

**DSM USA INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.  
(DENTAQUEST INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.)**

**DentaQuest EPO for Individuals and  
Families Policy**

**DentaQuest EPO Family Basic Plan**

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## Individuals and Families Dental Policy

DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc. (the *Plan*) certifies that you have the right to benefits for services according to the terms of this Policy. This Policy is part of your Agreement.

This Policy was issued based on the information entered in your application, a copy of which is attached to this Policy. If you know of any misstatement in your application, or if any information concerning the medical history of any insured person has been omitted, you should advise the Plan immediately regarding the incorrect or omitted information; otherwise, your Policy may not be a valid contract.

**NOTICE OF INSURED’S RIGHT TO EXAMINE POLICY FOR TEN DAYS.** If for any reason you are not satisfied with your Policy, you may return this Policy within ten days of the date of delivery and the premium you paid will be promptly refunded, and this Policy shall be deemed void from the beginning and the parties will be returned to their original position as if no Policy had been issued. This Policy may be returned to the *Plan* at [465 Medford Street, Boston, MA 02129].

**QUALIFIED RIGHT OF RENEWAL.** This Policy renews annually on January 1 subject to our right to terminate coverage, upon thirty (30) days’ notice to *you*, under any of the following circumstances: (1) Subject to the Time Limitation on Certain Defenses provision set forth in Section 11, if you make any fraudulent claim or a fraudulent misrepresentation or intentional misrepresentation of material fact to us or to any dentist, 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 subscription charge you have paid us. We will subtract from the refund any payments made for claims under this Policy. If we have paid more for claims under this Policy than you have paid us in subscription charges, we have the right to collect the excess from you; (2) If you have not paid your subscription charges, subject to the Grace Period provision under Section 12 under Part IV; (3) If you have been guilty of fraudulent dealings with us; (4) If we discontinue a particular product or all coverage in the individual market in Pennsylvania in accordance with Pennsylvania law; (5) You are no longer eligible because you no longer live, reside or work in Pennsylvania. We may increase your subscription charges at renewal.

We will send you a notice at least thirty (30) days before any increase in your subscription charge goes into effect. Subscription charges will not change more than once every twelve (12) months.

THIS POLICY IS A NON-PARTICIPATING POLICY.

### This is a Limited Policy - Read it Carefully

ATTEST: DSM USA Insurance Company,



Brett A. Bostrack, President



David Abelman, Secretary

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## Introduction

This Policy, including the attached Schedule of Benefits, Application, and any applicable Riders, Endorsements and Supplemental Agreements is the *Agreement*. We urge you to read it carefully.

The dental services described in your *Schedule of Benefits* are covered as of your effective date, unless your benefits are subject to a waiting period. Additionally, there are some limitations and restrictions on your coverage, which are found in your *Schedule of Benefits*. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits, attached to this Policy, which outlines the specific services covered under this Policy and the extent of coverage for those services.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service department. Our telephone number is listed at the end of this Policy.

## Subscriber's Rights and Responsibilities

As a subscriber, you have the right to:

- File a complaint about the dental services provided to you.
- Be provided with appropriate information about the *Plan* and its benefits, participating dentists, and policies.

You have the responsibility to:

- Ask questions in order to understand your dental condition and treatment, and follow recommended treatment instructions given by your dentist.
- Provide information to your dentist that is necessary to render care to you.
- Be familiar with the *Plan* benefits, policies and procedures, by reading our written materials, or calling our Customer Service department at the telephone number listed at the end of this Policy.

# Part I

## Definitions

**ACA:** The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-148).

**Agreement:** refers to this Policy, the Schedule of Benefits, the Application, and any applicable Riders, Endorsements and Supplemental Agreements.

**Benefit Year:** a calendar year for which the *Plan* provides coverage for dental benefits.

**Covered dependents:** See *Family Coverage* definition.

**Covered individual:** a person who is eligible for and receives dental benefits. This usually includes *subscribers* and their *covered dependents*.

**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:** the portion of the covered dental expenses that the *covered individual* must pay before the *Plan's* payment begins.

**Effective Date:** the date (at 12:00 A.M. Eastern Time), as shown on our records, on which your coverage begins under this Policy or an amendment to it.

**Family coverage:** coverage that includes you, your spouse and dependent children up to and including twenty-six (26) years of age. Your or your spouse's adopted children are covered from the date of adoptive or parental placement with an insured subscriber or plan enrollee for the purpose of adoption. Children under testamentary or court appointed guardianship, other than temporary guardianship of less than 12 months duration, and grandchildren in your court-ordered custody who are dependent upon you are also covered.

With respect to an unmarried child covered by this Policy prior to the attainment of the age of twenty-six (26) who is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap and who became so incapable prior to attainment of age twenty-six (26) and who is chiefly dependent upon such policyholder for support and maintenance, coverage shall not terminate while this Policy remains in force and the dependent remains in such condition, if the *subscriber* has within thirty-one (31) days of such dependent's attainment of the limiting age submitted proof of such dependent's incapacity as described herein.

**Fee Schedule:** the payment amount for the services that may be provided by *Participating or Non-participating 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.

**Health care provider:** any hospital or person that is licensed or otherwise authorized in Pennsylvania to furnish health care services.

**Health care service:** the furnishing of a service to any individual for the purpose of preventing, alleviating, curing, or healing human illness, injury or physical disability.

**Individual (or single) coverage:** coverage that includes only the *subscriber*, or only a minor dependent in the case of child only coverage.

**Non-participating Dentist:** a licensed dentist who has not entered into an agreement with the *Plan* to furnish services to its *covered individuals*.

**Out of Pocket Maximum:** the maximum a *Covered Individual* will pay in deductibles, copays and coinsurance for allowable expenses in any *Benefit Year*.

**Participating Dentist:** a licensed dentist located in the *Plan's* service area that has entered into an agreement with the *Plan* to furnish services to its *covered individuals*.

**Participating Dentist Contract:** contract between the *Plan* and a *Participating Dentist*.

**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 your dental care.

**Subscriber:** the Policy holder who is eligible to receive dental benefits. A parent or guardian enrolling a minor dependent, including under a child only plan, assumes all of the subscriber responsibilities on behalf of the minor dependent.

**The Plan:** refers to DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc.

**You:** the *subscriber* of the dental plan.

## **Part II Benefits**

*You* have the right to benefits on a non-discriminatory basis for the services listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*, except as limited or excluded elsewhere in this Policy, including the *Schedule of Benefits*. The benefits may be limited to a maximum dollar payment for each *covered individual* for each *Benefit Year*. The extent of your benefits is explained in the *Schedule of Benefits* which is incorporated as a part of this Policy. Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* for benefits covered under this Policy.

## **Part III Exclusions**

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

We will not provide benefits for a dental service that is not covered under the terms of this Policy. We will not provide benefits for a covered dental service that is not necessary and appropriate to diagnose or to treat your dental condition. We will not cover experimental care procedures that have not been sanctioned by the American Dental Association and for which no procedure codes have been established.

- A. To be necessary and appropriate, a 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 your dentist.
- B. Who determines what is necessary and appropriate under the terms of the Policy: That decision is made 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 your dentist has furnished, prescribed, ordered, recommended or approved the service. Such a determination is made by a licensed dental practitioner. Please see Part IV, Paragraph 37, Utilization Review/Right to Appeal for additional details.

### **2. WE DO NOT PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR:**

The *Schedule of Benefits* provides a summary of dental services or items for which coverage is not provided under this Policy.



## Part IV Other Contract Provisions

### 1. BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES BY A *PARTICIPATING DENTIST*

Benefits are provided under this Policy only for services provided by *Participating Dentists*. The amount if any, that you may be required to pay your *Participating Dentist* is explained in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Payments are made directly to *Participating Dentists*. No benefits are provided under this Policy for services rendered by a *Non-participating Dentist*, except in the case of emergency medical conditions as specified in Section 39 of this Part IV.

### 2. WHEN YOUR *PARTICIPATING DENTIST* MAY CHARGE YOU MORE

When your *Participating Dentist* provides covered services, he or she must accept the *Fee Schedule* amount as payment in full. But 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 have received the maximum benefit allowed for services. For example, the maximum dollar amount for a *covered individual* in a calendar year, including the service that caused you to reach the maximum.
- B. If you and your dentist decide to use services that are more expensive than those customarily furnished by most dentists, benefits will be provided towards the service with the lower fee.
- C. If, for some reason, you receive services from more than one dentist for the same dental procedure or receive services that are furnished in a series during a planned course of treatment. In such a case the total amount of your 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 your 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 your dentist about the maximum extent of your benefits for the services reported.

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 apply 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 YOUR COVERAGE BEGINS

The dental services described in this Policy are covered as of your *effective date*, as defined in your application.

#### 5. WE MUST HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR 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.

*Participating Dentists* have agreed to give us all information necessary to determine your benefits under this Policy and have agreed not to charge for this service.

A complete record of the Policyholder's claims experience shall be provided, upon request. This record shall be made available not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date upon which premiums or contractual terms of the Policy may be amended.

#### 6. SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE

The amount of money that you are responsible for paying to *the Plan* for your benefits under this *Agreement* is called your subscription charge. We may not change your subscription charge until the present Schedule of Benefits under this Policy has been in effect for twelve (12) months.

#### 7. WE MAY CHANGE YOUR POLICY

We will send a notice each time we change all or part of your 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. You can also call our Customer Service department to get information on your plan change. Our telephone number is listed at the end of this Policy.

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

#### 8. WHEN YOUR COVERAGE ENDS

A *covered individual* will not be eligible for coverage when any of the following occurs:

- A. Your dependent child under your *family coverage* attains the limiting age for coverage (please see Part 1 for the definition of Family Coverage and eligibility requirements for dependents). If the *Plan* has accepted premium for the dependent child, coverage will continue in force subject to any right of cancellation until the end of the period for which premium has been accepted.
- B. If you become divorced or legally separated, your spouse's coverage under existing *family coverage* will continue so long as you remain a *subscriber* of the *Plan* and a court judgment provides for such coverage. This coverage will continue until either you or your spouse remarries, or until the date of coverage termination stated in the judgment of divorce or separation, whichever is earlier. If you remarry and your divorce judgment so provides, your former spouse will have the right, for an additional subscription, to continue to receive such benefits as are available to you by means of the issuance of a separate subscription at a single rate under the plan.

## 9. SUBROGATION

You may have a legal right to recover some costs of your dental care from someone else because another person has caused your illness or injury. When you have this right, you must let us use it if we decide to recover any payments we have made for the illness or injury. However, if you use this right to recover money from someone else, you must repay us for the payments we have made. Our right to repayment comes first. It can be reduced only by our share of your reasonable cost of collecting your claim against the other person, or if the payment received is described as payment for anything other than dental expenses. You must give us information and assistance and sign necessary documents to help us receive our repayment. You must not do anything that might limit our repayment.

## 10. ENTIRE CONTRACT; CHANGES

This Policy, including the *Schedule of Benefits*, and any applicable rider(s) or attachments, and the Application constitute the entire contract of insurance. 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.

## 11. TIME LIMIT ON CERTAIN DEFENSES

- (a) After three years from the date of issue of this Policy, no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the applicant in the application for this Policy shall be used to void the policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred after the expiration of such three year period.
- (b) No claim for loss incurred after three years from the date of issue of this Policy shall be reduced or denied on the ground that a disease or physical condition not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of loss had existed prior to the effective date of coverage of this Policy.

## 12. GRACE PERIOD

A grace period of thirty-one (31) days will be granted for the payment of each premium falling due after the first premium, during which grace period the Policy shall continue in force.

If a *subscriber* is receiving advance payments of the premium tax credit under the ACA, and the *subscriber* has previously paid at least one full month's premium during the *Benefit Year*, the grace period is extended to three (3) consecutive months. *The Plan* may pend claims made during the second and third months of the extended three (3) month grace period. If the premium is not paid by the end of the grace period, coverage will be terminated as of the end of the first month of the grace period and claims pended during the second and third months of the grace period will be denied.

## 13. REINSTATEMENT

If any renewal premium be not paid within the time granted the *subscriber* for payment, a subsequent acceptance of premium by the *Plan* or by any agent duly authorized by the *Plan* to accept such premium, without requiring in connection therewith an application for reinstatement, shall reinstate the Policy: Provided, however, That if the *Plan* or such agent requires an application for reinstatement and issues a conditional receipt for the premium tendered, the Policy will be reinstated upon approval of such application by the *Plan* or, lacking such approval, upon the forty-fifth day following the date of such conditional receipt unless the *Plan* has previously notified the *subscriber* in writing of its disapproval of such application. The reinstated Policy shall cover only loss resulting from such accidental injury as may be sustained after the date of reinstatement and loss due to such sickness as may begin more than ten days after such date. In all other respects the subscriber and the *Plan* shall have the same rights hereunder as they had immediately before the due date of the defaulted premium, subject to any provisions endorsed hereon or attached hereto in connection with the reinstatement. Any premium accepted in connection with a reinstatement shall be applied to a period for which premium has not been previously paid, but not to any period more than sixty days prior to the date of reinstatement.

## 14. NOTICE OF CLAIM.

Written notice of claim must be given to the *Plan* within twenty (20) days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the Policy or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of the *covered person* to the *Plan* at DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc., c/o DentaQuest Management, Inc., P.O. Box 9708 Boston, MA 02114-9708, or to any authorized agent of the *Plan*, with information sufficient to identify the *subscriber*, shall be deemed notice to the *Plan*. Please include in the notice the name of the claimant if other than the *subscriber* and the policy number.

## 15. CLAIM FORMS.

(a) The *Plan*, upon receipt of notice of claim, will furnish to the claimant such forms as are usually furnished by it for filing proofs of loss.

(b) If such forms are not furnished within fifteen (15) days after the giving of such notice, the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this Policy as to proof of loss.

#### 16. PROOF OF LOSS

All claims for benefits under this Policy for services must be submitted within ninety (90) days of the date that the *covered individual* completes the service. Failure to submit the claim within the time required does not invalidate or reduce a claim if it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within the time required, if the proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and, except in the absence of legal capacity of the *covered individual*, not later than one (1) year from the time the *covered individual* should have submitted the claim.

If benefits are denied because a *Participating Dentist* fails to submit a claim on time, you will not be responsible for paying the dentist for the portion of the dentist's charge that would have been a benefit under the dental plan. This applies only if the *covered individual* properly informed the *Participating Dentist* that he or she was a *covered individual* by presenting his or her dental plan identification card. The *covered individual* will be responsible for his or her patient liability, if any.

#### 17. TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

Indemnities payable under this Policy for will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof of such loss.

#### 18. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

Indemnities will be payable to the *subscriber*. Subject to any written direction of the *subscriber* in the application or otherwise, all or a portion of any indemnities provided by this Policy on account of dental services may, at the *Plan's* option and, unless the *subscriber* requests otherwise in writing, not later than the time of filing proofs of such loss, be paid directly to the person rendering such services; but it is not required that the service be rendered by a particular person.

#### 19. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The *Plan* at its own expense shall have the right and opportunity to examine a *covered individual* when and as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim hereunder.

#### 20. LEGAL ACTIONS

No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover under this Policy prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after written proof of loss has been furnished in accordance with the requirements of this Policy. No action shall be brought after the expiration of three (3) years after the time written proof of loss is required to be furnished.

## 21. MISSTATEMENT OF AGE

If the age of a *covered individual* has been misstated, all amounts payable under this Policy shall be such as the premium paid would have purchased at the correct age.

## 22. UNPAID PREMIUM.

Upon the payment of a claim under this Policy, any premium then due and unpaid or covered by any note or written order may be deducted therefrom.

## 23. TERMINATION OF POLICY

### A. CANCELLATION BY INSURED

You may cancel your Policy for any reason.

The following termination rules apply when you cancel coverage obtained through the *Exchange*.

1. If you provide us with notice at least fourteen (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.
2. If you provide us with notice less than fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed effective date of termination, the last day of coverage is the date determined by us, if we are able to effectuate termination in fewer than fourteen (14) days and you request an earlier termination effective date. If we are unable to effectuate termination in fewer than fourteen (14) days, termination will be effective fourteen (14) days from the date of notice. If you are newly eligible for Medicaid or a Children's Health Insurance Program, the last day of coverage is the day before such coverage begins.

The following termination rules apply if coverage is obtained other than through the *Exchange*.

1. You may cancel this Policy at any time by written notice delivered or mailed to us at least 30 days prior to the proposed effective date of cancellation. The effective date of cancellation will be the date stated in the notice or 30 days after our receipt of notice of cancellation, whichever is later. In the event of cancellation, we shall return promptly the unearned portion of any premium paid. The earned premium shall be computed pro rata. Cancellation shall be without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the effective date of cancellation.
2. If you cancel your Policy, you must wait at least one year after your cancellation before you can enroll again as a *subscriber*.

### B. CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL BY THE PLAN

We may, upon thirty (30) days notice to *you*, cancel or nonrenew your Policy under any of the following circumstances:

1. Subject to the Time Limitation on Certain Defenses provision set forth in Section 11, if you make any fraudulent claim or a fraudulent misrepresentation or intentional misrepresentation of material fact to us or to any dentist, 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 subscription charge you have paid us. We will subtract from the refund any payments made for claims under this Policy. If we have paid more for claims under this Policy than you have paid us in subscription charges, we have the right to collect the excess from you.
2. If you have not paid your subscription charges, subject to the Grace Period provision under Section 12 under this Part IV.
3. If you have been guilty of fraudulent dealings with us.
4. If we discontinue a particular product or all coverage in the individual market in Pennsylvania in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

If coverage is obtained through the *Exchange*, terminations will be initiated by the *Exchange*, except for terminations for nonpayment of premium which will be initiated by the *Plan*.

Termination of this Policy by the *Plan* shall be without prejudice to any continuous loss which commenced while this Policy was in force provided that the *covered individual* who suffered the loss while this Policy was in force was and remains continuously disabled, and provided further that coverage for the loss that commenced while this Policy was in force will not extend beyond the duration of any benefit period in the Policy, nor shall the payment exceed the maximum benefits under this Policy.

#### C. CANCELLATION DUE TO LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY.

Your Policy will be canceled if you are no longer eligible because you no longer live, reside or work in Pennsylvania. The termination date of this coverage shall be the last day of the month, at 12:01 A.M. Eastern Time, in which we were notified of your move and for which the subscription charge has been paid.

We will notify a *covered individual* of the termination of the *covered individual's* Policy.

#### D. TIME AT WHICH TERMINATION TAKES EFFECT.

Any termination of this Policy under paragraphs A., B. or C of this Section 23 shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. Eastern Time on the effective date of termination.

#### E. EFFECT OF TERMINATION ON SPOUSE

Your spouse will not be terminated solely because of the occurrence of an event that results in termination of your coverage, other than nonpayment of premium. In the event of the Subscriber's death, the spouse of the Subscriber, if covered under this Policy, shall become the Subscriber.

## 24. CONFORMITY WITH STATE STATUTES

Any provision of this Policy that on its effective date is in conflict with the statutes of the state in which the Subscriber resides on that date is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes.

## 25. BENEFITS AFTER TERMINATION

No benefits will be provided for services that you receive after termination of this Policy.

## 26. NOTICES

- A. To you: When we send a notice 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 subscription charge or a change in the Policy. If your name or mailing address should change, you should notify the *Plan* at once. 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 DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc., c/o DentaQuest Management, Inc., P.O. Box 9708 Boston, MA 02114-9708. Always include your name and subscriber identification number.

## 27. CONTRACT CHANGES

Any additions or changes to the Policy are allowed ONLY when they conform to our underwriting guidelines. Coverage for new spouses shall be effective from the date of marriage. Newly born children, newly adopted dependent children or grandchildren shall be covered from the moment of birth or date of adoptive or parental placement with an insured for the purpose of adoption. The *Plan* requires that notification of the birth of a newly born child and payment of the required premium must be submitted within thirty-one (31) days after the birth in order to have the coverage continue beyond the thirty-one (31) day period. A minor for whom guardianship is granted by court order or testamentary appointment shall be covered from the date of appointment. A child, who the court orders to be covered under a subscriber's dental coverage, shall be covered from the date of the order.

Changes to the Policy may result in a change in your subscription charge. Except as provided in section 28, below, the *Plan* must be notified of new covered dependents within thirty-one (31) days. Failure to notify the *Plan* of new dependents within thirty-one (31) days shall result in the *Plan* never recognizing coverage for the new dependent(s) during the thirty-one (31) days.

## 28. ENROLLING DEPENDENTS

Under certain situations, dependents may be added to your coverage at any time. Qualifying events could be a result of court order and your spouse's death. Under those circumstances, you must notify *the Plan* within thirty-one (31) days or six (6) months (only if specified below) of the qualifying event.



a. Death of Spouse – If your spouse dies, you may add your dependent child(ren) to the coverage provided under this Policy at any time and without evidence of insurability if the dependent child(ren) previously were covered under your spouse’s Policy or contract. You must notify *the Plan* within six (6) months of this event.

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 health coverage for a child, *the Plan* shall allow you to enroll the child under the following circumstances:

1. You shall be allowed to enroll in family members’ coverage and include the child in that coverage regardless of any enrollment period restrictions.
2. If you are enrolled but do not include the child in the enrollment, 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.

## 29. ENROLLMENT THROUGH THE EXCHANGE AND PREMIUM PAYMENTS

Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 27 and 28 of this Part IV, if coverage is obtained through the *Exchange*, the *Exchange* will enroll qualified individuals and enrollees and terminate coverage in accordance with the requirements of the ACA, the rules promulgated under the ACA, including Parts 155 and 156 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the requirements of the *Exchange*. The open and special enrollment periods and effective dates of coverage in 45 C.F.R. §§ 155.410 and 155.420 will apply with respect to enrollment through the *Exchange*.

The *Plan* is required to process enrollments in accordance with 45 CFR 156.265, which requires the *Plan* to enroll an individual only if the *Exchange* notifies the *Plan* that the individual is a qualified individual as determined by the *Exchange*.

For coverage obtained through the *Exchange*, 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 of coverage, and premiums will be due monthly thereafter unless a different payment interval is permitted by the *Plan*.

## 30. WHEN AND HOW BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED

Benefits will be provided ONLY for those covered services that are furnished on or after the *effective date* of this Policy. If before a *subscriber’s effective date* he or she 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 you to receive any of the benefits for which you may have a right, you must inform your dentist that you are a *covered individual* and supply him or her with your *subscriber* identification number and any necessary information needed to file your claim. If you fail to inform your dentist within fifteen (15) months after the services are rendered, we will no longer be obligated to provide any benefits for those services.

### 31. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF DENTISTS

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

### 32. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS AND RIGHT TO RECOVER OVERPAYMENTS

Coordination of Benefits (COB) applies if you or any of your dependents have another plan that provides coverage for services that are benefits under your Policy including: indemnity programs, PPO programs, discounted fee for service programs, point of service programs, and capitation programs. The following are not treated as plans for the purposes of COB: individual or family insurance, or other *individual coverage*, amounts of hospital indemnity insurance of \$200 or less per day, school accident type coverage, benefits for non-medical components of group long-term care policies, Medicaid policies and coverage under other governmental plans unless permitted by law, and an individual guaranteed renewable specified disease policy or intensive care policy that does not provide benefits on an expense-incurred basis. The *Plan* will administer the COB according to any applicable state COB law and this Policy.

#### A. Definitions:

1. **Claim determination period** means a Benefit Year. However, it does not include any part of a year during which a person has no coverage under this Policy, or before the date this COB provision or a similar provision takes effect.

2. **Custodial parent** means a parent who: (1) is awarded custody by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the Benefit Year without regard to any temporary visitation; or (2) is a guardian of the person or other custodian of a child and is designated as guardian or custodian by a court or administrative agency of this or another state.

3. The plan that provides benefits first under the COB rules is known as the **primary plan**. The primary plan is responsible for providing benefits in accordance with its terms and conditions of coverage without regard to coverage under any other plan. 4. The plan that provides benefits next is the **secondary plan**. It provides benefits toward any remaining balance for covered services in accordance with its terms and conditions of coverage, including its COB provision.

#### B. Secondary Plan's Benefits:

The secondary plan's benefits are determined after those of another plan and may be reduced because of the primary plan's benefits. This *Plan*, as the secondary plan, will provide benefits toward any remaining patient balance for covered services in accordance with this Policy, provided that the amount paid by this Plan as the secondary plan, when added to the amount paid by the primary plan, will not exceed the lesser of the provider's submitted charge or the amount allowed under your *contract*.

### C. Order of Benefit Determination Rules:

1. The coverage from both plans shall be coordinated so that the *covered individual* receives the maximum allowable benefit from each plan.
2. A plan that does not contain a COB provision is always primary. An exception to this rule is coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits. An example of this type of coverage is a point-of-service benefit written in connection to a closed (capitation) panel.
3. In determining which plan is the primary and which is the secondary, the following rules shall apply and in this order:
  - a. The plan that covers the *covered individual* other than as a dependent is the primary plan. The secondary plan is the one that covers that *covered individual* as a dependent. However, if federal law requires Medicare to be a secondary plan, then this rule may be reversed.
  - b. When both plans cover the *covered individual* as a dependent child, the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs first in a Benefit Year should be considered as primary. The parents should be married, not separated (whether or not they ever have been married), or a court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide health care coverage.
  - c. If the parents are not married, or are separated (whether or not they ever have been married) or are divorced, the order of benefits shall be: 1) the plan of the custodial parent 2) the plan of the spouse of the custodial parent 3) the plan of the noncustodial parent.
  - d. If a determination cannot be made with the rules as set out above, the plan that has covered either of the parents for a longer time should be considered as primary. This rule shall apply if the parents have the same birthday.
  - e. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. This rule shall apply to claim determination periods or Benefit Years commencing after the plan is given notice of the court decree.
4. A plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another plan in determining its benefits only when it is secondary to that other plan.
5. If one of the plans is a medical plan and the other is a dental plan, the medical plan will always be the primary plan.
6. Whichever plan that covered the *covered individual* as an employee, member, *subscriber* or retiree longer is the primary plan.

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 Subscriber Policy. Remember that under COB, the total of the payments made for covered health care 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 Subscriber Policy, please contact our Customer Service department. The telephone number is listed at the end of this Subscriber Policy.

### 33. IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR INSURANCE

In the event that you need to contact someone about this coverage for any reason, you should contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this coverage, or if you have additional questions, you may contact DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc. at the following address and telephone number:

DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc.  
c/o DentaQuest P.O. Box 9708  
Boston, MA 02114-9708  
Telephone: 1-844-876-3983

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting the agent, or DSM USA Insurance Company, Inc., you should have your Policy number available.

### 34. DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Enrollment will not be denied to an individual and the making of any payment for benefits to the individual or on the individual's behalf for health care will not be denied because the individual is eligible for medical assistance. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall be the payor of last resort to any insurer, including a group health plan as defined in § 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, a self-insured plan, a health services plan, a service benefit plan, a health maintenance organization, a managed care organization, a pharmacy benefits manager, or other party that is, by statute, contract, or agreement legally responsible for payment of a claim for a health care item or service for persons eligible for medical assistance in Pennsylvania.

### 35. ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIM AGAINST THE *PLAN* NOT DEEMED WAIVER OF DEFENSE

Without limitation of any right or defense of the *Plan* otherwise, none of the following acts by or on behalf of the *Plan* shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any provision of this Policy or of any defense of the *Plan* hereunder: (i) acknowledgement of the receipt of notice of loss or claim; (ii) furnishing forms for reporting a loss or claim, for giving information relative thereto, or for making

proof of loss, or receiving or acknowledging receipt of any such forms or proofs completed or uncompleted; or (iii) investigating any loss or claim or engaging in negotiations looking toward a possible settlement of any such loss or claim.

### 36. PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

This Policy does not exclude coverage for pre-existing conditions.

### 37. UTILIZATION REVIEW/RIGHT TO APPEAL

This is the formal process designed to monitor the use of, or evaluate the medical appropriateness or efficiency of health care services. A utilization review program has been established to ensure that any guidelines and criteria used to evaluate the medical appropriateness of a health care service are clearly documented and include procedures for applying such criteria based on the needs of the individual patients and characteristics of the local delivery system. The program was developed in conjunction with actively practicing dentists in all specialty areas of expertise and is reviewed at least annually to ensure that criteria are applied consistently.

Any utilization review conducted under your Policy is done retrospectively or at the time a claim for services has been submitted for reimbursement. In order for a submitted claim to be covered, the procedure must be a covered procedure. If a procedure is not a covered procedure then the claim for that procedure will be denied in accordance with the terms of your Policy. Coverage of certain procedures may also be limited by frequency, age, *effective dates* of coverage, etc which are stated in your Policy. There are also a number of listed procedures which are only considered a covered expense if a patient presents with a specified health history and/or has been diagnosed with a specified condition. During the claims review of these specific procedures, there may be a determination by a licensed dental practitioner that the procedure that was performed was not determined to be medically appropriate in accordance with the criteria that has been established in accordance with our utilization review program. In these situations, the claim for that procedure may be denied or partially reimbursed in accordance with the benefit for an alternate procedure.

*Covered individuals* have the right to appeal utilization review decisions that result in denial of payment or denial of access to health care services or which concern alleged poor quality of care or under-treatment by a *Participating Dentist*.

### 38. IMPROPER UTILIZATION CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING DENTISTS

If a *covered person* receives a service from a *Participating Dentist* that would otherwise be a covered service under this Policy but is not covered due to improper utilization caused by a *Participating Dentist*, the *covered person* will be held harmless for any payment denial for such services.

### 39. EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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. For purposes of this provision, an

“*emergency medical condition*” is 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).

If a *covered individual* requires services for an *emergency medical condition*, and cannot reasonably be attended to by a *Participating Dentist*, the *Plan* shall pay for the emergency services so that the *covered individual* is not liable for a greater out-of-pocket expense than if the *covered individual* were attended to by a *Participating Dentist*.

#### 40. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The *Plan* complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sex stereotypes and gender identity. Coverage for dental services is made available on the same terms for all individuals, regardless of sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender. The *Plan* will not deny or limit coverage to any dental service based on the fact that an individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender is different from the one to which such dental service is ordinarily available. The *Plan* will not deny or limit coverage for a specific dental service related to gender transition if such denial or limitation results in discriminating against a transgender individual.

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

Each time we process a claim for you under this Policy, a written notice will be sent to you explaining your 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.”

#### 42. WHO FILES A CLAIM

*Participating Dentists*: *Participating Dentists* will file claims directly to us for the services covered by this Policy. We will make benefit payments within sixty (60) days to them.

## Part V 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 your Policy.

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**SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**  
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**COVERAGE**

<b>In-Network Benefits</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Benefits</b>
<b><i>Diagnostic and Preventive Services</i></b>	
<i>The Plan</i> pays 100% of charges up to the <i>fee schedule</i> amounts for services by a <i>Participating Dentist</i> .	These services are not covered except as specified in your Policy.
<b><i>Restorative and other Basic Services</i></b>	
For individuals under age 19, <i>the Plan</i> pays 40% of covered charges up to the <i>fee schedule</i> amounts for services by a <i>Participating Dentist</i> .  For individuals age 19 and older, <i>the Plan</i> pays 50% of covered charges up to the <i>fee schedule</i> amounts for services by a <i>Participating Dentist</i> .	These services are not covered except as specified in your Policy.
<b><i>Complex and Major Restorative Dental Services</i></b>	
For individuals under age 19, <i>the Plan</i> pays 40% of covered charges up to the <i>fee schedule</i> amounts for services by a <i>Participating Dentist</i> .	These services are not covered except as specified in your Policy.
<b><i>Orthodontic Services (Under age 19 only)</i></b>	
<i>The Plan</i> pays 40% of covered charges up to the <i>fee schedule</i> amounts for medically necessary orthodontic services by a <i>Participating Dentist</i> .	These services are not covered except as specified in your Policy.

**The following list of benefits applies only to *covered individuals* under age nineteen (19).**

**DIAGNOSTIC AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

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:

Comprehensive oral examination (including the initial dental history and charting of teeth); once every six months.

Periodic exam; once every six (6) months.

X-rays of the entire mouth; once every sixty (60) months.

Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth); once every six (6) months when oral conditions indicate need. Single tooth x-rays; as needed.

Study models and casts used in planning treatment; once every sixty (60) months.

Routine cleaning, scaling and polishing of teeth; Once every six (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. 1 sealant per tooth every 36 months.

Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedures.

Caries risk assessment and documentation, with a finding of low, moderate or high risk.

## **RESTORATIVE AND OTHER BASIC SERVICES**

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.

Periodontal maintenance, including cleaning and scaling and root planing procedures, following active periodontal therapy; 4 in 12 months. Periodontal scaling and root planing; once every twenty-four (24) months per quadrant.

Protective restorations.

Stainless steel crowns. Once per tooth per sixty (60) months.

Simple tooth extractions.

General anesthesia only when necessary and appropriate for covered surgical services only when provided by a licensed, practicing dentist.

Consultations.

Repair of dentures or fixed bridges. Recementing of fixed bridges.

Rebase or relin dentures; once every thirty-six (36) months. 6 months after initial installation.

Tissue conditioning.

Repair or recement crowns and onlays.

Adding teeth to existing partial or full dentures.

Certain surgical services to treat oral disease or injury. This includes surgical tooth extractions and extractions of impacted teeth.

Vital pulpotomy and pulpal therapy is limited to deciduous teeth.

Pulpal regeneration – initial visit, interim medication replacement and completion of treatment.

## **COMPLEX AND MAJOR RESTORATIVE DENTAL SERVICES**

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

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.”

Periradicular surgery without apicoectomy.

Gingival irrigation – once per quadrant, per lifetime.

Endodontic services for root canal treatment of permanent teeth including the treatment of the nerve of a tooth, and the removal of dental pulp.

Inlays are paid as an alternative benefit of amalgam.

Implants- once every 60 months.

Dentures and Bridges

- Complete or partial dentures and fixed bridges including services to measure, fit, and adjust them; once each sixty (60) months.
- Replacement of dentures and fixed bridges, but only when they cannot be made serviceable and were inserted at least sixty (60) months before replacement.

Crowns and Onlays. Once per tooth per sixty (60) months, but only when the teeth cannot be restored with the fillings due to severe decay or fractures:

- Initial placement of crowns and onlays.
- Replacement of crowns and onlays; once each sixty (60) months per tooth.

## ORTHODONTIC SERVICES

Orthodontic services for individuals who are under age nineteen (19) who achieve a minimum Salzmann Evaluation Criteria Index score of twenty-five (25) points. Other medically necessary qualifiers are considered. Orthodontic services require prior authorization.

***The following list of limitations and exclusions apply to covered individuals under age nineteen (19)***

- Experimental care procedures that have not been sanctioned by the American Dental Association, or for which no procedure codes have been established.
- A service or procedure that is not described as a benefit in this Schedule of Benefits.
- Services that are rendered due to the requirements of a third party, such as an employer or school.
- Travel time and related expenses.
- An illness or injury that we determine arose out of and in the course of your 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 Schedule of Benefits.
- 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.
- Appointments with your dentist that you fail to keep.
- A service rendered by someone other than a licensed dentist or a hygienist who is employed by a licensed dentist.
- Prescription drugs.
- A service to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints), except for covered medically necessary orthodontics for individuals under age 19.
- Services that are meant primarily to change or to improve your appearance.
- Repair or relin of an occlusal guard.
- Transplants.
- Replacement of dentures, bridges, space maintainers or periodontic appliances due to theft or loss.
- Lab exams.
- Photographs.
- Duplicate dentures and bridges.
- Services related to congenital anomalies unless otherwise covered. However, this exclusion does not apply to covered orthodontic services.
- Occlusal adjustment.
- 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.
- Service, supply or procedure to increase the height of teeth (increase vertical dimension) or restore occlusion.
- Services, supplies or appliances to stabilize teeth when required due to periodontal disease such as periodontal splinting.
- Tooth bleach.
- Computerized tomography (CT) scans, surgical stents, surgical guides for implants.
- Transitional implants.
- Bone grafts and guided tissue regeneration in conjunction with extractions, apicoectomies, root amps, ridge augmentations and dental implant placements.
- Sinus lifts.
- Treatment of dental implant failures including surgical debridement and bone grafts to repair implant.

- Cone Beam Imaging and Cone Beam MRI procedures.
- Nitrous oxide.
- Oral sedation.
- Topical medicament center.

**The following list of benefits applies to *covered individuals* age 19 and over.**

### **DIAGNOSTIC AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

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:

Comprehensive oral examination (including the initial dental history and charting of teeth); once every sixty (60) months.

Periodic exam; twice every calendar year.

X-rays of the entire mouth; once every sixty (60) months.

Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth); one set twice every calendar year.

Single tooth x-rays; as needed.

Routine cleaning, scaling and polishing of teeth; twice every calendar year.

### **RESTORATIVE AND OTHER BASIC SERVICES**

Benefits are available for the following dental services to treat oral disease including: (a) restore decayed or fractured teeth (note: teeth must have a good prognosis to qualify for benefits); (b) repair dentures or bridges; (c) rebase or relin dentures; and (d) repair or recement bridges, crowns and onlays. Examples of these services include:

Fillings consisting of silver amalgam and (in the case of front teeth) synthetic tooth color fillings, but limited to one filling for each tooth surface for each twenty-four (24) month period. 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. No benefits are provided for replacing a filling within twenty-four (24) months of the date that the prior filling was furnished.

Protective restorations; once per tooth every sixty (60) months.

Simple tooth extractions.

General anesthesia only when necessary and appropriate for impacted wisdom teeth removal only when provided by a licensed, practicing dentist.

Repair of dentures or fixed bridges; once every twelve (12) months.

Recementing of fixed bridges; once each twelve (12) months.

Rebase or reline dentures; once every thirty-six (36) months.

Tissue conditioning; two treatments every thirty-six (36) months.

Repair or recement crowns and onlays. Recementing is limited to once every twelve (12) months per tooth.

Adding teeth to existing partial or full dentures; once per tooth every twelve (12) months.

Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedures; three (3) times every calendar year.

**The following list of limitations and exclusions apply to covered individuals age 19 and over.**

- Experimental care procedures that have not been sanctioned by the American Dental Association, or for which no procedure codes have been established.
- A service or procedure that is not described as a benefit in this Schedule of Benefits.
- Services that are rendered solely due to the requirements of a third party, such as an employer or school.
- Travel time and related expenses.
- An illness or injury that we determine arose out of and in the course of your 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 Schedule of Benefits.
- An illness, injury or dental condition for which benefits in one form or another are covered, in whole or in part, through a government program. A government program includes a local, state or national law or regulation that provides or pays for dental services. It does not include 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.
- Appointments with your dentist that you fail to keep.
- A service rendered by someone other than a licensed dentist or a hygienist who is employed by a licensed dentist.
- Prescription drugs.
- A service to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints).
- Services that are meant primarily to change or to improve appearance.
- Implants.
- Transplants.
- Replacement of dentures, bridges, space maintainers or periodontic appliances due to theft or loss.
- Lab exams.
- Photographs.
- Duplicate dentures and bridges.
- Services related to congenital anomalies unless otherwise covered. However, this exclusion does not apply to any covered orthodontic services.
- Consultations.
- Tooth bleach.
- Computerized tomography (CT) scans, surgical stents, surgical guides for implants.
- Transitional implants.
- Bone grafts and guided tissue regeneration in conjunction with extractions, apicoectomies, root amps, ridge augmentations and dental implant placements.
- Sinus lifts.
- Treatment of dental implant failures including surgical debridement and bone grafts to repair implant.

- Veneers.
- Occlusal guards.

## **DEDUCTIBLES**

Restorative and other Basic Services, and Complex and Major Restorative Dental Services described above are subject to a \$50 deductible for each *covered individual* every calendar year. In the case of a family contract, the total deductible payment for all *covered individuals* shall not exceed \$150 for Restorative and other Basic Services, and Complex and Major Restorative Dental Services in a calendar year. This means the *covered individual(s)* must pay the first \$50 of benefits provided every calendar year, not to exceed \$150 per calendar year for families with three or more *covered individuals*.

## **ANNUAL MAXIMUM BENEFIT (applies only to Covered Individuals age 19 and older)**

Total benefits are limited to a maximum of \$1000 for each *covered individual* every calendar year.

## **OUT OF POCKET MAXIMUM (applies only to Covered Individuals under age 19 and only to in-network benefits)**

The *out of pocket maximum* is \$350 every calendar year. The *out of pocket* maximum applies per *covered individual*. A family with 2 or more *covered individuals* under age 19 will have an aggregate *out of pocket maximum* of \$700 for individuals under age 19. The *out of pocket* maximum applies to in-network benefits only. No out of pocket maximum applies to out of network benefits or to adult coverage.

## **WAITING PERIOD**

There are no waiting periods for *covered individuals* under age 19.

For *covered individuals* age 19 and older Restorative and other Basic Services Dental Services are subject to a 30-day waiting period.

## **DEPENDENT COVERAGE**

Dependent children are covered up to and including age 26.

## **BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

### **IN-NETWORK SERVICES:**

For services performed by a *Participating Dentist*, the in-network benefit allowance is based on the dentist's fee, up to the maximum allowable charge indicated on the negotiated *Plan Fee Schedule*. *The Plan* pays the *Participating Dentist* directly for covered services. The *Participating Dentist* may collect from the *subscriber* or *covered individuals* any difference between the *Plan* payment and his/her actual submitted charge or the maximum Fee Schedule amount, whichever is lower, as well as any plan specific deductibles.

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

No benefits are provided for services performed by a *Non-participating Dentist*, except in the case of an emergency medical condition that cannot be reasonably attended to by a *Participating Dentist* as specified in your Policy.

**CLAIMS SUBMISSION:**

All claims for benefits under this *Agreement* must be submitted within ninety (90) days of the date that the *covered individual* received the service. Failure to submit the claim within the time required does not invalidate or reduce a claim if it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within the time required, if the proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and, except in the absence of legal capacity of the *covered individual*, not later than one (1) year from the time the *covered individual* should have submitted the claim.

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

If you have questions about this coverage, please contact our Customer Service Department at 1(844)876-3983.



## Individuals and Families Dental Outline of Coverage

(1) *Read Your Policy Carefully* -- This Outline of Coverage provides a brief description of some important features of the individual Policy. This is not the insurance policy and only the actual Policy provisions will control. The Policy sets forth, in detail, the rights and obligations of the subscriber, covered individuals and the insurance company. It is, therefore, important to **READ THE POLICY CAREFULLY!**

(2) *Dental Coverage* -- The individual Policy is designed to provide coverage for covered dental services, subject to all conditions, limitations, exclusions and maximums set forth in the Policy.

(3) *Covered Dental Services*

**The following list of benefits applies only to individuals under age nineteen (19).**

### DIAGNOSTIC AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES

Comprehensive oral examination (including the initial dental history and charting of teeth); once every six months.

Periodic exam; once every six (6) months.

X-rays of the entire mouth; once every sixty (60) months.

Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth); once every six (6) months when oral conditions indicate need. Single tooth x-rays; as needed.

Study models and casts used in planning treatment; once every sixty (60) months.

Routine cleaning, scaling and polishing of teeth; Once every six (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. 1 sealant per tooth every 36 months.

Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedures.

Caries risk assessment and documentation, with a finding of low, moderate or high risk.

## **RESTORATIVE AND OTHER BASIC SERVICES**

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.

Periodontal maintenance, including cleaning and scaling and root planing procedures, following active periodontal therapy; 4 in 12 months. Periodontal scaling and root planing; once every twenty-four (24) months per quadrant.

Protective restorations.

Stainless steel crowns. Once per tooth per sixty (60) months.

Simple tooth extractions.

General anesthesia only when necessary and appropriate for covered surgical services only when provided by a licensed, practicing dentist.

Consultations.

Repair of dentures or fixed bridges. Recementing of fixed bridges.

Rebase or reline dentures; once every thirty-six (36) months. 6 months after initial installation.

Tissue conditioning.

Repair or recement crowns and onlays.

Adding teeth to existing partial or full dentures.

Certain surgical services to treat oral disease or injury. This includes surgical tooth extractions and extractions of impacted teeth.

Vital pulpotomy and pulpal therapy is limited to deciduous teeth.

Pulpal regeneration – initial visit, interim medication replacement and completion of treatment.

## **COMPLEX AND MAJOR RESTORATIVE DENTAL SERVICES**

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 the insurer's administrative "Periodontal Guidelines."

Periradicular surgery without apicoectomy.

Gingival irrigation – once per quadrant, per lifetime.

Endodontic services for root canal treatment of permanent teeth including the treatment of the nerve of a tooth, and the removal of dental pulp.

Inlays are paid as an alternative benefit of amalgam.

Implants- once every 60 months.

Dentures and Bridges

- Complete or partial dentures and fixed bridges including services to measure, fit, and adjust them; once each sixty (60) months.
- Replacement of dentures and fixed bridges, but only when they cannot be made serviceable and were inserted at least sixty (60) months before replacement.

Crowns and Onlays. Once per tooth per sixty (60) months, but only when the teeth cannot be restored with the fillings due to severe decay or fractures:

- Initial placement of crowns and onlays.
- Replacement of crowns and onlays; once each sixty (60) months per tooth.

## **ORTHODONTIC SERVICES**

Orthodontic services for individuals who are under age nineteen (19) who achieve a minimum Salzmann Evaluation Criteria Index score of twenty-five (25) points. Other medically necessary qualifiers are considered. Orthodontic services require prior authorization.

**The following list of benefits applies to individuals age 19 and over.**

## **DIAGNOSTIC AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

Comprehensive oral examination (including the initial dental history and charting of teeth); once every sixty (60) months.

Periodic exam; twice every calendar year.

X-rays of the entire mouth; once every sixty (60) months.

Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth); one set twice every calendar year.

Single tooth x-rays; as needed.

Routine cleaning, scaling and polishing of teeth; twice every calendar year.

## **RESTORATIVE AND OTHER BASIC SERVICES**

Fillings consisting of silver amalgam and (in the case of front teeth) synthetic tooth color fillings, but limited to one filling for each tooth surface for each twenty-four (24) month period. 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. No benefits are provided for replacing a filling within twenty-four (24) months of the date that the prior filling was furnished.

Protective restorations; once per tooth every sixty (60) months.

Simple tooth extractions.

General anesthesia only when necessary and appropriate for impacted wisdom teeth removal and only when provided by a licensed, practicing dentist.

Repair of dentures or fixed bridges; once every twelve (12) months. Recementing of fixed bridges; once each twelve (12) months.

Rebase or reline dentures; once every thirty-six (36) months.

Tissue conditioning; two treatments every thirty-six (36) months.

Repair or recement crowns and onlays. Recementing is limited to once every twelve (12) months per tooth.

Adding teeth to existing partial or full dentures; once per tooth every twelve (12) months.

Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain – minor procedures; three (3) times every calendar year.

## **COMPLEX AND MAJOR RESTORATIVE DENTAL SERVICES**

Certain surgical services to treat oral disease or injury. This includes surgical tooth extractions and extractions of impacted teeth. Additional oral and maxillofacial surgery services include

tooth reimplantation, biopsy of oral tissue, alveoloplasty and vestibuloplasty.

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). One quadrant of periodontal surgery every thirty-six (36) months. Scaling and root planing once per quadrant every twenty-four (24) months. Periodontal benefits are determined according to the insurer's administrative "Periodontal Guidelines."

Periodontal maintenance, including cleaning and scaling and root planing procedures, following active periodontal therapy; once per three months when preceded by active periodontal therapy. Once every three (3) months; not to be combined with regular cleanings.

Endodontic services for root canal treatment once per 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 every sixty (60) months.
- Replacement of dentures and fixed bridges, but only when they cannot be made serviceable and were inserted at least sixty (60) months before replacement.
- Temporary partial dentures as follows:
  - To replace any of the six (6) upper or lower front teeth, but only if they are installed immediately following the loss of teeth during the period of healing.

#### Crowns and Onlays

Crowns and onlays as follows, but only when the teeth cannot be restored with the fillings due to severe decay or fractures (note teeth must have good prognosis to qualify for benefits):

- Initial placement of crowns and onlays.
- Replacement of crowns and onlays; once every sixty (60) months per tooth.

#### *(4) Exclusions*

**The following list of limitations and exclusions apply to individuals under age nineteen (19).**

- Experimental care procedures that have not been sanctioned by the American Dental Association, or for which no procedure codes have been established.
- A service or procedure that is not described as a benefit in the Policy.
- Services that are rendered due to the requirements of a third party, such as an employer or school.
- Travel time and related expenses.
- An illness or injury that we determine arose out of and in the course of your 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 the Policy.
- 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.
- Appointments with your dentist that you fail to keep.
- A service rendered by someone other than a licensed dentist or a hygienist who is employed by a licensed dentist.
- Prescription drugs.
- A service to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints), except for covered medically necessary orthodontics for individuals under age 19.
- Services that are meant primarily to change or to improve your appearance.
- Repair or relines of an occlusal guard.
- Transplants.
- Replacement of dentures, bridges, space maintainers or periodontic appliances due to theft or loss.
- Lab exams.
- Photographs.
- Duplicate dentures and bridges.
- Services related to congenital anomalies unless otherwise covered. However, this exclusion does not apply to covered orthodontic services.
- Occlusal adjustment.
- 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.
- Service, supply or procedure to increase the height of teeth (increase vertical dimension) or restore occlusion.
- Services, supplies or appliances to stabilize teeth when required due to periodontal disease such as periodontal splinting.
- Tooth bleach.
- Computerized tomography (CT) scans, surgical stents, surgical guides for implants.
- Transitional implants.
- Bone grafts and guided tissue regeneration in conjunction with extractions, apicoectomies, root amps, ridge augmentations and dental implant placements.
- Sinus lifts.
- Treatment of dental implant failures including surgical debridement and bone grafts to repair implant.

- Cone Beam Imaging and Cone Beam MRI procedures.
- Nitrous oxide.
- Oral sedation.
- Topical medicament center.

**The following list of limitations and exclusions apply to individuals age 19 and over.**

- Experimental care procedures that have not been sanctioned by the American Dental Association, or for which no procedure codes have been established.
- A service or procedure that is not described as a benefit in the Policy.
- Services that are rendered solely due to the requirements of a third party, such as an employer or school.
- Travel time and related expenses.
- An illness or injury that we determine arose out of and in the course of your 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 the Policy.
- An illness, injury or dental condition for which benefits in one form or another are covered, in whole or in part, through a government program. A government program includes a local, state or national law or regulation that provides or pays for dental services. It does not include 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.
- Appointments with your dentist that you fail to keep.
- A service rendered by someone other than a licensed dentist or a hygienist who is employed by a licensed dentist.
- Prescription drugs.
- A service to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints).
- Services that are meant primarily to change or to improve appearance.
- Implants.
- Transplants.
- Replacement of dentures, bridges, space maintainers or periodontic appliances due to theft or loss.
- Lab exams.
- Photographs.
- Duplicate dentures and bridges.
- Services related to congenital anomalies unless otherwise covered. However, this exclusion does not apply to any covered orthodontic services.
- Consultations.
- Tooth bleach.

- Computerized tomography (CT) scans, surgical stents, surgical guides for implants.
- Transitional implants.
- Bone grafts and guided tissue regeneration in conjunction with extractions, apicoectomies, root amps, ridge augmentations and dental implant placements.
- Sinus lifts.
- Treatment of dental implant failures including surgical debridement and bone grafts to repair implant.
- Veneers.
- Occlusal guards.

*(5) Renewability*

The Policy is renewable subject to the right of the insurer to cancel or nonrenew upon 30 days' notice under the following circumstances:

1. Submission of a fraudulent claim or a fraudulent or material misrepresentation or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, or fraudulent dealings with the insurer.
2. Failure to pay premiums.
3. Discontinuance by the insurer of a particular product or all coverage in the individual market in Pennsylvania in accordance with Pennsylvania law.
4. You are no longer eligible because you no longer live, reside or work in Pennsylvania.



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