



Dental insurance

Taking care of your teeth is about more than just covering cavities and cleanings. It also means accounting for more expensive dental work, and your overall health.

With dental insurance, routine preventive care can lead to better overall health. And you'll be able to save money if any extensive dental work is required.

Who is it for?

Everyone should have access to great dental coverage, which is why we offer comprehensive plans that are available through employers as part of your benefit offerings.

What does it cover?

Dental insurance helps to protect your overall oral care. That includes services like preventive cleanings, x-rays, restorative services like fillings, and other more serious forms of oral surgery if you ever need them.

Why should I consider it?

Poor oral health isn't just aesthetic, it's also been linked to conditions including diabetes, heart disease, and strokes. So, while brushing and flossing every day can help keep your teeth clean, nothing should replace regular visits to the dentist.



Staying healthy

Joe visits his dentist for a routine dental cleaning, to take care of his teeth as well as his overall health.

Oral health is about more than just teeth and gums. It's also essential for a range of other health and wellbeing reasons:

Cardiovascular disease: Some research suggests that heart disease, clogged arteries, and infections may be linked to inflammation and infections from oral bacteria.

Osteoporosis: Weak and brittle bones may be linked to tooth loss.

Diabetes: Research shows that people with gum disease find it more difficult to control their blood sugar levels.

Alzheimer's disease: Tooth loss before the age of 35 may be a risk factor for Alzheimer's disease.

All information contained here is from the Mayo Clinic, Oral Health: A Window to Your Overall Health, www.mayoclinic.com. 2018.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Your dental coverage

Option 1 or 2: PPO plan, you'll have access to one of the largest networks of dentists with two reimbursement levels that give you more control over savings. You will always save money with any dentist in Guardian's network and when they belong to a tier in the Tier 1 reimbursement level you will maximize your savings. Reimbursement for covered services received from a non-contracted dentist will be based on a percentile of the prevailing fee data for the dentist's zip code.

Your Dental Plan	Option 1: PPO		Option 2: PPO	
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2
Your Network is DentalGuard Preferred Network	Gold *, Silver *	Non-Contracted	Gold *, Silver *	Non-Contracted
Calendar year deductible	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>
Individual	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
Family limit	3 per family (applies to all levels)		Not Applicable (applies to all levels)	
Waived for	Preventive	Preventive	Not applicable	Not applicable
Charges covered for you (co-insurance)	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>
Preventive Care	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic Care	80%	80%	80%	80%
Major Care	0%	0%	50%	50%
Orthodontia	Not Covered (applies to all levels)		50%	50%
Annual Maximum Benefit	\$750 (applies to all levels)		\$1000 (applies to all levels)	
Lifetime Orthodontia Maximum	Not Applicable (applies to all levels)		\$1500 (applies to all levels)	
Dependent Age Limits	26 (applies to all levels)		26 (applies to all levels)	



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A Sample of Services Covered by Your Plan:

		Option 1: PPO <i>Plan pays (on average)</i>		Option 2: PPO <i>Plan pays (on average)</i>	
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2
Preventive Care	Cleaning (prophylaxis) Frequency:	100%	100%	100%	100%
		2 in 12 Months (applies to all levels)		2 in 12 Months (applies to all levels)	
	Fluoride Treatments Limits:	100%	100%	100%	100%
		Under Age 19 (applies to all levels)		Under Age 19 (applies to all levels)	
	Oral Exams	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Sealants (per tooth)	100%	100%	100%	100%
	X-rays	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic Care	Anesthesia*	80%	80%	80%	80%
	Fillings‡	80%	80%	80%	80%
	Perio Surgery	80%	80%	80%	80%
	Periodontal Maintenance Frequency:	80%	80%	80%	80%
		2 in 12 months (applies to all levels)		2 in 12 months (applies to all levels)	
	Root Canal	80%	80%	80%	80%
	Scaling & Root Planing (per quadrant)	80%	80%	80%	80%
	Simple Extractions	80%	80%	80%	80%
Major Care	Bridges and Dentures	0%	0%	50%	50%
	Inlays, Onlays, Veneers**	0%	0%	50%	50%
	Repair & Maintenance of Crowns, Bridges & Dentures	0%	0%	50%	50%
	Single Crowns	0%	0%	50%	50%
	Surgical Extractions	0%	0%	50%	50%
	Orthodontia Limits:	Not Covered (applies to all levels)		50%	50%
			Child(ren) (applies to all levels)		

Guardian's Preferred Provider Organization consists of Dentists in the DentalGuard Preferred ("DGP") network. These tiers represent specific benefit levels as described in Your Schedule of Benefits. Network access varies by geographic location and zip code. Please visit www.Guardianlife.com to confirm your Dentist's tiered participation.

This is only a partial list of dental services. Your certificate of benefits will show exactly what is covered and excluded. **For PPO and or Indemnity members, Crowns, Inlays, Onlays and Labial Veneers are covered only when needed because of decay or injury or other pathology when the tooth cannot be restored with amalgam or composite filling material. When Orthodontia coverage is for "Child(ren)" only, the orthodontic appliance must be placed prior to the age limit set by your plan; If full-time status is required by your plan in order to remain insured after a certain age; then orthodontic maintenance may continue as long as full-time student status is maintained. If Orthodontia coverage is for "Adults and Child(ren)" this limitation does not apply. *General Anesthesia – restrictions apply. ‡For PPO and or Indemnity members, Fillings – restrictions may apply to composite fillings.