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**This *Policy* settles claims based on a specific methodology and the eligible amount of a claim, as determined by the specific methodology, may be less than the provider's billed charge. This subdivision does not apply to a closed panel health maintenance organization that does not provide coverage for nonemergency services by noncontracted providers.**

**Wisconsin DentaTrust Individual Dental Plan  
Policy  
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**THIS IS A LIMITED BENEFIT POLICY. IT PAYS FOR LIMITED-SCOPE DENTAL BENEFITS. READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY.**

Dental Care Plus, Inc. certifies that the *covered individuals* covered under this *Policy* have the right to benefits for services according to the terms of this *Agreement*. This promise is based on the statements and agreements made in the application and payment of the required premiums. Please check your information for errors. An incorrect or incomplete application may cause this *Policy* to be voided and claims to be reduced or denied. This *Policy* is part of your *Agreement*.

Notice to Buyer: This *Policy* provides benefits for *dental services* only. This *Policy* provides benefits for *covered individuals* until the last day of the month in which they obtain the age of 19 only. The *Policy* does not provide any benefits for persons age 19 and older.

**Please read this *Policy* carefully.** If for any reason you are not satisfied with this *Policy* return the *Policy* to us within 10 days of receipt. Upon return, the *Policy* will be deemed void and any premium will be refunded. In such event, any services received during this 10 day period are solely your financial responsibility.

**This *Policy* is renewable.** This *Policy* will be subject to renewal 12 months from the *effective date*, subject to our right to cancel as set forth in Part IV, Section 6. We reserve the right to change premium rates upon renewal of the *Policy*. If we do raise the premium rates, at least 60 days prior to the renewal date we will send written notice to your last known address shown on record.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING STATEMENTS IN  
THE APPLICATION FOR YOUR INSURANCE**

**PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED FOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS POLICY ON THE EXCHANGE. IF ANY INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION IS NOT TRUE AND COMPLETE, WRITE TO US AT OUR HOME OFFICE LOCATED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS WITHIN 10 DAYS. THIS POLICY IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS THAT THE ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS AND THE INFORMATION ENTERED ON THE APPLICATION ARE CORRECT AND COMPLETE. IF YOUR ANSWERS ARE INCORRECT OR UNTRUE, WE MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DENY DENTAL BENEFITS.**

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## Introduction

This *Policy*, including the attached *Schedule of Benefits*, the application and any applicable riders, endorsements and supplemental agreements constitute the *Agreement* between you and Dental Care Plus, Inc. (*the Plan*). We urge you to read it carefully.

Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits*, attached to this *Policy*, for important information on the benefits provided under your *Policy*. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service department.

This *Policy* permits *covered individuals* to obtain benefits from the *dentist* of a *covered individual's* choice; however, if the *covered individual* chooses to obtain benefits from a *non-contracting dentist*, the applicable out of pocket expenses, including copayments, *coinsurance* and *deductible*, may be higher. See the *Schedule of Benefits* for the difference in *coinsurance* and *deductible* amounts for benefits received from a *non-contracting dentist*.

## Subscriber's Rights and Responsibilities

As a Dental Care Plus *subscriber*, you have the right to:

- File a *complaint or grievance* about the *covered services* provided to the *covered individuals*.
- Be provided with appropriate information about *the Plan* and its benefits, *contracting dentists*, and policies.

You and *covered individuals* have the responsibility to:

- Ask questions in order to understand the dental condition and treatment of *covered individuals*, and follow recommended treatment instructions given by the *dentist*.
- Provide information to the *dentist* that is necessary to render care to *covered individuals*.
- Be familiar with *the Plan's* benefits, policies and procedures, by reading our written materials, or calling our Customer Service department.

## Part I

### Definitions

**ACA:** the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the Healthcare and Education Reconciliation Act, Public Law 111-152, collectively referred to as the *Affordable Care Act* or *ACA*.

**Agreement:** refers to this *Policy*, including the *Schedule of Benefits*, application, and any applicable riders, endorsements and supplemental agreements.

**Authorized representative:** an individual who has been authorized by the *covered individual* to file a *grievance* on the *covered individual's* behalf. An *authorized representative* includes a parent, guardian, or other person authorized to act on behalf of a *covered individual* with respect to health care decisions.

**Benefit Period:** the period for which any applicable *deductibles*, annual limitations or maximums apply. The period for individual policies runs on a calendar year from the latter of January 1 or enrollment date through December 31.

**Coinsurance:** the percent of covered dental expenses, after the *deductible* is satisfied, which the *covered individual* must pay until *the Plan* pays the annual limit or maximum payment stated in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Once benefits are exhausted you are solely responsible for payment of all *dental services*.

**Complaint:** an oral or written complaint submitted, in accordance with the *Policy's* complaint procedures, by a *covered individual*, *covered individual's authorized representative* or a *dentist* regarding any aspect of *the Plan's* organization as it relates to a *covered individual*.

**Contracting Dentist:** a licensed *dentist* who has entered into an agreement, either directly or through a network which contracts with *the Plan*, to furnish services to its *covered individuals* and who participates in the designated network for *the Plan*. A *contracting dentist* is considered In-Network. The designated network for *the Plan* is described in the Provider Directory for *the Plan* and is available at [HixfadWI.dentalcareplus.com](http://HixfadWI.dentalcareplus.com)

**Copayment:** a fixed amount you pay to a *dentist* for a *covered service*.

**Covered individual:** a *dependent* who is eligible for benefits under this *Policy*, and has enrolled under the *Policy* as described in the Enrollment sections below. A *covered individual* is considered to be "under the age of 19" until the last day of the month in which the *covered individual* obtains the age of 19. This term does not include the *subscriber*, the subscriber's spouse or any children that is not under the age of 19.

**Covered service:** a *dental service* or supply covered under the terms of the *Agreement* that is not otherwise limited or excluded from *the Agreement*, and is subject to the terms and conditions of *the Agreement*.

**Date of service:** the actual date that the service was completed. With multi-stage procedures, the *date of service* is the final completion date (the insertion date of a crown, for example).

**Deductible:** amount you must pay in a *benefit period* for *covered services* before the *Plan* will pay benefits. The amount of the *deductible* is shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

**Dental Service:** a procedure or service rendered by a dental care provider within the scope of his or her license or certificate.

**Dentist:** any dental or medical practitioner *the Plan* is required by law to recognize who: (1) is properly licensed or certified under the laws of the state where he or she practices; and (2) provides *dental services* which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate.

**Dependent:** children of the *subscriber* from the moment of birth up to the last day of the month in which they obtain the age of nineteen (19). Children include (i) biological children and stepchildren; (ii) children named in a divorce decree or qualified medical child support order as being the responsibility of the *subscriber* for dental benefits coverage; (iii) legally adopted children, or children for which the *subscriber* has legal custody; and (iv) children who have been placed for adoption with the *subscriber*, if legal adoption is anticipated but not yet finalized. In no event shall this coverage include a child on active duty in any military service of any country.

**Effective Date:** the date, as shown on our records, on which coverage begins under this *Policy* or any amendment.

**Emergency medical condition:** a medical condition, whether physical or mental, manifesting itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of prompt medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in placing the health of an insured or another person in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to body function, or serious dysfunction of any body organ or part or, with respect to a pregnant woman, as further defined in section 1867 (e)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC section 1395dd(e)(1)(B). Emergency dental care includes treatment to relieve acute pain or control a dental condition that requires immediate care to prevent permanent harm.

**Federally Facilitated Marketplace or FFM:** the health benefit exchange established by ACA for the state of Wisconsin. The FFM can be reached at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or 1-800-318-2596.

**Fee schedule:** the payment amount for the *covered services* that may be provided by *contracting dentists* under this *Policy*. Benefits are payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable *Schedule of Benefits* attached to this *Policy* and in effect at the time services are rendered.

**Fracture:** the breaking off of rigid tooth structure not including crazing due to thermal changes or chipping due to attrition.

**Grievance** means a complaint or inquiry on behalf of the *covered individual* submitted regarding:

The availability, delivery, or quality of dental health care services. This includes a *complaint* about an adverse determination made pursuant to utilization review.

Benefits or claims payment, handling, or reimbursement for *covered services*.

Matters about the contractual relationship between you and us.

**Individual (or single) coverage:** coverage that includes only one *covered dependent*.

**Injury:** (1) all damage to the *covered individual's* mouth due to an accident; and (2) all complications arising from that damage. But, the term does not include damage to teeth, appliances or dental prostheses which results solely from chewing or biting food or other substances.

**Non-Contracting Dentist:** a licensed *dentist* who has not entered into an agreement with *the Plan* to furnish services to its *covered individuals*. A *non-contracting dentist* is considered Out-of-Network.

**Out of Pocket Maximum:** the maximum amount a *subscriber* will pay (including *deductibles*, and *coinsurance*) for *covered services* in any benefit period. Any applicable *out of pocket maximum* is listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

**Plan year deductible:** this *deductible* must be satisfied each plan year.

**Policy:** this contract of insurance including the *Schedule of Benefits*.

**Qualified Health Plan or QHP:** a health plan or stand-alone dental plan that satisfies all of the certification requirements established by the ACA and applicable federal regulations, and is certified by and offered on the *FFM*.

**Qualified Individual:** an individual who has been determined eligible to enroll through the *FFM* in a child only *Qualified Health Plan* in the individual market.

**Schedule of Benefits:** the part of this *Policy* which outlines the specific coverage in effect as well as the amount, if any, that you may be responsible for paying towards the dental care provided to *covered individuals*.

**Subscriber:** the policyholder who has enrolled *covered dependents*. This is a child only policy, the subscriber has no coverage or benefits under the *Policy*. The *subscriber* assumes all of the *subscriber's* responsibilities on behalf of the *covered dependent(s)*.

**The Plan:** refers to Dental Care Plus, Inc.

**You:** the *subscriber*.



## Part II

### Benefits

*Covered individuals* have the right to benefits for the following *covered services*, EXCEPT as limited or excluded elsewhere in this *Policy*. Some benefits may be limited to an annual dollar limit for each *covered individual* for each *benefit period* shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. The extent of a *covered individual's* benefits is explained in the *Schedule of Benefits* which is incorporated as a part of this *Policy*.

### Class I

**Diagnostic and Preventive Services** (Please see the *Schedule of Benefits* for limitations for the coverage you have purchased.)

Benefits are available for the following *dental services* to diagnose or to prevent tooth decay and other forms of oral disease. These *dental services* are what most *covered individuals* receive during a routine preventive dental visit. Examples of these services include:

- Initial oral examination (including the initial dental history and charting of teeth); once per *dentist*.
- Periodic exam; once every 6 months.
- X-rays of the entire mouth; once every 60 months.
- Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth); once every 6 months when oral conditions indicate need.
- Single tooth x-rays; as needed.
- Oral and facial photographic images;
- Study models and casts used in planning treatment;
- Routine cleaning, scaling and polishing of teeth; once every 6 months.
- Fluoride treatment, Topical Fluoride - Varnish - 2 every 12 months, Topical application of fluoride (excluding prophylaxis) - 2 every 12 months.
- Space maintainers required due to the premature loss of teeth not for the replacement of primary or permanent anterior teeth.
- Sealants on unrestored permanent molars, once per tooth every 36 months.

### Class II

**Restorative Services and Other Basic Services** (Please see the *Schedule of Benefits* for limitations for the coverage you have purchased.)

Benefits are available for the following *dental services* to treat oral disease including: (a) restore decayed or fractured teeth; (b) repair dentures or bridges; (c) rebase or reline dentures; (d) repair or recement bridges, crowns and onlays; and (e) remove diseased or damaged natural teeth. Examples of these services include:

- Fillings consisting of silver amalgam and (in the case of front teeth) synthetic tooth color fillings. However, synthetic (white) fillings are limited to single surface restorations for posterior teeth. Multi-surface synthetic restorations on posterior teeth will be treated as an alternate benefit and an amalgam allowance will be allowed. The patient is responsible up to the *dentist's* charge.
- Sedative fillings.
- Stainless steel crowns, under age 15 - Limited to 1 per tooth in 60 months.
- Simple tooth extractions.
- General anesthesia only when necessary and appropriate for covered surgical services only when provided by a licensed, practicing *dentist*.
- Repair of dentures or fixed bridges. Recementing of fixed bridges.
- Rebase or reline dentures; once every 36 months, 6 months after initial installation.
- Tissue conditioning.
- Repair or recement crowns and onlays.
- Adding teeth to existing partial or full dentures.
- Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedures.
- Periodontal maintenance, 4 in 12 months, following active periodontal therapy

### **Class III**

**Complex Dental Services** (Please see the *Schedule of Benefits* for frequency and limitations for the coverage you have purchased.)

Benefits are available for the following *dental services* and supplies to treat oral disease including: replace missing natural teeth with artificial ones; remove diseased or damaged natural teeth; and restore severely decayed or fractured teeth. Examples of these services include:

- Certain surgical services to treat oral disease or injury. This includes surgical tooth extractions and extractions of impacted teeth.
- Periodontal services to treat diseased gum tissue or bone including the removal of diseased gum tissue (gingivectomy) and the removal or reshaping of diseased bone (osseous

surgery). Periodontal benefits are determined according to our administrative “Periodontal Guidelines.”

- Endodontic services for root canal treatment of permanent teeth including the treatment of the nerve of a tooth, the removal of dental pulp, and pulpal therapy. Vital pulpotomy is limited to deciduous teeth.
- Dentures and Bridges
  - Complete or partial dentures and fixed bridges including services to measure, fit, and adjust them; once each 60 months.
  - Replacement of dentures and fixed bridges, but only when they cannot be made serviceable and were inserted at least 60 months before replacement.
- Crowns, Onlays and Inlays
  - Crowns, onlays and inlays as follows, but only when the teeth cannot be restored with the fillings due to severe decay or fractures.
  - Initial placement of crowns, onlays and inlays.
  - Replacement of crowns, onlays and inlays; once each 60 months per tooth.

### **Implants**

An implant is a covered procedure of the plan only if determined to be a dental necessity. Claim review is conducted by a panel of licensed *dentists* who review the clinical documentation submitted by a *covered individual's* treating *dentist*. If the dental consultants determine an arch can be restored with a standard prosthesis or restoration, no benefits will be allowed for the individual implant or implant procedures. Only the second phase of treatment (the prosthodontic phase-placing of the implant crown, bridge denture or partial denture) may be subject to the alternate benefit provision of the plan.

Occlusal Guards; 1 in 12 months for patients between the ages of 13 and 18.

## **Class IV**

**Medically Necessary Orthodontics** (Please see the *Schedule of Benefits* for frequency and limitations for the coverage you have purchased.)

Orthodontic services which are covered under this *Agreement* are limited to Medically Necessary Orthodontic Treatment, as described in this section. Medical necessity will be determined by *the Plan* after review of the orthodontic case records, which must be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of treatment. *Covered Individuals* must have a severe, dysfunctional, handicapping malocclusion caused by craniofacial anomalies which would constitute an impairment of or the hazard to eat, chew, speak or breath in order for orthodontic services to be deemed Medically Necessary Orthodontic Treatment. An orthodontic case must be dysfunctional in order to be approved for benefits. Crowding alone is not usually dysfunctional in spite of the aesthetic considerations.

In order for orthodontic services to be covered under the *Agreement*, prior approval of the orthodontic services by *the Plan* through the PreTreatment Review process is required. Even though pretreatment estimates are not a guarantee of benefits, obtaining a pretreatment estimate is part of the process required for determining whether the orthodontic services are Medically Necessary Orthodontic Treatment and covered under this *Agreement*, and an important part of making a well-informed decision about orthodontic services, including what the *Agreement* may or may not cover.

Services to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints) is a covered service only for persons under age 19 as part of Medically Necessary Orthodontic Treatment. Treatment of temporomandibular joint dysfunction is limited to history and examination; radiographs, which must be diagnostic for temporomandibular joint dysfunction and occlusal guards that are not otherwise reimbursable under a major medical plan.

## Part III

### Limitations and Exclusions

1. **BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED ONLY FOR NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE COVERED SERVICES**

We will not provide benefits for a *dental service* that is not covered under the terms of the *Policy*. We will not provide benefits for a *dental service* that is not necessary and appropriate to diagnose or to treat the dental condition.

- A. To be necessary and appropriate, a *dental service* must be consistent with the prevention of oral disease or with the diagnosis and treatment on (1) those teeth that are decayed or *fractured* or (2) those teeth where supporting periodontium is weakened by disease in accordance with standards of good dental practice not solely for your convenience or the convenience of the *dentist*.
- B. Who determines what is necessary and appropriate under the terms of the *Policy*: That decision is made by *the Plan* based on a review of dental records describing your condition and treatment. We may decide a service is not necessary and appropriate under the terms of the *Policy* even if the *dentist* has furnished, prescribed, ordered, recommended or approved the service.

2. **THE PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR:**

- Experimental care procedures that have not been sanctioned by the American Dental Association, or for which no procedure codes have been established.
- A *dental service* or procedure that is not described as a benefit in this *Policy*.
- Services that are rendered due to the requirements of a third party, such as an employer or school.
- Services that are covered by a health insurance policy or similar coverage in which the *covered individual* is enrolled.
- Travel time and related expenses.
- An illness or injury that we determine arose out of and in the course of the *covered individual's* employment.
- A service for which you are not required to pay, or for which you would not be required to pay if you did not have coverage under this *Policy*.
- An illness, injury, or dental condition to the extent for which benefits are provided in one form or another through a government program other than Medicaid or Medicare.

- A method of treatment more costly than is customarily provided. Benefits will be based on the least costly method of treatment.
- A separate fee for services rendered by interns, residents, fellows or *dentists* who are salaried employees of a hospital or other facility.
- Any charge related to an appointment with a *dentist* that the *covered individual* fails to keep.
- Dietary advice and instructions in dental hygiene including proper methods of tooth brushing, the use of dental floss, plaque control programs and caries susceptibility tests.
- A service rendered by someone other than a *dentist* or a hygienist who is employed by a *dentist*.
- Prescription drugs.
- A service to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints).
- A service, supply or procedure to increase the height of teeth (increase vertical dimension) or restore occlusion.
- Restorations for reasons other than decay or *fracture*, such as erosion, abrasion, or attrition.
- Services that are meant primarily to change or to improve the *covered individual's* appearance.
- Repair or reline of an occlusal guard.
- Transplants.
- Replacement of dentures, bridges, space maintainers or periodontic appliances due to theft or loss.
- Services, supplies or appliances to stabilize teeth when required due to periodontal disease such as periodontal splinting.
- Lab exams.
- Laminate veneers.
- Duplicate dentures and bridges.
- Temporary, complete dentures and temporary fixed bridges or crowns.

- Stainless steel crowns on permanent teeth.
- Cast restorations, copings and attachments for installing over dentures.
- Services related to congenital anomalies. However, this exclusion does not apply to any covered orthodontic services.
- Tooth desensitization.
- Occlusal adjustment.
- Injury incurred as a result of participating in a riot or insurrection or the commission of a felony.
- Services performed outside of the United States.

## Part IV

### Effective Date, Enrollment and Disenrollment

#### 1. WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS

The *covered services* described in this *Policy* are covered as of the *effective date* of the *Policy*, as set out in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

#### 2. ENROLLMENT AND CONTRACT CHANGES

All enrollment applications and any additions or changes to the *Policy* are allowed ONLY when they conform to our underwriting guidelines. Coverage for newly born children shall be effective from the date of birth if notice and payment of any required premium is provided to us within 31 days.

Newly adopted children shall be covered for an initial period of 31 days from the earlier of the date of placement for the purpose of adoption or the date of the entry of an order granting you custody of the child for purposes of adoption, and coverage will continue beyond 31 days if notice and payment of any required premium is provided to us before the expiration of this 31 day period. The date of placement for adoption shall be the earlier of a judicial decree of adoption or the assumption of custody, pending adoption of a prospective adoptive child by a prospective adoptive parent, including any child placed with you for adoption and any child for whom you are a party in a suit in which the adoption of the child is sought. A minor for whom guardianship is granted by court or testamentary appointment shall be covered from the date of appointment, if notice is provided on a timely basis. A child, who the court orders to be covered under a *subscriber's* dental coverage, shall be covered from the date of the order, if notice is provided on a timely basis. You may be required to submit proof of the court order or relationship to *the Plan*.

#### 3. ENROLLING *DEPENDENTS*.

Under certain situations, *dependents* may be added to the *Policy* at any time. Qualifying events could be a result of court order, involuntary employment termination, or your spouse's death. Under those circumstances, you must notify *the Plan* within 30 days of the qualifying event.

- A. Death of Spouse – If your spouse dies, you may add your children who are under the age of 19 to the coverage provided under this *Policy* at any time and without evidence of insurability if the child(ren) previously were covered under your spouse's policy.
- B. Court Order – If you are required under a court order (whether from this state or another state that recognizes the right of the child to receive benefits under the *subscriber's* health coverage) to provide dental coverage for a child under the age of 19, *the Plan* shall allow you to enroll the child under the following circumstances:
  1. You shall be allowed to enroll the child under this *Policy* regardless of any enrollment period restrictions.
  2. We shall allow the noninsuring parent of the child, child support enforcement agency, or any other agency with authority over the welfare of



the child to apply for enrollment on behalf of the child.

3. You may not terminate coverage for the child unless written evidence is provided to us that the order is no longer in effect, that the child is or will be enrolled under other reasonable dental coverage that will take effect on or before the effective date of termination.

#### 4. ENROLLMENT THROUGH THE FEDERALLY FACILITATED MARKETPLACE AND PREMIUM PAYMENTS

Notwithstanding the requirements of Part IV, Sections 2 and 3 of this *Policy*, if coverage is obtained through the *FFM*, the *FFM* will enroll *Qualified Individuals* and terminate coverage in accordance with the requirements of the *FFM* and applicable federal laws and regulations.

*The Plan* is required to process enrollments in accordance with the procedures established by the *FFM*, which require *the Plan* to enroll an individual only if the *FFM* notifies *the Plan* that the individual is a *Qualified Individual*.

For coverage obtained through the *FFM*, premium payments will be required to be made directly to *the Plan* in accordance with *the Plan's* available methods for payment. The first premium payment will be due prior to the *effective date*, and premiums will be due monthly thereafter unless a different payment interval is permitted by *the Plan*.

##### A. Annual open enrollment periods.

1. Notice of annual open enrollment period. The *FFM* will provide you with a written annual open enrollment notification no earlier than the first day of the month before the annual open enrollment period begins and no later than the first day of the annual open enrollment period.
2. Effective date for coverage.
  - a) If coverage is selected between the 1st and the 15th of a month, your *effective date* for coverage will be the first day of the following month.
  - b) If coverage is selected after the 15th of a month, your *effective date* for coverage will be the first day of the following month plus one additional month. (For example, coverage selected on January 20th will have an *effective date* of March 1st).
3. First Month's Premium Payment. We must receive your first month's premium payment by no later than 30 calendar days from the *effective date*.

##### B. Special enrollment periods.

1. Special enrollment period triggering events. The *FFM* must allow *Qualified Individuals* to enroll in a *QHP* or change from one *QHP* to another as a result of the following triggering events:

- a) Loss of minimum essential coverage.
  - b) Gaining or becoming a dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.
  - c) Gaining status as a citizen, national, or lawfully present individual.
  - d) Enrollment or non-enrollment in a *QHP* was unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and was the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer, employee, or agent of the *FFM* or the United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”), or its instrumentalities, or a non-*FFM* entity providing enrollment assistance or conducting enrollment assistance activities. For purposes of this triggering event, misconduct includes failure to comply with applicable federal standards or other applicable Federal or State laws as determined by the *FFM*.
  - e) Violation by *QHP* of a material provision of its contract.
  - f) Newly eligible or ineligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit or cost-sharing reductions.
  - g) Relocation to a new service area of the *FFM*.
  - h) An Indian, as defined by section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, may enroll in a *QHP* or change from one *QHP* to another one time per month.
  - i) Demonstration to the *FFM*, in accordance with guidelines issued by HHS, that you or your *dependent* meets other exceptional circumstances as the *FFM* may provide.
2. Special enrollments are administered by the *FFM*. For additional information on special enrollment triggering events and how to enroll in or change a *QHP* during a special enrollment period, you should contact the *FFM* at toll free number or visit the *FFM* website at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).
  3. Length of special enrollment periods. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable *FFM* rules, a *Qualified Individual* has 60 days from the date of a triggering event to select a *QHP*.
  4. Effective dates of coverage after a special enrollment period.
    - a) Regular effective dates. Unless an exception applies, for a *QHP* selection received by the *FFM* between—
      - i. the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of any month, the *effective date* will be the first day of the following month, and

- ii. the 16<sup>th</sup> and the last day of any month, the *effective date* will be the first day of the second following month.

b) Special effective dates.

- i. If you have a new *dependent* as a result of adoption, your new *dependent* will be covered for an initial period of 31 days from the earlier of the date of placement for the purpose of adoption or the date of the entry of an order granting you custody of the child for purposes of adoption. Coverage will continue for your *dependent* beyond 31 days, provided you notify the *FFM* within 60 days after the earlier of the date of placement for the purpose of adoption or the date of the entry of an order granting you custody of the child for purposes of adoption and we receive any required premiums within 30 calendar days from the date you enroll your new *dependent*.
- ii. If you have a new dependent as a result of birth, your new dependent will covered for an initial period of 31 days from the date of birth. Coverage will continue for your dependent beyond 31 days, provided you notify the *FFM* within 60 days after the date of the birth and we receive any required premiums within 30 calendar days from the date you enroll your new dependent.
- iii. If you have a new *dependent* as a result of marriage or your *dependent's* loss of minimum essential coverage, and you notify the *FFM* within 60 days of the date of marriage or loss of minimum essential coverage and we receive any required premiums within 30 calendar days from the date you enroll your new *dependent*, the *effective date* for your *dependent* will be on the first day of the month following the date of marriage or loss of minimum essential coverage.

## 5. WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

Coverage will terminate for a *covered individual* on the last day of the month in which the *covered individual* attains the age of 19 or when the *covered individual* is otherwise no longer eligible for coverage.

The last date of coverage will be the last day of the month after the loss of eligibility. Benefits will be provided in accordance with the *Agreement* in effect at the time a *covered individual's* coverage terminates, for a course of treatment for at least 90 days after the date coverage terminates if the treatment: (i) begins before the date coverage terminates; and (ii) requires two or more visits on separate days to a *dentist's* office.

## 5. TERMINATION OF POLICY

A. You may cancel this *Agreement* as set forth in this section.

1. Termination of coverage obtained through the *FFM*. The following  
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termination rules apply when you cancel coverage obtained through the *FFM*.

- a) You must provide the *FFM* with notice at least 14 days prior to the proposed effective date of termination. The last day of coverage is the termination date specified by you in the notice of termination. You can provide notice to the *FFM* either by calling at 1-800-318-2596 or by logging on to your personal account at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).
  2. Termination of coverage not obtained through the *FFM*. The following termination rules apply if coverage is obtained other than through the *FFM*. You may cancel this *Agreement* for any reason. To do so, you must give us notice in writing at least 30 days prior to the termination date.
- B. This *Agreement* shall renew or continue in force at your option. In compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L.104-191), renewability is guaranteed. The *Agreement* shall remain in force by timely payment of premiums. However, we may cancel or refuse to renew this *Agreement* only for those reasons set forth in this section.
1. We may, upon 30 days' notice to you or a longer period if required by state or federal law, cancel or refuse to renew this *Agreement* under any of the following circumstances:
    - a) We may cancel this *Agreement*, subject to the Contestability of Coverage provision set forth in Part V, Section 13, if you make any fraudulent claim or material misrepresentation to us or to any *dentist*, such as an incorrect or incomplete statement on your application, which led us to believe you were eligible for this coverage when in fact you were not. In such a case, cancellation will be as of your *effective date*. We will refund you the premium you have paid us. We will subtract from the refund any payments made for claims under this *Agreement*. If we have paid more for claims under this *Agreement* than you have paid us in premium, we have the right to collect the excess from you.
    - b) We may cancel this *Agreement* if you have not paid your premium, subject to the Grace Period provision under Part V, Section 15 of this *Policy*.
    - c) We may cancel this *Agreement* if we decide to withdraw this product, in which case you will be offered a replacement policy.
    - d) We may cancel this *Agreement* if we withdraw entirely from the individual market.
  2. If coverage is obtained through the *FFM*, terminations will be initiated by the *FFM*, except for terminations for nonpayment of premium which will be initiated by the *Plan*.
  3. Cancellation due to loss of eligibility

This *Agreement* will be canceled if your *dependents* are no longer eligible because you no longer reside in Wisconsin. The termination date of this coverage shall be the last day of the month in which we were notified of your move and for which the premium has been paid.

## Part V

### Other Contract Provisions

#### 1. BENEFIT PAYMENTS

##### IN-NETWORK SERVICES:

If a *covered individual* uses the services of a *contracting dentist*, the in-network benefit allowance is based on the *fee schedule* that the *contracting dentist* has agreed to accept as payment in full for the *covered services* listed in the benefits section, except as provided under item 2 below. *The Plan* pays the *contracting dentist* directly for *covered services*.

##### OUT-OF-NETWORK SERVICES:

If a *covered individual* uses the services of a *non-contracting dentist*, the benefit for *covered services* is set forth in item 5 below.

#### 2. WHEN A *CONTRACTING DENTIST* MAY CHARGE YOU MORE

When a *contracting dentist* provides *covered services*, he or she must accept the fee in the *fee schedule* as payment in full. In the following cases you will be responsible for the difference between *the Plan* payment and the *dentist's* actual charge for *covered services*:

- A. If you and the *dentist* decide to use services that are more expensive than those customarily furnished by most *dentists*, benefits will be provided based on the service with the lower fee.
- B. If you receive payment from another person or his or her insurance company for injuries he or she caused.
- C. If, for some reason, a *covered individual* receives services from more than one *dentist* for the same dental procedure or receives services that are furnished in a series during a planned course of treatment. In such a case the total amount of the *covered individual's* benefit will not be more than the amount that would have been provided if only one *dentist* had furnished all the services.

#### 3. PRE-TREATMENT ESTIMATES

If a *covered individual's dentist* expects that dental treatment will involve a series of *covered services* (over \$600), he or she should file a copy of the treatment plan with *the Plan* BEFORE these services are rendered to a *covered individual*. A treatment plan is a detailed description of the procedures that the *dentist* plans to perform and includes an estimate of the charges for each service.

Upon receipt of the treatment plan, we will notify you and the *covered individual's dentist* about the maximum extent of the *covered individual's* benefits for the services reported. The pre-treatment estimate of benefits is valid for 90 days after the date we notify you, your *covered dependents* and the *dentist* of the benefits payable for the proposed treatment plan. If treatment is to commence more than 90 days after the date we notify you, your *covered dependents* and the

*dentist* of the benefits payable for the proposed treatment plan, a new treatment plan may be submitted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Pre-treatment estimates are calculated based on current available benefits and the patient's eligibility. Estimates are subject to modification and eligibility that applies at the time services are completed and a claim is submitted for payment. The pre-treatment estimate is NOT a guarantee of payment or a preauthorization.

#### 4. WHEN A *CONTRACTING DENTIST* IS TERMINATED

If the *contracting dentist* is terminated for any reason other than fraud, patient abuse, incompetency or loss of license status, he/she shall continue to provide *dental services* to complete the procedure(s) in progress for at least 90 days from the date of notice of termination, as if his/her *contracting dentist* agreement with *the Plan* was still in effect. *The Plan* will compensate the *dentist* for such services in accordance to the terms set forth in the *contracting dentist* agreement.

If the *contracting dentist* terminates the *contracting dentist* agreement, the *contracting dentist* shall continue to provide, for at least 90 days after the date of notice of termination to *the Plan*, *dental services* to a *covered individual of the Plan* for whom the *contracting dentist* was responsible for the delivery of *dental services* prior to the notice of termination. The *contracting dentist* will provide orthodontic treatment begun when coverage was in effect, at the rates set forth in the *contracting dentist* agreement.

#### 5. BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES BY *NON-CONTRACTING DENTISTS*

- A. If a *covered individual* receives services from a *non-contracting dentist*, you may be required to pay more out of pocket than for services provided by most *contracting dentists*. Benefits for *covered services* provided by a *non-contracting dentist* are based on the lesser of the *dentist's* submitted fee or the payment amount for services that may be provided by a *contracting dentist* in accordance with the *fee schedule*. In addition, you will be responsible for paying any difference between *the Plan's* payment to a *non-contracting dentist*, after any *deductible* or *coinsurance* amounts are calculated based on the maximum allowable charge as indicated on the *fee schedule*, and the *non-contracting dentist's* total charge, if his/her total charge exceeds the *fee schedule* amount for that covered procedure(s). Benefits are payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable *Schedule of Benefits* in effect at the time services are rendered.
- B. A *covered individual* may request a referral to a specialist who is a *non-contracting dentist* if (a) a *covered individual* is diagnosed with a condition or disease that requires specialized dental care; and (b) *the Plan* has not contracted with a specialist with the professional training and expertise to treat the condition or disease; and, (c) the specialist agrees to be reimbursed the same allowed benefit as would be provided to a specialist who is a *contracting dentist*.

To find out if a *dentist* participates with *the Plan* ask the *dentist* if he or she has an agreement with us, call our Customer Service department, visit our website, or check the directory of *contracting dentists*.

## 6. EMERGENCY CARE

All dental expenses for emergency services are paid as any other expense. Nothing in this *Policy* will prohibit a *covered individual* from seeking emergency care whenever the individual is confronted with an *emergency medical condition* which in the judgment of a prudent layperson would require pre-hospital emergency services. This includes the option of calling the local pre-hospital emergency medical services system by dialing 911, or its local equivalent. Emergency dental care is defined in Part I. If a *covered individual* utilizes the *dental services* of a *non-contracting dentist*, benefits will be paid under the out-of-network *Plan* benefits described in item 5 above.

## 7. SUBROGATION

A *covered individual* may have a legal right to recover some costs of his/her dental care from someone else because another person has caused his/her illness or injury. When a *covered individual* has this right, the *covered individual* must allow *the Plan* the right to recover any payments it has made for the illness or injury. If a *covered individual* recovers money from someone else, *the covered individual* must repay *the Plan* for the payments that it has made. *The Plan's* recovery rights are limited to the amount remaining after the covered individual has been made whole. The repayment amount can be reduced only by *the Plan's* share of the *covered individual's* reasonable cost of collecting the claim against the other person, or if the payment received is described as payment for other than dental expenses. A *covered individual* is obligated to provide *the Plan* with the written authorization, information and assistance necessary to help *the Plan* recover its payment, and must not do anything to prohibit *the Plan* from collecting its repayment.

## 8. WE MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THE COVERED INDIVIDUAL'S DENTAL RECORDS AND/OR OTHER RELEVANT RECORDS

You agree that when you claim benefits under this *Policy*, you give us the right to obtain all dental records and/or other related information that we need from any source for claims processing purposes. This information will be kept strictly confidential and is subject to federal and state privacy and confidentiality regulations.

*Contracting dentists* have agreed to give us all information necessary to determine a *covered individual's* benefits under this *Policy* and have agreed not to charge for this service.

## 9. PREMIUM

The amount of money that you are responsible for paying to *the Plan* for benefits under this *Agreement* is called the premium. We will send you a notice at least 60 days before any change in the premium goes into effect. The premium will not change more than once every 12 months.

## 10. WE MAY CHANGE THE POLICY

We will send a notice each time we change all or part of the *Policy*, describing the change(s) being made. Changes to the *Policy* may include the addition or deletion of riders as well as plan design changes.

The notice will tell you the *effective date* of the change and the benefits for *covered services* received on or after the *effective date*. There is one exception: If before the *effective date* of the  
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change, a *covered individual* started receiving services for a procedure requiring two or more visits, we will not apply the change to services related to that procedure.

#### 11. REINSTATEMENT

- A. Reinstatement of coverage obtained through the *FFM*. If any renewal premium is not paid within the required time period and expiration of the grace period stated in Part V, Section 24, this *Policy* and its coverage for you and any of your covered *dependents* will lapse. You must contact the *FFM* for information on reinstatement. You and your covered *dependents* may not be eligible to re-enroll in coverage through the *FFM* until the next open enrollment period or qualification for a special enrollment period.
- B. Reinstatement of coverage not obtained through the *FFM*. If any renewal premium is not paid within the required time period and expiration of the grace period stated in Part V, Section 24, this *Policy* and its coverage for you and any of your covered *dependents* will lapse. A subsequent acceptance of premium by us or an agent authorized by us to accept your premium payment, without requiring in connection therewith an application for reinstatement, shall reinstate the *Policy*. However, we may ask for a new application to accept your premium and reinstate your policy. If we require an application for reinstatement and issue a conditional receipt for the premium tendered, the *Policy* will be reinstated upon approval of such application by us or, lacking such approval, upon the 45<sup>th</sup> day following the date of the conditional receipt unless we previously notified you in writing of our disapproval of the application.

If the coverage is reinstated, *dental services* will be covered only if received on or after the date of reinstatement. In all other respects, we as well as you and the *covered individuals* will have the same rights as existed under this *Policy* before the coverage lapsed, subject to any provisions included with or attached to this *Policy* in connection with the reinstatement. We will apply the reinstated premium to the period for which the premium was not paid. However, we will not apply premium to any period over 60 days prior to reinstatement.

#### 12. MISSTATEMENT OF AGE

If the age of any *covered individual* has been misstated, there shall be an adjustment of premium so that there shall be paid to us the premium for coverage of such person at the correct age and the amount of coverage shall not be affected.

#### 13. CONTESTABILITY OF COVERAGE

All statements, in the absence of fraud, made by you shall be deemed representations and not warranties, and no such statement shall void the insurance or reduce benefits thereunder unless contained in a written application.

After this *Policy* has been in effect for 2 years, we will not use any material misstatements you may have made in your application, except any fraudulent misstatements, either to void this *Policy* or to deny a claim for any *covered services* incurred after the expiration of such 2 year period.

#### 14. BENEFITS AFTER CANCELLATION

If this *Policy* is cancelled, no benefits will be provided for services received after the effective date of the cancellation, except as set forth in this section.

Benefits will be provided for a course of treatment for 90 days after the date coverage terminates if the treatment: (i) begins before the date coverage terminates; and (ii) requires two or more visits on separate days to a *dentist's* office.

## 15. GRACE PERIOD

### A. General Grace Period

A grace period of 31 days will be granted for payment of each premium payment due after the first premium payment. During the grace period, the *Agreement* shall continue in force. If premiums are not received by the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the grace period, the *Agreement* will automatically terminate as of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the grace period.

### B. Three Month Grace Period for a *Subscriber* Receiving Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit

If a *subscriber* is receiving advance payments of the premium tax credit, and the *subscriber* has previously paid at least one full month's premium during the *Benefit Year*, the grace period is extended to 3 consecutive months.

During the 3 month grace period, the *Plan* shall:

- Pay all claims for *covered services* rendered to a *covered individual* during the first month of the grace period, but may pend claims for *covered services* rendered to a *covered individual* during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> months of the 3 month grace period.
- Notify the HHS of the *subscriber's* non-payment of premium.
- Notify *dentists* of the possibility for denied claims for *covered services* when a *subscriber* is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> months of the 3 month grace period.

During the 3 month grace period, the *Plan* shall also:

- Continue to collect the advance payments of the premium tax credit on behalf of the *subscriber* or any *covered individual* from the Department of Treasury.
- Return the advance payment of the premium tax credit to the United States Department of Treasury that the *Plan* collected on behalf of the *subscriber* or any *covered individual* for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> months of the 3 month grace period if the *subscriber* exhausts the 3 month grace period.

## 16. NOTICES

- A. To you: We will send notices and/or bills to you by first class mail. Once we mail the notice or bill we are not responsible for its delivery. This applies to a notice of a change in the premium or a change in the *Policy*. If your name or mailing address should change, you should notify the *Plan*. Be sure to give the *Plan* your

old name and address as well as your new name and address.

- B. To us: Send letters to Dental Care Plus, Inc., 10300 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215. Always include your name and *subscriber* identification number.

#### 17. WHEN AND HOW BENEFITS ARE OBTAINED AND PROVIDED

This *Policy* is designed to provide high quality dental care while controlling the cost of such care. To do this, this *Policy* encourages the *covered individual* to seek dental care from *contracting dentists*, however, you are free to select the *dentist* of the *covered individual's* choice.

When application is made under this *Policy*, the *covered individual* receives a welcome packet which includes a dental plan identification card.

Benefits will be provided ONLY for those *covered services* that are furnished on or after the *effective date* of this *Policy*. If, before the *effective date*, a covered individual started receiving services for a procedure that requires two or more visits, NO BENEFITS are available for services related to that procedure.

In order for a *covered individual* to receive any of the benefits for which he/she may have a right, you must inform the *covered individual's dentist* that the *covered individual* is a covered under the *Policy* and supply the *dentist* with your *subscriber* identification number and any necessary information needed to file your claim. If you fail to inform the *covered individual's dentist* within 12 months after the services are rendered, we will no longer be obligated to provide any benefits for those services.

#### 18. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF *DENTISTS*

We will not interfere with the relationship between *dentists* and patients. The *covered individual* is free to select any *dentist*. It is the *covered individual's* responsibility to find a *dentist*. We are not responsible if a *dentist* refuses to furnish services to any *covered individual*. We are not liable for injuries or damages resulting from the acts or omissions of a *dentist*.

#### 19. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The Coordination of Benefits (“COB”) provision applies when a person has health care coverage under more than one plan. “Plan” is defined below.

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 does not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense.

#### DEFINITIONS

- A. For purposes of this section, 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 and nongroup insurance contracts and subscriber contracts; health insuring corporation ("HIC") contracts; uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; group or nongroup coverage through closed panel plans; medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits in automobile "no fault" and traditional automobile "fault" type 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; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage; school accident type coverage covering grammar, high school, and college students for accidents only; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; benefits in long-term policies that pay a fixed daily benefit without regard to expenses incurred or the receipt of service in long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.
3. "Health care coverage" includes coverage for *dental services*.
4. "Health care services" includes *dental services*.

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 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. For purposes of this section, "allowable expense" is a health care expense, including deductibles, coinsurance and copayments, 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. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room is not an allowable expense, unless the patient's stay in a private hospital room is medically necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice.
  2. If a Subscriber 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.
  3. 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.
  4. 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 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.
  5. 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 of a child for more than one-half of the calendar year 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 any other plan.
- B.
  1. Except as provided in Paragraph (2), a plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this provision 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:
      - i. The plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the primary plan; or
      - ii. 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. If the parent with the responsibility has no health care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, that parent's spouse's plan is the primary plan. This rule does not apply with respect to any claim determination period or plan year during which any benefits are actually paid or provided before the plan has actual knowledge of the terms 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:
    - (1) The plan covering the custodial parent.
    - (2) The plan covering the spouse of the custodial parent.
    - (3) The plan covering the non-custodial parent.
    - (4) 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 not 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. Wisconsin DentaTrust 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. Wisconsin DentaTrust need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do



this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must give us 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, we 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. We 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 us 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.

#### COORDINATION DISPUTES

If you believe that we have not paid a claim properly, you should first attempt to resolve the problem by contacting us at 800-436-5294 or [www.dentaquest.com](http://www.dentaquest.com). If you are still not satisfied, you may call the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance for instructions on filing a consumer complaint. Call (800)-236-8517 or (608)-266-3585, or visit the Department’s website at <https://oci.wi.gov>.

#### RIGHT TO RECOVER OVERPAYMENTS

If we pay more than we should have under COB, then you must refund any overpayment to *the Plan*.

**IMPORTANT:** No statement in this section should be interpreted to mean that we will provide any more benefits than those already described in the Benefits Section of this *Policy*. Remember that under COB, the total of the payments made for *covered services* will not be more than the total of the allowed charges for those *covered services*. We will not provide duplicate benefits for the same services. If you have any questions about COB and your *Policy*, please contact our Customer Service department at 800-436-5294.

#### 20. CHOICE OF LAW

This *Policy* shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Any provision of this policy which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the statutes of the state of Wisconsin on such date is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes.

#### 21. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND AUTOPSY

We reserve the right and opportunity to examine a *covered individual* while a claim is pending or while a dispute over a claim is pending. These examinations are made at our expense and as often as we may reasonably require. We also have the right to have an autopsy made where the law does not prohibit it.

## 22. LEGAL ACTIONS

No action in law or equity will be brought to recover under this *Agreement* prior to 60 days after a claim has been presented to us, nor will any such action be brought unless brought within 3 years from the expiration of the time within such claim submission is required.

## 23. CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

You can change your beneficiary at any time by giving us written notice. The beneficiary's consent is not required for this or any other change in the *Policy*, unless the designation of the beneficiary is irrevocable.

## 24. REFUND OF PREMIUM

In the event of your death, the amount of premium refund shall be prorated from the date following the date of your death to the end of the *benefit period* for which premium has been paid. If someone other than you paid the premium, the refund will be paid to that person upon proof of payment. If you paid the premium, the refund will be paid to your surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the premium will be paid in the same manner as distribution of a person who dies intestate under Wisconsin law.

## 25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; CHANGES

This *Policy*, including the attached *Schedule of Benefits*, the application, and any applicable riders, endorsements and supplemental agreements constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No change in this *Policy* shall be valid until approved by an executive officer of the *Plan* and unless such approval be endorsed hereon or attached hereto. No agent has any authority to change this *Policy* or to waive any of its provisions.

## 26. COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

**NOTE:** *The Plan*, as used in these *complaint and grievance* procedures will mean Dental Care Plus, Inc. c/o DentaQuest, LLC, P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201. *The Plan* has delegated its internal *grievance* process to DentaQuest.

### A. Complaint Procedures

*The Plan* has a responsibility to provide *covered individuals* with ample methods to make inquiries and express concerns about *the Plan*. The following process has been set up to assure that the *covered individual* will receive a response to any *complaint* and formal redress if appropriate.

A *complaint* is filed by contacting the Customer Service Department of *Plan*. The *covered individual* may contact Customer Service in writing, by telephone or by email. Customer Service will attempt to resolve the *complaint* through informal discussions, consultations, or conferences, and will notify the *covered individual* of its decision within 10 working days following receipt of the *complaint*.

If your *complaint* involves a decision by *The Plan* to deny, reduce or terminate benefits, you also have the right to file a *grievance*. Although you are not required to file a *complaint* before filing a *grievance* with *The Plan*, you are encouraged to. Some issues may be quickly resolved without the need for a *grievance*. You or your covered dependents have the right to file a *grievance* requesting that we formally review our benefit decision, as provided under the “*Internal Formal Grievance Procedure*” section.

#### B. Internal Formal Grievance Procedure

##### Filing a Grievance

In order to file a *grievance*, send a letter to:

Dental Director,  
Complaints and Grievances Department,  
Wisconsin DentaTrust Dental Plan  
c/o DentaQuest, LLC  
P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201

When we receive the *grievance* from a *covered individual*, we will investigate the complaint and provide timely written notices, in plain English, of our progress of the investigation. Upon completion of our investigation of the *grievance*, we will give the *covered individual* written notice, in plain English that will provide the results of our investigation.

If we give an *adverse benefit determination* to a *covered individual*, it is sent in writing and contain the reasons for the *adverse benefit determination*. We will acknowledge the *grievance* within five (5) days of its receipt. In the event that the *grievance* remains unresolved the *covered individual* or his/her representative has the right to appear before DentaTrust’s Grievance Committee to present written or oral information and to question the Grievance Committee. The Committee will advise the participants of the time and place of the meeting at least seven (7) calendar days before the meeting. Upon receipt of the *adverse benefit determination*, the *covered individual* or an *authorized representative*, may file a written *grievance* requesting further review by contacting:

Dental Director,  
Complaints and Grievances Department,  
Wisconsin DentaTrust Dental Plan  
c/o DentaQuest, LLC  
P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201

The request should include the following information:

1. Sufficient documentation for us to appropriately investigate the *grievance*;
2. The providers’ response; and
3. Your name, Social Security Number, address, and phone number, and the name and Social Security Number of the covered dependent, if applicable. This information is to be provided in all communications with us.

### Time Period to Complete *Grievance* Review

We will complete our review of the *grievance* and make a final decision in writing to the *covered individual* not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the written *grievance* is submitted to us. The 30-day period may be extended by thirty (30) calendar days if we have not received requested information from a health care facility or health professional.

### Process for Internal Formal *Grievance* Procedures

The following are the actions that are taken in the *grievance* procedure process. All actions are complete within the required 30-day period.

1. **Initial Review of a *Grievance*:** When the *covered individual* has been advised by us of an adverse determination, the *covered individual* or an *authorized representative*, may appeal to our Complaints and Grievances Department (“C&G Department”) in the form of a *grievance*. When we receive the *grievance*, it is logged in our records, and C&G Department will contact you by telephone.
  - a. The C&G Department will contact the dentist or the dentist’s staff regarding the complaint or inquiry.
  - b. The C&G Department will fully investigate the *grievance* and provide a written initial decision to the *covered individual*. The written decision will specify the reasons for the decision. If the *covered individual* receives an adverse determination, he or she may make an appeal as detailed in subparagraph number 2, indicated below in this section.
  - c. The *covered individual* or an *authorized representative* may request or agree to a delay in the resolution of the *grievance*. In the event a delay is agreed upon, the C&G Department will notify the *covered individual*, or an *authorized representative*, in writing of any delay and the reason(s) for such delay.
2. **Further Review of a *Grievance*:** If a *grievance* is not resolved as provided in provision number 1, Initial Review of a *Grievance*, the covered individual or an *authorized representative* may request further review either orally or in writing to Dental Director at P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Our Dental Director will meet with the C&G Department staff and setup a meeting with the Grievance Committee to discuss the *grievance* with the covered individual or *authorized representative*. The *covered individual* is notified by telephone or in writing of the time, date and location of the meeting. The notice will advise that the covered individual may be physically present, present via telephone, present with legal counsel, represented by legal counsel, or the covered person’s *authorized representative* at the meeting to present *evidence* on behalf of the *covered individual*. The written notice is issued timely and written in plain English.
  - a. The *covered individual* is considered to have exhausted our internal *grievance* procedures if we have failed to comply with the requirements of the internal *grievance* process unless the failure or failures are based on de minimis violations that do not cause, and are not likely to cause, prejudice, or harm to the covered person.

***Expedited Grievance:*** To obtain information regarding to file an expedited grievance, the *covered individual* or an *authorized representative* may contact Dental Director at:

Dental Director,  
Complaints and Grievances Department,  
Wisconsin DentaTrust Dental Plan  
c/o DentaQuest, LLC  
P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201

who will assist with filing the appropriate request for an expedited review that will be resolved within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the expedited *grievance*.

It is the responsibility of the covered individual or an *authorized representative* to notify us of:

- (a) the nature of the *grievance*;
- (b) the names and dates of the parties involved with the *grievance*, i.e., the name of the facility; the Dentist involved; (any known witnesses, and if known their job title or function; the facts of the claim and any other facts that the *covered individual* believes are important so that the grievance can be resolved in an expedited manner.

**Complaints to the Department of Insurance**

If you need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates insurance, or have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer, you may contact the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance by mail, telephone or email the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance at the contact information provided below.

Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance  
Consumer Services Division  
P.O. Box 7873  
Madison, WI 53707-7873

or

Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance  
Consumer Services Division  
125 South Webster Street  
Madison, WI 53703

Consumer Hotline – (800) 236-8517  
Fax – (608)-264-8115

Complaints can be filed electronically at [ocicomplaints@wisconsin.gov](mailto:ocicomplaints@wisconsin.gov)

27. CONVERSION

Under the circumstances set forth below, *covered individuals* have the option to convert to another dental plan offered by *the Plan*.

Conversion shall be available without evidence of insurability. Upon receipt of a written application and upon payment of at least the first monthly premium not later than 31 days after the termination of coverage under this *Policy*, *the Plan* shall issue a converted policy.

The option for conversion is available to the following individuals.

- Upon the death of the *subscriber*, to the surviving spouse with respect to such of the *covered dependents* as are then covered by the *Policy*.
- To a child solely with respect to the child upon attaining the limiting age of 19.

## Part VI

### Filing a Claim

#### 1. EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS (EOB)

Each time we process a claim for you under this *Policy*, a written notice will be sent to you explaining a *covered individual's* benefits for that claim. This notice will tell you how we paid the claim or the reasons it was denied. The notice is called an Explanation of Benefits or "EOB."

#### 2. WHO FILES A CLAIM

*Contracting Dentists:* *Contracting dentists* will file claims directly with us for the services covered by this *Policy*.

*Non-Contracting Dentists:* *Non-contracting dentists* may file claims directly with us or you may need to submit claims.

#### 3. NOTICE OF CLAIM

Written notice of claim must be given to us within twenty (20) days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the *Policy*, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. Notice given by you or on your behalf or your beneficiary to us at DentaQuest, LLC, at P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or to any agent authorized by us, with information sufficient to identify you, shall be deemed notice to us.

#### 4. CLAIM FORMS

We, upon receipt of a notice of a claim, will furnish you with such forms as are usually furnished by us for filing proofs of loss. If such forms are not furnished within fifteen (15) days after the giving of such notice, you shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this *Policy* as to proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed by this *Policy* for filing proofs of loss, written proof covering the occurrence, character, and the extent of the loss for which the claim is made.

#### 5. PROOFS OF LOSS

Written proof of loss must be furnished to us at DentaQuest, LLC, at P.O. Box 2906, Milwaukee, WI 53201 in case of claim for loss for which the *Policy* provides any periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss within 90 days after the termination of the period for which we are liable and in case of claim for any other loss within 90 days after the date of such loss. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided such proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one (1) year from the time proof is otherwise required.

If you have any questions, contact our Customer Service department.

800-436-5294

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## 6. TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

After we receive your completed forms, within a reasonable period of time and not later than 30 days after we receive a claim that was filed electronically or 45 days after we receive a claim that is filed on paper, we will (a) send you a check for your claim to the extent of the *covered individual's* benefits under this *Policy*; or (b) send you a notice in writing of why we are not paying your claim; or (c) within 30 days, send you a notice in writing that the legitimacy of the claim is in dispute and additional information is necessary to determine if all or part of the claim will be reimbursed and what specific additional information is necessary to pay your claim. Upon receipt of the requested information, we will process the claim within 15 days. If we fail to respond within these time periods, we may be responsible for interest as required by Wisconsin law. If you have any questions, contact our Customer Service Department.

## 7. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Any amounts due for *covered services* at the time of your death will be paid to the beneficiary designated by the insured or to estate.



## Part VII

### Index

This index lists the major benefits and limitations of your *Policy*. Of course, it does not list everything that is covered in your *Policy*. To understand fully all benefits and limitations you must read carefully through the *Policy*.

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Wisconsin DentaTrust Individual Dental Plan  
Child Only Coverage High Option  
(underwritten by Dental Care Plus, Inc.)

To be attached to and form a part of the Dental Care Plus, Inc. (*the Plan*), *Policy* for Wisconsin DentaTrust Dental Plan coverage.

The *subscriber* has purchased this coverage for the period beginning January 1, 2024, 12:00 AM through December 31, 2024, 11:59 PM, Eastern Time. The monthly premium referred to in the *Policy* is:

One Child Rate: \$13.02 per month  
Two or More Children Rate: \$21.48 per month

The *Policy*, including this *Schedule of Benefits*, refers to various dollar and percentage amounts, as well as other benefit information that may be specific to the *covered individual*. *The Plan* does not pay benefits for charges that it would otherwise cover to the extent that benefits for such charges are payable by any medical plan. You should read your *Policy* carefully.

**NOTE: The *Policy* only covers children until the last day of the month in which they obtain the age of age 19. There is no coverage under this *Policy* for any person age 19 or older. Further information on eligibility is set forth in the *Policy*.**

Benefits for *covered services* described in the *Policy* are reimbursed as follows:

<b>Policy Number:</b>	XXXXXX
<b>Subscriber:</b>	John Doe
<b>Subscriber Address:</b>	123 Main Street, Anytown, XX XXXXX
<b>Dependent[s]:</b>	Jane Doe

**SCHEDULE**

<u>Coverage Type</u>	<u>Deductible In-Network</u>	<u>Plan Pays In-Network</u>	<u>Deductible Out-of-Network</u>	<u>Plan Pays Out-of-Network</u>
Class I - <b>Diagnostic &amp; Preventive Services</b>	Per <i>covered individual</i> : None	100%	Per <i>covered individual</i> : None	100%
Class II - <b>Restorative and Other Basic Services</b>	Per <i>covered individual</i> : \$50 Per Policy: \$150	80%	Per <i>covered individual</i> : \$50 Per Policy: \$150	80%
Class III - <b>Complex Dental Services</b>	Per <i>covered individual</i> : \$50 Per Policy: \$150	50%	Per <i>covered individual</i> : \$50 Per Policy: \$150	50%
Class IV – <b>Orthodontics (under age 19)</b> Medically Necessary	Per <i>covered individual</i> : None	50%	Per <i>covered individual</i> : None	50%

**NOTE: Non-contracting dentists are permitted to charge for the difference between the fee schedule and the non-contracting dentist's billed charges. You may be required to pay more for services obtained from a non-contracting dentist than the same services provided by a contracting dentist.**

**SERVICES FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER AGE 19**

A *covered individual* is considered to be under age 19 until the last day of the month in which the *covered individual* obtains the age of 19.

**DEDUCTIBLES**

Restorative and other Basic Services, and Complex Dental Services described above are subject to a *deductible* for each *covered individual* in each contract.

**OUT OF POCKET MAXIMUM**

The *out of pocket maximum* related to in-network *covered services* is limited to \$400 per *Policy* with one *covered individual* under age 19 and \$800 per *Policy* with two or more *covered individuals* under age 19. The *out of pocket maximum* does not apply to services received from *non-contracting dentists*.

**ANNUAL LIMITS and MAXIMUMS**

There are no annual or lifetime limits or maximums on our payment for in-network *covered services*.

**WAITING PERIOD**

Diagnostic and Preventive Services, Restorative and other Basic Services, Complex Dental Services, and Orthodontic Services are not subject to a waiting period.

**NOTE:** Italicized terms are defined in the *Policy*.

If you have questions about this coverage, please contact our Account Service Department at [1-855-343-4263].