263, D4264, D4265

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per 3 year(s).

Coverage is limited to treatment of periodontal disease.

#### GINGIVECTOMY: D4210, D4211

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per 3 year(s).

Coverage is limited to treatment of periodontal disease.

#### OSSEOUS SURGERY: D4240, D4241, D4260, D4261

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per 3 year(s).

Coverage is limited to treatment of periodontal disease.

#### TISSUE GRAFTS: D4270, D4273, D4275, D4276, D4277, D4278, D4283, D4285

Each quadrant is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).

Coverage is limited to treatment of periodontal disease.

### CROWN LENGTHENING

- D4249 Clinical crown lengthening - hard tissue.

### NON-SURGICAL PERIODONTICS

- D4341 Periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant.
- D4342 Periodontal scaling and root planing - one to three teeth, per quadrant.
- D4381 Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth, by report.

#### ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS: D4381

Each quadrant is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per 2 year(s).

#### PERIODONTAL SCALING & ROOT PLANING: D4341, D4342

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per 2 year(s).

### FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT

- D4355 Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive oral evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit.

#### FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT: D4355

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

### PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE

- D4346 Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth, after oral evaluation.

## TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

D4910 Periodontal maintenance.

PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE: D4346, D4910

Coverage is limited to 4 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

Benefits are not available if performed on the same date as any other periodontal service.

Procedure D4910 is contingent upon evidence of full mouth active periodontal therapy.

Procedure D4346 is limited to persons age 14 and over.

### PROSTHODONTICS - FIXED/REMOVABLE (DENTURES)

- D5110 Complete denture - maxillary.
- D5120 Complete denture - mandibular.
- D5130 Immediate denture - maxillary.
- D5140 Immediate denture - mandibular.
- D5211 Maxillary partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5212 Mandibular partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5213 Maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5214 Mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5221 Immediate maxillary partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5222 Immediate mandibular partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5223 Immediate maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5224 Immediate mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth).
- D5225 Maxillary partial denture-flexible base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth).
- D5226 Mandibular partial denture-flexible base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth).
- D5282 Removable unilateral partial denture-one piece cast metal (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), maxillary.
- D5283 Removable unilateral partial denture-one piece cast metal (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), mandibular.
- D5284 Removable unilateral partial denture-one piece flexible base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth)-per quadrant.
- D5286 Removable unilateral partial denture-one piece resin (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth)-per quadrant.
- D5670 Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework (maxillary).
- D5671 Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework (mandibular).
- D5810 Interim complete denture (maxillary).
- D5811 Interim complete denture (mandibular).
- D5820 Interim partial denture (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), maxillary.
- D5821 Interim partial denture (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth), mandibular.
- D5863 Overdenture - complete maxillary.
- D5864 Overdenture - partial maxillary.
- D5865 Overdenture - complete mandibular.
- D5866 Overdenture - partial mandibular.
- D5876 Add metal substructure to acrylic full denture (per arch).
- D6110 Implant/abutment supported removable denture for edentulous arch - maxillary.
- D6111 Implant/abutment supported removable denture for edentulous arch - mandibular.
- D6112 Implant/abutment supported removable denture for partially edentulous arch - maxillary.
- D6113 Implant/abutment supported removable denture for partially edentulous arch - mandibular.
- D6114 Implant/abutment supported fixed denture for edentulous arch - maxillary.
- D6115 Implant/abutment supported fixed denture for edentulous arch - mandibular.
- D6116 Implant/abutment supported fixed denture for partially edentulous arch - maxillary.
- D6117 Implant/abutment supported fixed denture for partially edentulous arch - mandibular.
- D6118 Implant/abutment supported interim fixed denture for edentulous arch - mandibular.
- D6119 Implant/abutment supported interim fixed denture for edentulous arch - maxillary.

## TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

COMPLETE DENTURE: D5110, D5120, D5130, D5140, D5863, D5865, D5876, D6110, D6111, D6114, D6115

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Allowances include adjustments within 6 months after placement date. Procedures D5863, D5865, D6110, D6111, D6114 and D6115 are considered at an alternate benefit of a D5110/D5120. Benefits for procedure D5876 is contingent upon the related denture being covered.

PARTIAL DENTURE: D5211, D5212, D5213, D5214, D5221, D5222, D5223, D5224, D5225, D5226, D5282, D5283, D5284, D5286, D5670, D5671, D5864, D5866, D6112, D6113, D6116, D6117

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D6010, D6040, D6050, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Allowances include adjustments within 6 months of placement date. Procedures D5864, D5866, D6112, D6113, D6116 and D6117 are considered at an alternate benefit of a D5213/D5214.

### DENTURE ADJUSTMENTS

D5410 Adjust complete denture - maxillary.

D5411 Adjust complete denture - mandibular.

D5421 Adjust partial denture - maxillary.

D5422 Adjust partial denture - mandibular.

DENTURE ADJUSTMENT: D5410, D5411, D5421, D5422

Coverage is limited to dates of service more than 6 months after placement date.

### ADD TOOTH/CLASP TO EXISTING PARTIAL

D5650 Add tooth to existing partial denture.

D5660 Add clasp to existing partial denture-per tooth.

### DENTURE REBASES

D5710 Rebase complete maxillary denture.

D5711 Rebase complete mandibular denture.

D5720 Rebase maxillary partial denture.

D5721 Rebase mandibular partial denture.

### TISSUE CONDITIONING

D5850 Tissue conditioning, maxillary.

D5851 Tissue conditioning, mandibular.

### IMPLANTS

D6010 Surgical placement of implant body: endosteal implant.

D6040 Surgical placement: eposteal implant.

D6050 Surgical placement: transosteal implant.

D6051 Interim abutment.

D6052 Semi-precision attachment abutment.

D6055 Connecting bar-implant supported or abutment supported.

D6056 Prefabricated abutment - includes placement.

D6057 Custom abutment - includes placement.

IMPLANT: D6010, D6040, D6050

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D5211, D5212, D5213, D5214, D5225, D5226, D5282, D5283, D5284, D5286, D6094, D6205, D6210, D6211, D6212, D6214, D6240, D6241, D6242, D6243, D6245, D6250, D6251, D6252, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Benefits for procedures D6051, D6052, D6055, D6056 and D6057 will be contingent upon the implant being covered. Replacement for procedures D6052, D6056 and D6057 are limited to 1 of any of these procedures in 5 years.

### IMPLANT SERVICES

D6080 Implant maintenance procedures when prostheses are removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prostheses and abutments.



### TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

- D6081 Scaling and debridement in the presence of inflammation or mucositis of a single implant, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure.
  - D6090 Repair implant supported prosthesis, by report.
  - D6091 Replacement of replaceable part of semi-precision or precision attachment (male or female component) of implant/abutment supported prosthesis, per attachment.
  - D6095 Repair implant abutment, by report.
  - D6096 Remove broken implant retaining screw.
  - D6100 Implant removal, by report.
  - D6190 Radiographic/surgical implant index, by report.
- IMPLANT SERVICES: D6080, D6081, D6090, D6091, D6095, D6096, D6100, D6190
- Coverage for D6080 and D6081 is limited to 2 of any of these procedures in a 12 month period.
- Coverage for D6090, D6091, D6095 and D6096 is limited to service dates more than 6 months after placement date. Coverage for D6190 is limited to 1 per arch in a 24 month period.

### PROSTHODONTICS - FIXED

- D6058 Abutment supported porcelain/ceramic crown.
- D6059 Abutment supported porcelain fused to metal crown (high noble metal).
- D6060 Abutment supported porcelain fused to metal crown (predominantly base metal).
- D6061 Abutment supported porcelain fused to metal crown (noble metal).
- D6062 Abutment supported cast metal crown (high noble metal).
- D6063 Abutment supported cast metal crown (predominantly base metal).
- D6064 Abutment supported cast metal crown (noble metal).
- D6065 Implant supported porcelain/ceramic crown.
- D6066 Implant supported crown - porcelain fused to high noble alloys.
- D6067 Implant supported crown - high noble alloys.
- D6068 Abutment supported retainer for porcelain/ceramic FPD.
- D6069 Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to metal FPD (high noble metal).
- D6070 Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to metal FPD (predominantly base metal).
- D6071 Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to metal FPD (noble metal).
- D6072 Abutment supported retainer for cast metal FPD (high noble metal).
- D6073 Abutment supported retainer for cast metal FPD (predominantly base metal).
- D6074 Abutment supported retainer for cast metal FPD (noble metal).
- D6075 Implant supported retainer for ceramic FPD.
- D6076 Implant supported retainer for FPD - porcelain fused to high noble alloys.
- D6077 Implant supported retainer for metal FPD - high noble alloy.
- D6082 Implant supported crown-porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys.
- D6083 Implant supported crown-porcelain fused to noble alloys.
- D6084 Implant supported crown-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6086 Implant supported crown-predominantly base alloys.
- D6087 Implant supported crown-noble alloys.
- D6088 Implant supported crown-titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6094 Abutment supported crown - titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6097 Abutment supported crown-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6098 Implant supported retainer-porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys.
- D6099 Implant supported retainer for FPD-porcelain fused to noble alloys.
- D6120 Implant supported retainer-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6121 Implant supported retainer for metal FPD-predominantly base alloys.
- D6122 Implant supported retainer for metal FPD-noble alloys.
- D6123 Implant supported retainer for metal FPD-titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6194 Abutment supported retainer crown for FPD - titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6195 Abutment supported retainer-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6205 Pontic - indirect resin based composite.
- D6210 Pontic - cast high noble metal.
- D6211 Pontic - cast predominantly base metal.
- D6212 Pontic - cast noble metal.
- D6214 Pontic - titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6240 Pontic - porcelain fused to high noble metal.
- D6241 Pontic - porcelain fused to predominantly base metal.
- D6242 Pontic - porcelain fused to noble metal.
- D6243 Pontic-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6245 Pontic - porcelain/ceramic.

### TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

- D6250 Pontic - resin with high noble metal.
- D6251 Pontic - resin with predominantly base metal.
- D6252 Pontic - resin with noble metal.
- D6545 Retainer - cast metal for resin bonded fixed prosthesis.
- D6548 Retainer - porcelain/ceramic for resin bonded fixed prosthesis.
- D6549 Resin retainer - for resin bonded fixed prosthesis.
- D6600 Retainer inlay - porcelain/ceramic, two surfaces.
- D6601 Retainer inlay - porcelain/ceramic, three or more surfaces.
- D6602 Retainer inlay - cast high noble metal, two surfaces.
- D6603 Retainer inlay - cast high noble metal, three or more surfaces.
- D6604 Retainer inlay - cast predominantly base metal, two surfaces.
- D6605 Retainer inlay - cast predominantly base metal, three or more surfaces.
- D6606 Retainer inlay - cast noble metal, two surfaces.
- D6607 Retainer inlay - cast noble metal, three or more surfaces.
- D6608 Retainer onlay - porcelain/ceramic, two surfaces.
- D6609 Retainer onlay - porcelain/ceramic, three or more surfaces.
- D6610 Retainer onlay - cast high noble metal, two surfaces.
- D6611 Retainer onlay - cast high noble metal, three or more surfaces.
- D6612 Retainer onlay - cast predominantly base metal, two surfaces.
- D6613 Retainer onlay - cast predominantly base metal, three or more surfaces.
- D6614 Retainer onlay - cast noble metal, two surfaces.
- D6615 Retainer onlay - cast noble metal, three or more surfaces.
- D6624 Retainer inlay - titanium.
- D6634 Retainer onlay - titanium.
- D6710 Retainer crown - indirect resin based composite.
- D6720 Retainer crown - resin with high noble metal.
- D6721 Retainer crown - resin with predominantly base metal.
- D6722 Retainer crown - resin with noble metal.
- D6740 Retainer crown - porcelain/ceramic.
- D6750 Retainer crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal.
- D6751 Retainer crown - porcelain fused to predominantly base metal.
- D6752 Retainer crown - porcelain fused to noble metal.
- D6753 Retainer crown-porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6780 Retainer crown - 3/4 cast high noble metal.
- D6781 Retainer crown - 3/4 cast predominantly base metal.
- D6782 Retainer crown - 3/4 cast noble metal.
- D6783 Retainer crown - 3/4 porcelain/ceramic.
- D6784 Retainer crown 3/4-titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6790 Retainer crown - full cast high noble metal.
- D6791 Retainer crown - full cast predominantly base metal.
- D6792 Retainer crown - full cast noble metal.
- D6794 Retainer crown - titanium and titanium alloys.
- D6940 Stress breaker.

FIXED PARTIAL CROWN: D6710, D6720, D6721, D6722, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6780, D6781, D6782, D6783, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792, D6794

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D2510, D2520, D2530, D2542, D2543, D2544, D2610, D2620, D2630, D2642, D2643, D2644, D2650, D2651, D2652, D2662, D2663, D2664, D2710, D2712, D2720, D2721, D2722, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2780, D2781, D2782, D2783, D2790, D2791, D2792, D2794, D6600, D6601, D6602, D6603, D6604, D6605, D6606, D6607, D6608, D6609, D6610, D6611, D6612, D6613, D6614, D6615, D6624, D6634, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

Benefits will not be considered if procedure D2390, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933 or D2934 has been performed within 12 months.

FIXED PARTIAL INLAY: D6600, D6601, D6602, D6603, D6604, D6605, D6606, D6607, D6624

### TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D2510, D2520, D2530, D2542, D2543, D2544, D2610, D2620, D2630, D2642, D2643, D2644, D2650, D2651, D2652, D2662, D2663, D2664, D2710, D2712, D2720, D2721, D2722, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2780, D2781, D2782, D2783, D2790, D2791, D2792, D2794, D6608, D6609, D6610, D6611, D6612, D6613, D6614, D6615, D6634, D6710, D6720, D6721, D6722, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6780, D6781, D6782, D6783, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792, D6794, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

Benefits will not be considered if procedure D2390, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933 or D2934 has been performed within 12 months.

FIXED PARTIAL ONLAY: D6608, D6609, D6610, D6611, D6612, D6613, D6614, D6615, D6634

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D2510, D2520, D2530, D2542, D2543, D2544, D2610, D2620, D2630, D2642, D2643, D2644, D2650, D2651, D2652, D2662, D2663, D2664, D2710, D2712, D2720, D2721, D2722, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2780, D2781, D2782, D2783, D2790, D2791, D2792, D2794, D6600, D6601, D6602, D6603, D6604, D6605, D6606, D6607, D6624, D6710, D6720, D6721, D6722, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6780, D6781, D6782, D6783, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792, D6794, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

Benefits will not be considered if procedure D2390, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933 or D2934 has been performed within 12 months.

FIXED PARTIAL PONTIC: D6205, D6210, D6211, D6212, D6214, D6240, D6241, D6242, D6243, D6245, D6250, D6251, D6252

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D5211, D5212, D5213, D5214, D5221, D5222, D5223, D5224, D5225, D5226, D5282, D5283, D5284, D5286, D6010, D6040, D6050, D6058, D6059, D6060, D6061, D6062, D6063, D6064, D6065, D6066, D6067, D6068, D6069, D6070, D6071, D6072, D6073, D6074, D6075, D6076, D6077, D6082, D6083, D6084, D6086, D6087, D6088, D6094, D6097, D6098, D6099, D6120, D6121, D6122, D6123, D6194, D6195, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN: D6058, D6059, D6060, D6061, D6062, D6063, D6064, D6065, D6066, D6067, D6082, D6083, D6084, D6086, D6087, D6088, D6094, D6097

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D5211, D5212, D5213, D5214, D5221, D5222, D5223, D5224, D5225, D5226, D5282, D5283, D5284, D5286, D6194, D6205, D6210, D6211, D6212, D6214, D6240, D6241, D6242, D6243, D6245, D6250, D6251, D6252, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

IMPLANT SUPPORTED RETAINER: D6068, D6069, D6070, D6071, D6072, D6073, D6074, D6075, D6076, D6077, D6098, D6099, D6120, D6121, D6122, D6123, D6194, D6195

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 10 year(s).

D5211, D5212, D5213, D5214, D5221, D5222, D5223, D5224, D5225, D5226, D5282, D5283, D5284, D5286, D6058, D6059, D6060, D6061, D6062, D6063, D6064, D6065, D6066, D6067, D6082, D6083, D6084, D6086, D6087, D6088, D6094, D6097, D6205, D6210, D6211, D6212, D6214, D6240, D6241, D6242, D6243, D6245, D6250, D6251, D6252, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

## TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

Frequency is waived for accidental injury.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Procedures that contain titanium or high noble metal will be considered at the corresponding noble metal allowance.

### NON-SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS

- D7111 Extraction, coronal remnants - primary tooth.
- D7140 Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal).

### SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS

- D7210 Extraction, erupted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated.
- D7220 Removal of impacted tooth - soft tissue.
- D7230 Removal of impacted tooth - partially bony.
- D7240 Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony.
- D7241 Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony, with unusual surgical complications.
- D7250 Removal of residual tooth roots (cutting procedure).
- D7251 Coronectomy-intentional partial tooth removal.

### OTHER ORAL SURGERY

- D7260 Oroantral fistula closure.
- D7261 Primary closure of a sinus perforation.
- D7270 Tooth reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth.
- D7272 Tooth transplantation (includes reimplantation from one site to another and splinting and/or stabilization).
- D7280 Exposure of an unerupted tooth.
- D7282 Mobilization of erupted or malpositioned tooth to aid eruption.
- D7283 Placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth.
- D7310 Alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions - four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant.
- D7311 Alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions - one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant.
- D7320 Alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions - four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant.
- D7321 Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions - one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant.
- D7340 Vestibuloplasty - ridge extension (secondary epithelialization).
- D7350 Vestibuloplasty - ridge extension (including soft tissue grafts, muscle reattachment, revision of soft tissue attachment and management of hypertrophied and hyperplastic tissue).
- D7410 Excision of benign lesion up to 1.25 cm.
- D7411 Excision of benign lesion greater than 1.25 cm.
- D7412 Excision of benign lesion, complicated.
- D7413 Excision of malignant lesion up to 1.25 cm.
- D7414 Excision of malignant lesion greater than 1.25 cm.
- D7415 Excision of malignant lesion, complicated.
- D7440 Excision of malignant tumor - lesion diameter up to 1.25 cm.
- D7441 Excision of malignant tumor - lesion diameter greater than 1.25 cm.
- D7450 Removal of benign odontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter up to 1.25 cm.
- D7451 Removal of benign odontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter greater than 1.25 cm.
- D7460 Removal of benign nonodontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter up to 1.25 cm.
- D7461 Removal of benign nonodontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter greater than 1.25 cm.
- D7465 Destruction of lesion(s) by physical or chemical method, by report.
- D7471 Removal of lateral exostosis (maxilla or mandible).
- D7472 Removal of torus palatinus.
- D7473 Removal of torus mandibularis.
- D7485 Reduction of osseous tuberosity.
- D7490 Radical resection of maxilla or mandible.
- D7510 Incision and drainage of abscess - intraoral soft tissue.
- D7520 Incision and drainage of abscess - extraoral soft tissue.
- D7530 Removal of foreign body from mucosa, skin, or subcutaneous alveolar tissue.
- D7540 Removal of reaction producing foreign bodies, musculoskeletal system.

## TYPE 3 PROCEDURES

- D7550 Partial ostectomy/sequestrectomy for removal of non-vital bone.
- D7560 Maxillary sinusotomy for removal of tooth fragment or foreign body.
- D7910 Suture of recent small wounds up to 5 cm.
- D7911 Complicated suture - up to 5 cm.
- D7912 Complicated suture - greater than 5 cm.
- D7960 Frenulectomy-also known as frenectomy or frenotomy-separate procedure not incidental to another procedure.
- D7963 Frenuloplasty.
- D7970 Excision of hyperplastic tissue - per arch.
- D7972 Surgical reduction of fibrous tuberosity.
- D7979 Non-surgical sialolithotomy.
- D7980 Surgical sialolithotomy.
- D7983 Closure of salivary fistula.

REMOVAL OF BONE TISSUE: D7471, D7472, D7473

Coverage is limited to 5 of any of these procedures per lifetime.

### BIOPSY OF ORAL TISSUE

- D7285 Incisional biopsy of oral tissue - hard (bone, tooth).
- D7286 Incisional biopsy of oral tissue - soft.
- D7287 Exfoliative cytological sample collection.
- D7288 Brush biopsy - transepithelial sample collection.

### BONE AUGMENTATION

- D6104 Bone graft at time of implant placement.
- D7950 Osseous, osteoperiosteal, or cartilage graft of the mandible or maxilla - autogenous or nonautogenous, by report.
- D7951 Sinus augmentation with bone or bone substitutes via a lateral open approach.
- D7952 Sinus augmentation via a vertical approach.
- D7953 Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation - per site.

BONE AUGMENTATION: D6104, D7950, D7951, D7952, D7953

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

Coverage of D6104, D7950, D7951, D7952 and D7953 is limited to the treatment and placement of endosteal implant D6010, D6040 eposteal implant or D6050 transosteal implant.

### ANESTHESIA-GENERAL/IV

- D9219 Evaluation for moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia.
- D9222 Deep sedation/general anesthesia - first 15 minutes.
- D9223 Deep sedation/general anesthesia - each subsequent 15 minute increment.
- D9239 Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia - first 15 minutes.
- D9243 Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia - each subsequent 15 minute increment.

GENERAL ANESTHESIA: D9222, D9223, D9239, D9243

Coverage is only available with a cutting procedure. A maximum of four (D9222, D9223, D9239 or D9243) will be considered.

### OCCLUSAL GUARD

- D9944 Occlusal guard - hard appliance, full arch.
- D9945 Occlusal guard - soft appliance, full arch.
- D9946 Occlusal guard - hard appliance, partial arch.

OCCLUSAL GUARD: D9944, D9945, D9946

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).

Benefits will not be available if performed for athletic purposes.

### BLEACHING (COSMETIC)

- D9972 External bleaching - per arch, performed in office.
- D9973 External bleaching - per tooth.
- D9974 Internal bleaching - per tooth.
- D9975 External bleaching for home application, per arch; includes materials and fabrication of custom trays.

BLEACHING: D9972, D9975

Each arch is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 2 year(s).

### **TYPE 3 PROCEDURES**

Benefits are considered for persons from age 14 and over.

## ORTHODONTIC EXPENSE BENEFITS

Orthodontic expense benefits will be determined according to the terms of the policy for orthodontic expenses incurred by an Insured.

**DETERMINING BENEFITS.** The benefits payable will be determined by totaling all of the Covered Expenses submitted. This amount is reduced by the Deductible, if any. The result is then multiplied by the Coinsurance Percentage shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are subject to the Maximum Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**DEDUCTIBLE.** The Deductible is shown on the Schedule of Benefits and is a specified amount of Covered Expenses that must be incurred and paid by each Insured person prior to any benefits being paid.

**MAXIMUM AMOUNT.** The Maximum Benefit During Lifetime shown in the Schedule of Benefits is the maximum amount that may be paid for the Covered Expenses incurred by an Insured during his or her lifetime.

**COVERED EXPENSES.** Covered Expenses refer to the usual and customary charges made by a provider for necessary orthodontic treatment rendered while the person is insured under this section. Expenses are limited to the Maximum Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits and Limitations. All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions and are payable only when we determine they are necessary for prevention, diagnosis, care or treatment of a covered condition and meet generally accepted dental protocols.

Usual and Customary ("U&C") describes those dental charges that we have determined to be the usual and customary charge for a given dental procedure within a particular ZIP code area. The U&C is based upon a combination of dental charge information taken from our own database as well as from data received from nationally recognized industry databases. From the array of charges ranked by amount, your Policyholder (in most cases your employer) has selected a percentile that will be used to determine the maximum U&C for your plan. The U&C is reviewed and updated periodically. The U&C can differ from the actual fee charged by the provider and is not indicative of the appropriateness of the provider's fee. Instead, the U&C is simply a plan provision used to determine the extent of benefit coverage purchased by your Policyholder.

**ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT.** Orthodontic Treatment refers to the movement of teeth by means of active appliances to correct the position of maloccluded or malpositioned teeth.

**TREATMENT PROGRAM.** Treatment Program ("Program") means an interdependent series of orthodontic services prescribed by a provider to correct a specific dental condition. A Program will start when the bands, brackets or appliances are placed. A Program will end when the services are done, or after eight calendar quarters starting with the day the appliances were inserted, whichever is earlier.

**EXPENSES INCURRED.** Benefits will be payable when a Covered Expense is incurred:

- a. at the end of every quarter (three-month period) of a Program for an Insured who pursues a Program, but not beyond the date the Program ends; or
- b. at the time the service is rendered for an Insured who incurs Covered Expenses but does not pursue a Program.

The Covered Expenses for a Program are based on the estimated cost of the Insured's Program. They are pro-rated by quarter (three-month periods) over the estimated length of the Program, up to a maximum of eight quarters. The last quarterly payment for a Program may be changed if the estimated and actual cost of the Program differ.

**LIMITATIONS.** Covered Expenses will not include and benefits will not be payable for expenses incurred:

1. for a Program begun before the Insured became covered under this section.
2. in the first 12 months that a person is insured if the person is a Late Entrant.
3. in any quarter of a Program if the Insured was not covered under this section for the entire quarter.
4. if the Insured's insurance under this section terminates.
5. for which the Insured is entitled to benefits under any workmen's compensation or similar law, or for charges for services or supplies received as a result of any dental condition caused or contributed to by an injury or sickness arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit.
6. for charges the Insured is not legally required to pay or would not have been made had no insurance been in force, except for those benefits paid under Medicaid.
7. for services not required for necessary care and treatment or not within the generally accepted parameters of care.
8. because of war or any act of war, declared or not.
9. To replace lost, missing or stolen orthodontic appliances.



## COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies if an Insured person has dental coverage under more than one **Plan**. **Plan** is defined below. All benefits provided under this policy are subject to this section.

The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each **Plan** will pay a claim for benefits. The **Plan** that pays first is called the **Primary plan**. The **Primary plan** must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another **Plan** may cover some expenses. The **Plan** that pays after the **Primary plan** is the **Secondary plan**. The **Secondary plan** may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total **Allowable expense**.

### DEFINITIONS

A. A **Plan** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

(1) **Plan** includes: group insurance contracts, health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts, closed panel plans or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law.

(2) **Plan** does not include: hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage other than the medical benefits coverage in automobile "no fault" and traditional "fault" type contracts; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage, as defined by state law; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

Each contract for coverage under (1) or (2) is a separate **Plan**. If a **Plan** has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate **Plan**.

B. **This plan** means, in a **COB** provision, the part of the contract providing the health care benefits to which the **COB** provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from this plan. A contract may apply one **COB** provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another **COB** provision to coordinate other benefits.

C. The order of benefit determination rules determine whether **This plan** is a **Primary plan** or **Secondary plan** when the person has health care coverage under more than one **Plan**.

When **This plan** is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other **Plan** without considering any other **Plan's** benefits. When **This plan** is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another **Plan** and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all **Plan** benefits do not exceed 100% of the total **Allowable expense**.

D. **Allowable expense** is a health care expense, including deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments, that is covered at least in part by any **Plan** covering the person. When a **Plan** provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an **Allowable expense** and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any **Plan** covering the person is not an **Allowable expense**. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a covered person is not an **Allowable expense**.

The following are examples of expenses that are not **Allowable expenses**:

- (1) If a person is covered by 2 or more **Plans** that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an **Allowable expense**.
- (2) If a person is covered by 2 or more **Plans** that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an **Allowable expense**.
- (3) If a person is covered by one **Plan** that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another **Plan** that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the **Primary plan's** payment arrangement shall be the **Allowable expense** for all **Plans**. However, if the provider has contracted with the **Secondary plan** to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the **Primary plan's** payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the **Allowable expense** used by the **Secondary plan** to determine its benefits.
- (4) The amount of any benefit reduction by the **Primary plan** because a covered person has failed to comply with the **Plan** provisions is not an **Allowable expense**. Examples of these types of plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.

E. **Closed panel plan** is a **Plan** that provides health care benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the **Plan**, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

F. **Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

## **ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES**

When a person is covered by two or more **Plans**, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

- A. The **Primary plan** pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits of under any other **Plan**.
- B. (1) Except as provided in Paragraph B(2) below, a **Plan** that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this regulation is always primary unless the provisions of both **Plans** state that the complying plan is primary.  
  
(2) Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the **Plan** provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a **Closed panel plan** to provide out-of-network benefits.
- C. A **Plan** may consider the benefits paid or provided by another **Plan** in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other **Plan**.
- D. Each **Plan** determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

(1) Non-Dependent or Dependent. The **Plan** that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the **Primary plan** and the **Plan** that covers the person as a dependent is the **Secondary plan**. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the **Plan** covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the **Plan** covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two **Plans** is reversed so that the **Plan** covering the person as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the **Secondary plan** and the other **Plan** is the **Primary plan**.

(2) Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan. Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a dependent child is covered by more than one **Plan** the order of benefits is determined as follows:

(a) For a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:

The **Plan** of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the **Primary plan**; or

If both parents have the same birthday, the **Plan** that has covered the parent the longest is the **Primary plan**.

(b) For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:

(i) If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the **Plan** of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that **Plan** is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the **Plan** is given notice of the court decree;

(ii) If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) above shall determine the order of benefits;

(iii) If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the dependent child, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) above shall determine the order of benefits; or

(iv) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:

The **Plan** covering the **Custodial parent**;

The **Plan** covering the spouse of the **Custodial parent**;

The **Plan** covering the **non-custodial parent**; and then

The **Plan** covering the spouse of the **non-custodial parent**.

(c) For a dependent child covered under more than one **Plan** of individuals who are the parents of the child, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) or (b) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

(3) Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee. The **Plan** that covers a person as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the **Primary plan**. The **Plan** covering that same person as a retired or laid-off employee is the **Secondary plan**. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of an active employee and that same person is a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other **Plan** does not have this rule, and as a result, the **Plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled D(1) can determine the order of benefits.

(4) COBRA or State Continuation Coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another **Plan**, the **Plan** covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering the person as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the **Primary plan** and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the **Secondary plan**. If the other **Plan** does not have this rule, and as a result, the **Plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled D(1) can determine the order of benefits.

(5) Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The **Plan** that covered the person as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree longer is the **Primary plan** and the **Plan** that covered the person the shorter period of time is the **Secondary plan**.

(6) If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the **Allowable expenses** shall be shared equally between the **Plans** meeting the definition of **Plan**. In addition, **This plan** will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the **Primary plan**.

## **EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN**

A. When **This plan** is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all **Plans** during a plan year are not more than the total **Allowable expenses**. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the **Secondary plan** will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any **Allowable expense** under its **Plan** that is unpaid by the **Primary plan**. The **Secondary plan** may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the **Primary plan**, the total benefits paid or provided by all **Plans** for the claim do not exceed the total **Allowable expense** for that claim. In addition, the **Secondary plan** shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

B. If a covered person is enrolled in two or more **Closed panel plans** and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one **Closed panel plan**, **COB** shall not apply between that **Plan** and other **Closed panel plans**.

## **RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION**

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these **COB** rules and to determine benefits payable under **This plan** and other **Plans**. The Company may get the facts it needs from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under **This plan** and other **Plans** covering the person claiming benefits. The Company need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under **This plan** must give the Company any facts it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

## **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

A Payment made under another **Plan** may include an amount that should have been paid under **This plan**. If it does, the Company may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under **This plan**. The Company will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

## **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by the Company is more than it should have paid under this **COB** provision, it may recover the excess from one or more of the persons it has paid or for whom it has paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the covered person. The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**NOTICE OF CLAIM.** Written notice of a claim must be given to us within 90 days after the incurred date of the services provided for which benefits are payable.

Notice must be given to us at our Home Office, or to one of our agents. Notice should include the Policyholder's name, Insured's name, and policy number. If it was not reasonably possible to give written notice within the 90 day period stated above, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason if notice is filed as soon as is reasonably possible.

**CLAIM FORMS.** When we receive the notice of a claim, we will send the claimant forms for filing proof of loss. If these forms are not furnished within 15 days after the giving of such notice, the claimant will meet our proof of loss requirements by giving us a written statement of the nature and extent of loss within the time limit for filing proofs of loss.

**PROOF OF LOSS.** Written proof of loss must be given to us within 90 days after the incurred date of the services provided for which benefits are payable. If it is impossible to give written proof within the 90 day period, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason if the proof is filed as soon as is reasonably possible, and unless the claimant does not have the legal capacity to provide proof of loss, proof of loss is provided not later than the first anniversary of the date proof of loss is otherwise required.

**TIME OF PAYMENT.** We will pay all benefits no later than the 60th day after the date the Proof of Loss is received. Any balance remaining unpaid at the end of any period for which we are liable will be paid at that time.

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS.** Contracting Providers have agreed to accept assignment of benefits for services and supplies performed or furnished by them. When a Non-Contracting Provider performs services, all benefits will be paid to the Insured unless otherwise indicated by the Insured's authorization to pay the Non-Contracting Provider directly.

### **Direct Payment of the Texas Department of Human Services**

Other provisions of the policy notwithstanding, whenever we are notified that the Texas Department of Human Services has incurred expenses in connection with dental treatment for a person who is insured under this policy, benefits which would otherwise be payable to the Insured, if any, will be paid to the Texas Department of Human Services, but only to the extent of the actual costs incurred by such Department.

### **Benefit Payment to Parent of a Dependent Child**

Regardless of any policy provision to the contrary, if:

1. a minor child is a dependent under this policy; and
2. such dependent child incurs expenses;

we will pay benefits to the parent of the dependent child who is not a Member of the group. Such parent must be legally designated the managing conservator of the child. We must receive evidence of this before we will pay benefits.

We will not pay benefits to the managing conservator in the following situations:

1. If the parent who is a Member of the group has legally assigned benefits to a provider, we will pay benefits to the provider.

2. If the parent who is a Member of the group has paid any portion of the expenses and those expenses are covered under the terms of the policy, we will pay benefits to the Member.

**FACILITY OF PAYMENT.** If an Insured or beneficiary is not capable of giving us a valid receipt for any payment or if benefits are payable to the estate of the Insured, then we may pay the benefit in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to the insured or the insured's assignee.

Any equitable payment made in good faith will release us from liability to the extent of payment.

**PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.** The Insured may choose any Provider who is licensed by the law of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of their license. We will in no way disturb the provider-patient relationship.

**LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.** No legal action can be brought against us until 60 days after the Insured sends us the required proof of loss. No legal action against us can start more than three years after proof of loss is required.

**INCONTESTABILITY.** Any statement made by the Policyholder to obtain the Policy is a representation and not a warranty. No misrepresentation by the Policyholder will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Policy unless:

1. The Policy would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given the Policyholder a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyholder that contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Policy will not be contested after it has been in force for one year, except for nonpayment of premiums or fraudulent misrepresentations.

**MISSTATEMENT OF AGE.** If the age of an Insured has been misstated, the amounts payable under this policy are the amounts the premium paid would have purchased at the correct age.

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION.** The coverage provided under the Policy is not a substitute for coverage under a workmen's compensation or state disability income benefit law and does not relieve the Policyholder of any obligation to provide such coverage.



## ***HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices***

**To:** All Insureds covered under a Dental Insurance policy ("Health Plan") with Standard Insurance Company

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

Standard Insurance Company ("The Standard") is committed to protecting the health information that we maintain about you. As required by rules effective April 14, 2003, under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), this notice provides you with information about your rights and our legal duties and practices with respect to the privacy of protected health information. This notice also discusses the uses and disclosures that The Standard will make of your protected health information.

"Protected health information" includes any identifiable information that we obtain from you or others that relates to your past, present or future health care and treatment or the payment for your health care and treatment. Your health care professional may have different policies or notices regarding his or her use and disclosure of your health information created in the health care professional's office or clinic.

The Standard reserves the right to change the terms of this notice and to make the revised notice effective for all protected health information we maintain. You may request a paper copy of the most current privacy notice from our office or access it on our Web site at **[www.standard.com/hipaa](http://www.standard.com/hipaa)**.

### ***Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Your Health Information***

We will disclose health information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law. For example, we may disclose health information when required by a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process. The following describes the purposes for which The Standard is permitted or required by law to use or disclose your Health Plan coverage information without your authorization:

**Treatment.** This means the provision, coordination or management of your health care and related services, including any referrals for health care from one health professional to another. For example, we may use or disclose health information about you to facilitate treatment or services by health care providers. We may disclose health information about you to other health care professionals who are involved in taking care of you.

**Payment.** This means activities to facilitate payment for the treatment and services you receive from health care professionals, including to obtain premium, to determine eligibility, coverage or benefit responsibilities under your insurance coverage, or to coordinate your insurance coverage. For example, the information on claim forms sent to us may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis, and the procedures and supplies used. We may share this information with outside health care consultants performing a business service for The Standard. Likewise, we may share health information with other insurance carriers to coordinate benefit payments. We mail Explanation of Benefits forms and other information to the address we have on record for the primary member. In addition, claim information may be accessible through our website requiring an access code and our toll-free number.



**Health Care Operations.** This means the support functions related to treatment and payment, such as quality assurance activities, case management, underwriting, premium rating, business management and other general administrative activities. For example, we may use health information in connection with conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, underwriting, premium rating and other activities relating to your coverage, including auditing functions and fraud detection and reporting. We may also disclose health information to business associates if they need to receive health information to provide a service to us and by contract agree to abide by the same high standards of safeguarding your health information. We are prohibited from using or disclosing your genetic health information for underwriting purposes.

**Public Health Activities.** We may disclose health information to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury (including abuse) or disability, or to a governmental agency or regulator with health care oversight responsibilities.

**Military and Veterans.** If you are a member of the armed forces, we may disclose health information about you as required by military command authorities.

**Workers' Compensation.** We may disclose health information about you for workers' compensation or similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.

**Coroners and Medical Examiners.** We may disclose health information to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary, for example, to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death.

**Organ and Tissue Donation.** We may disclose health information to organ procurement organizations or other entities engaged in the procurement, banking, or transplantation of cadaveric organs, eyes, or tissue for the purpose of facilitating organ, eye or tissue donation and transplantation.

**Research Purposes.** We may disclose health information for research purposes.

**Lawsuits and Disputes.** If you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, we may disclose health information about you in response to a court or administrative order. We may also disclose health information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process by someone else involved in the dispute.

**Law Enforcement and National Security and Intelligence Activities.** We may disclose health information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process. We may disclose health information about you to authorized federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence and other national security activities authorized by law.

**To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety.** We may disclose health information to avert a serious threat to someone's health or safety. We may disclose health information to federal, state or local agencies engaged in disaster relief to allow such entities to carry out their responsibilities in specific disaster situations.

**Inmates.** If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may disclose health information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official. This release would be necessary (1) for the institution to provide you with health care, (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others or (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.

**Disclosure to your Plan Sponsor.** Information may be disclosed to your plan sponsor for purposes of plan administration if the plan sponsor has certified that plan documents have been amended as required by HIPAA. De-identified summary health information may be disclosed to your plan sponsor for the purposes of obtaining health insurance bids or modifying, amending, or terminating the health plan.

In the following situations generally we must obtain your authorization before disclosing your health information:

**Sale of Protected Health Information.** We must obtain your authorization prior to selling your health information. If we will obtain financial remuneration for such sale, we must disclose that to you in the authorization.

**Psychotherapy Notes.** Most uses and disclosures of your psychotherapy notes require your authorization.

**Marketing.** We must obtain your authorization prior to using or disclosing your health information for marketing purposes in most situations. If we will obtain financial remuneration for such marketing, we must disclose that to you in the authorization.

**Other Uses and Disclosures of Your Health Information.** Other uses and disclosures of health information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written permission. If you provide us permission to use or disclose health information about you, you may revoke that permission in writing at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose health information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization, except to the extent that we have already taken action in reliance on your authorization.

### ***Your Rights Regarding Your Health Information***

The following describes your rights regarding the health information we maintain about you. To exercise your rights, you must submit your request in writing to Standard Insurance Company, Attn: Quality Assurance Specialist, PO Box 82629, Lincoln, NE 68501-2629.

**Right to Inspect and Copy.** You have the right to inspect and copy health information that we maintain about you. To inspect or copy your health information, you must submit your request in writing. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other supplies associated with your request. We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. If you are denied access to health information, you may request that the denial be reviewed. Please contact our Privacy Contact at the address or telephone number listed on the last page of this document if you have questions about access to your health information.

**Right to Amend.** If you feel that the health information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us in writing to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as we maintain the information.

In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request. Any agreed-upon correction to your health information will be included as an addition to, and not a replacement of, already existing records.

We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that (1) is not part of the health information kept by us, (2) was not created by us, unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment, (3) is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy or (4) is accurate and complete.

**Right to an Accounting of Disclosures.** You have the right to request an accounting of disclosures of your health information made by us in the six years prior to the date that the accounting is requested (or shorter period as requested). This does not include disclosures (1) to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations; (2) made to you or pursuant to your authorization; (3) for national security or intelligence purposes; (4) to corrections institutions or law enforcement officials or (5) made prior to April 14, 2003.

Your first request for an accounting in any 12-month period shall be provided without charge. A reasonable fee shall be imposed for each subsequent request for an accounting within the same 12-month period.

**Right to Request Restrictions.** You have the right to request a restriction or limitation of the health information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. We are not required to agree to

your request unless your request is to restrict disclosure to a health plan for purposes of payment or health care operations when you or someone on your behalf (but not the health plan) has already made full payment.

To request restrictions, you must make your request in writing to our Privacy Contact indicated below. In your request, you must tell us (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both and (3) to whom you want the limits to apply.

**Right to Request Confidential Communications.** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about health matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail. We will accommodate reasonable requests. We will not ask you the reason for your request. Please make this request in writing to our Privacy Contact indicated below.

**Right to Breach Notification.** We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. We are also required by law to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured health information.

**Your Right to File a Complaint.** If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, please submit your complaint in writing to:

Standard Insurance Company  
Attn: Quality Assurance Specialist  
PO Box 82629  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2629

You may also file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

### ***Privacy Contact***

If you have any questions or would like further information about this notice or your rights regarding your health information, please contact the Quality Assurance Specialist at 800.547.9515 or the above address.

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