



Dental insurance

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

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

Who is it for?

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

What does it cover?

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

Why should I consider it?

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



Staying healthy

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

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

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

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

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

Alzheimer's disease: Worsening oral health is seen as Alzheimer's disease progresses.

All information contained here is from the Mayo Clinic, Oral Health: A Window to Your Overall Health, www.mayoclinic.com. 2021.

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



Your dental coverage

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

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

Your Dental Plan	Option 1: Base		Option 2: Buy Up	
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2
Your Network is DentalGuard Preferred Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Calendar year deductible	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>
Individual	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Family limit	3 per family (applies to all levels)		3 per family (applies to all levels)	
Waived for	Preventive	Preventive	Preventive	Preventive
Charges covered for you (co-insurance)	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>
Preventive Care	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic Care	80%	80%	80%	80%
Major Care	50%	50%	50%	50%
Orthodontia	Not Covered (applies to all levels)		50%	50%
Annual Maximum Benefit	\$1000 (applies to all levels)		\$2000 (applies to all levels)	
Maximum Rollover	Yes (applies to all levels)		Yes (applies to all levels)	
Rollover Threshold	\$500		\$800	
Rollover Amount	\$250		\$400	
Rollover Account Limit	\$1000		\$1500	
Lifetime Orthodontia Maximum	Not Applicable (applies to all levels)		\$1000 (applies to all levels)	
Dependent Age Limits	26 (applies to all levels)		26 (applies to all levels)	



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A Sample of Services Covered by Your Plan:

		Option 1: Base <i>Plan pays (on average)</i>		Option 2: Buy Up <i>Plan pays (on average)</i>	
Preventive Care	Cleaning (prophylaxis) Frequency:	Tier 1 100%	Tier 2 100%	Tier 1 100%	Tier 2 100%
		2 in 12 Months (applies to all levels)		2 in 12 Months (applies to all levels)	
	Fluoride Treatments	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Limits:	Under Age 16 (applies to all levels)		Under Age 16 (applies to all levels)	
	Oral Exams	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Sealants (per tooth)	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic Care	X-rays	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Fillings [‡]	80%	80%	80%	80%
Major Care	Anesthesia*	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Bridges and Dentures	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Dental Implants	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Inlays, Onlays, Veneers**	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Perio Surgery	50%	50%	80%	80%
	Periodontal Maintenance	50%	50%	80%	80%
	Frequency:	Once Every 6 Months (applies to all levels)		2 in 12 months (applies to all levels)	
	Repair & Maintenance of Crowns, Bridges & Dentures	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Root Canal	50%	50%	80%	80%
	Scaling & Root Planing (per quadrant)	50%	50%	80%	80%
	Simple Extractions	50%	50%	80%	80%
	Single Crowns	50%	50%	50%	50%
Orthodontia	Surgical Extractions	50%	50%	80%	80%
	Orthodontia	Not Covered		50%	50%
Limits:		(applies to all levels)		Child(ren) (applies to all levels)	

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

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



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Manage Your Benefits:

Go to www.Guardianlife.com to access secure information about your Guardian benefits including access to an image of your ID Card. Your on-line account will be set up within 30 days after your plan effective date.

Find A Dentist:

Visit www.Guardianlife.com
Click on "Find A Provider"; You will need to know your plan, which can be found on the first page of your dental benefit summary.

Need Assistance?

Call the Guardian Helpline (888) 600-1600, weekdays, 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM, EST. Refer to your member ID (social security number) and your plan number: 00024259

Please call the Guardian Helpline if you need to use your benefits within 30 days of plan effective date. Please note, self-serve options over the phone or online at Guardian Anytime are not available until the case is fully implemented, please wait to speak to a live agent when calling the Guardian Helpline.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Important Information about Guardian's DentalGuard Indemnity and DentalGuard Preferred Network PPO plans: This policy provides dental insurance only. Coverage is limited to those charges that are necessary to prevent, diagnose or treat dental disease, defect, or injury. Deductibles apply. The plan does not pay for: oral hygiene services (except as covered under preventive services), orthodontia (unless expressly provided for), cosmetic or experimental treatments (unless they are expressly provided for), any treatments to the extent benefits are payable by any other payor or for which

no charge is made, prosthetic devices unless certain conditions are met, and services ancillary to surgical treatment. The plan limits benefits for diagnostic consultations and for preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontic, and prosthodontic services. The services, exclusions and limitations listed above do not constitute a contract and are a summary only. The Guardian plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Contract # DG7-P et al.

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Policy Form # GP-1-DG2000, et al, GP-1-DEN-16

Guardian Choice

With dental insurance from Guardian, you have the flexibility to choose a plan that works for you, and helps you save.

Both of the dental plans available are designed to keep you healthy, with identical premiums. The differences between them are summarized below, and you can change plans each year at your annual enrollment time.



It's easy to save

Find a participating doctor near you by visiting guardiananytime.com/fpapp/FPWeb/search or by downloading the **Guardian Anytime** mobile app.

Pick the plan that best suits your needs

Choose from:

	Value Plan	Network Access Plan
Description	In-network and out-of-network benefits are paid at the same coinsurance percentages. Both plans allow you to retain the freedom of choice to see any dentist, in-network or out of network.	
Coinsurance	Preventive services covered at 100%. Coinsurance for other services is higher than the Network Access Plan (increased coverage).	Preventive services covered at 100%. Coinsurance for other services is lower than the Value Plan (decreased coverage).
In-network	Member benefits are based on discounted (negotiated) rates.	
Out-of-network	Member pays the difference over network negotiated rates.	Member costs are based on usual and customary (UCR) rates.

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