

SCHEDULE OF EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Some exclusions and/or limitations may be waived depending on the Member's medical condition. Only American Dental Association procedure codes are covered.

EXCLUSIONS – The following services, supplies or charges are excluded:

1. Started prior to the Member's Effective Date or after the Termination Date of coverage under the Group Policy (e.g. multi-visit procedures such as endodontics, crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, and dentures).
2. For house or hospital calls for dental services and for hospitalization costs (e.g. facility-use fees).
3. That are the responsibility of Workers' Compensation or employer's liability insurance, or for treatment of any automobile-related injury in which the Member is entitled to payment under an automobile insurance policy. The Company's benefits would be in excess to the third-party benefits and therefore, the Company would have right of recovery for any benefits paid in excess.
4. For prescription and non-prescription drugs, vitamins or dietary supplements.
5. Administration of nitrous oxide and/or IV sedation, unless specifically indicated on the Schedule of Benefits.
For Group Policies issued and delivered in Washington, this exclusion does not apply when required dental services and procedures are performed in a dental office for covered persons under the age of seven (7) or physically or developmentally disabled.
6. Which are Cosmetic in nature as determined by the Company (e.g. bleaching, veneer facings, personalization or characterization of crowns, bridges and/or dentures).
For Group Policies issued and delivered in Washington, this exclusion does not apply in the instance of congenital abnormalities for covered newly born children from the moment of birth.
7. Elective procedures (e.g. the prophylactic extraction of third molars).
8. For congenital mouth malformations or skeletal imbalances (e.g. treatment related to cleft lip or cleft palate, disharmony of facial bone, or required as the result of orthognathic surgery including orthodontic treatment).
For Group Policies issued and delivered in Washington, this exclusion shall not apply in the instance of congenital abnormalities for covered newly born children from the moment of birth.
9. For dental implants and any related surgery, placement, restoration, prosthetics (except single implant crowns), maintenance and removal of implants unless specifically covered under the Certificate.
10. Diagnostic services and treatment of jaw joint problems by any method unless specifically covered under the Certificate. Examples of these jaw joint problems are temporomandibular joint disorders (TMD) and craniomandibular disorders or other conditions of the joint linking the jaw bone and the complex of muscles, nerves and other tissues related to the joint.
11. For treatment of fractures and dislocations of the jaw.
12. For treatment of malignancies or neoplasms.
13. Services and/or appliances that alter the vertical dimension (e.g. full-mouth rehabilitation, splinting, fillings) to restore tooth structure lost from attrition, erosion or abrasion, appliances or any other method.
14. Replacement or repair of lost, stolen or damaged prosthetic or orthodontic appliances.
15. Preventive restorations.
16. Periodontal splinting of teeth by any method.
17. For duplicate dentures, prosthetic devices or any other duplicative device.
18. For which in the absence of insurance the Member would incur no charge.
19. For plaque control programs, tobacco counseling, oral hygiene and dietary instructions.
20. For any condition caused by or resulting from declared or undeclared war or act thereof, or resulting from service in the National Guard or in the Armed Forces of any country or international authority.
21. For treatment and appliances for bruxism (e.g. night grinding of teeth).
22. For any claims submitted to the Company by the Member or on behalf of the Member in excess of twelve (12) months after the date of service.
23. Incomplete treatment (e.g. patient does not return to complete treatment) and temporary services (e.g. temporary restorations).

24. Procedures that are:

- part of a service but are reported as separate services
- reported in a treatment sequence that is not appropriate
- misreported or that represent a procedure other than the one reported.

25. Specialized procedures and techniques (e.g. precision attachments, copings and intentional root canal treatment).

26. Fees for broken appointments.

27. Those not Dentally Necessary or not deemed to be generally accepted standards of dental treatment. If no clear or generally accepted standards exist, or there are varying positions within the professional community, the opinion of the Company will apply.

LIMITATIONS – Covered services are limited as detailed below. Services are covered until 12:01 a.m. of the birthday when the patient reaches any stated age:

1. Full mouth x-rays – one (1) every 5 years.
2. Bitewing x-rays – one (1) set(s) per 6 months under age fourteen (14) and one (1) set(s) per 12 months age fourteen (14) and older.
3. Oral Evaluations:
 - Comprehensive and periodic –two (2) of these services per 12 months. Once paid, comprehensive evaluations are not eligible to the same office unless there is a significant change in health condition or the patient is absent from the office for three (3) or more year(s).
 - Limited problem focused and consultations – one (1) of these services per dentist per patient per 12 months.
 - Detailed problem focused – one (1) per dentist per patient per 12 months per eligible diagnosis.
4. Prophylaxis – two (2) per 12 months. One (1) additional for Members under the care of a medical professional during pregnancy.
5. Fluoride treatment – two (2) per 12 months under age nineteen (19).
6. Space maintainers – one (1) per three (3) year period for Members under age nineteen (19) when used to maintain space as a result of prematurely lost deciduous molars and permanent first molars, or deciduous molars and permanent first molars that have not, or will not, develop.
7. Sealants – one (1) per tooth per 3 year(s) under age sixteen (16) on permanent first and second molars.
8. Prefabricated stainless steel crowns – one (1) per tooth per lifetime for Members under age fifteen (15).
9. Periodontal Services:
 - Full mouth debridement – one (1) per lifetime.
 - Periodontal maintenance following active periodontal therapy – two (2) per 12 months in addition to routine prophylaxis.
 - Periodontal scaling and root planing – one (1) per 24 months per area of the mouth.
 - Surgical periodontal procedures – one (1) per 24 months per area of the mouth.
 - Guided tissue regeneration – one (1) per tooth per lifetime.
10. Replacement of restorative services only when they are not, and cannot be made, serviceable:
 - Basic restorations – not within 12 months of previous placement.
 - Single crowns, inlays, onlays – not within 5 year(s) of previous placement.
 - Buildups and post and cores – not within 5 year(s) of previous placement.
 - Replacement of natural tooth/teeth in an arch – not within 5 year(s) of a fixed partial denture, full denture or partial removable denture.
11. Denture relining, rebasing or adjustments are considered part of the denture charges if provided within 6 months of insertion by the same dentist. Subsequent denture relining or rebasing limited to one (1) every 3 year(s) thereafter.
12. Pulpal therapy – one (1) per eligible tooth per lifetime. Eligible teeth limited to primary anterior teeth under age six (6) and primary posterior molars under age twelve (12).
13. Root canal retreatment – one (1) per tooth per lifetime.
14. Recementation – one (1) per 12 months. Recementation during the first 12 months following insertion of the crown or bridge by the same dentist is included in the crown or bridge benefit.
15. An alternate benefit provision (ABP) will be applied if a covered dental condition can be treated by means of a professionally acceptable procedure which is less costly than the treatment recommended by the dentist. The ABP does not commit the member to the less costly treatment. However, if the member and the dentist choose the more expensive treatment, the member is responsible for the additional charges beyond those allowed under this ABP.
16. Payment for orthodontic services shall cease at the end of the month after termination by the Company.