Summary of Benefits

Anthem Dental Essential Choice PPO



Platinum PPO 100/90/60 Active 50/2500 90th E&P Basic CH Ortho/2k Anthem Blue Cross

WELCOME TO YOUR DENTAL PLAN!

Regular dental checkups can help find early warning signs of certain health problems, which means you can get the care you need to get healthy. So, don't skimp on your dental care, good oral care can mean better overall health!

Powerful and easily accessible member tools.

- Ask a Hygienist: Dental members can simply email their dental questions to a team of licensed dental professionals who in turn will respond in about 24 hours.
- Dental Health Risk Assessment: We want our dental members to better understand their oral health and their risk factors for tooth decay, gum disease and oral cancer. This easy to use online tool can help you do this.
- Dental Care Cost Estimator: In order to help our dental member better understand the cost of their dental care, we offer access to a user-friendly, web-based tool that provides estimates on common dental procedures and treatments when using a network dentist.
- Mobile Capabilities: With our latest mobile application, members can find a network dentist as well as view their claims. Our application is available for both Android and Apple phones.

Dentists in your plan network.

- You'll save money when you visit a dentist in your plan network because Anthem and the dentists have agreed on pricing for covered services. Dentists who are not in your plan network have not agreed to pricing, and may bill you for the difference between what Anthem pays them and what the dentist usually charges.
- To find a dentist by name or location, go to anthem.com or call dental customer service at the number listed on the back of your ID card.

Ready to use your dental benefits?

- Choose a dentist from the network
- Make an appointment
- Show the office staff your member ID card
- Pay any deductible or copay that is part of your plan

Need to contact us?

See the back of your ID card for how to call, write or email us.

Your dental benefits at a glance

The following benefit summary outlines how your dental plan works and provides you with a quick reference of your dental plan benefits. For complete coverage details, please refer to your policy.

	In-Network	Out-of-Network	
Coverage Year	Ca	Calendar Year	
Annual Benefit Maximum	\$2,500	\$2,500	
Per insured person			
Diagnostic & Preventive Services are applied			
to the Annual Benefit Maximum			
 The total combined In and Out-of-Network annual maximum does not 			
exceed the In-Network benefit.			
Annual Maximum Carryover	Covered	Covered	
Orthodontic Lifetime Benefit Maximum	\$2,000	\$2,000	
 Dependent children through age 18 			
Annual Deductible			
Per insured person	\$50	\$50	
Family maximum	\$150	\$150	
Deductible Waived for Diagnostic/Preventive Services	Yes	Yes	
Out-of-Network Reimbursement	Not applicable	90th Percentile of FAIR Health	

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Dental Services	In-Network Anthem Pays:	Out-of-Network Anthem Pays:	Waiting Period
Diagnostic & Preventive Services Periodic dental exam Limited to two per 12 months Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) Limited to two per 12 months Bitewing X-rays Limited to one set per 12 months Full-Mouth or Panoramic X-rays Limited to one per 60 months Fluoride application Limited to one per 12 months through age 18 Sealant application Limited to one per 60 months through age 18	100%	100%	No Waiting Period
Basic (Restorative) Services Consultation (second opinion) Limited to one per 12 months; only with X-rays and no other services Space maintainer insertion Limited to one per tooth space per lifetime through age 18 Amalgam (silver-colored) filling Limited to one per tooth surface per 24 months Composite (tooth-colored) filling Limited to one per tooth surface per 24 months Brush biopsy (cancer test) Limited to one per 12 months; all ages	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Endodontics (Non-Surgical) Root Canal and retreatments Limited to one per tooth per lifetime; permanent teeth only	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Endodontics (Surgical) Apicoectomy and apexification Limited to one per tooth per lifetime; permanent teeth only	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Periodontics (Non-Surgical) Periodontal maintenance Limited to four per 12 months Scaling and root planning Limited to one per quadrant per 24 months when the tooth pocket has a depth of four millimeters or greater	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Periodontics (Surgical) Periodontal surgery (osseous, gingivectomy, graft procedures) Limited to one per quadrant per 36 months	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Extractions (Simple) Simple extraction Limited to one per tooth per lifetime	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Oral Surgery (Complex) Surgical extraction Limited to one per tooth per lifetime	90%	80%	No Waiting Period
Major (Restorative) Crowns, onlays, veneers ○ Limited to one per tooth per 84 months	60%	50%	No Waiting Period
Prosthodontics • Dentures and bridges • Limited to one per tooth per 84 months; not within 6 months of placement • Implants - Covered • Limited to one per tooth/arch per 84 months	60%	50%	No Waiting Period
Repairs/Adjustments Crown, denture, and bridge repairs Limited to one per tooth per 12 months; not within 6 months of placement Denture and bridge adjustments Limited to two per(tooth) per 12 months; not within 6 months of placement	60%	50%	No Waiting Period
Orthodontic Services o Dependent children through age 18	50%	50%	No Waiting Period

Additional Services and Programs	
Anthem Whole Health Connection - Dental® • For members with certain health conditions, additional dental benefits are available without a deductible or waiting periods. Eligible services are paid at 100% and won't reduce your coverage year annual maximum	Included
Accidental Dental Injury Benefit Provides members 100% coverage for accidental injuries to teeth up to the coverage year annual maximum (if applicable). No deductibles, member coinsurance, or waiting periods apply	Included
Extension of Benefits Following termination of coverage, members are provided up to 60 days to complete treatment started prior to their termination of coverage under the plan and eligible services will be covered	Included
International Emergency Dental Program • Provides emergency dental benefits while working or traveling abroad from licensed, English-speaking dentists. Eligible covered services will be paid 100% with no deductibles, member coinsurance, or waiting periods and won't reduce the member coverage year annual maximum	Included

Additional Limitations & Exclusions

Below is a partial listing of non-covered services under your dental plan. Please see your policy for a full list.

Services provided before or after the term of this coverage - Services received before your effective date or after your coverage ends, unless otherwise specified in the dental plan certificate

Orthodontics (unless included as part of your dental plan benefits) including orthodontic braces, appliances and all related services

Cosmetic provided by dentists solely for the purpose of improving the appearance of the tooth when tooth structure and function are satisfactory and no pathologic conditions (cavities) exist

Drugs and medications including intravenous conscious sedation, IV sedation and general anesthesia when performed with nonsurgical dental care

Analgesia, analgesic agents, and anxiolysis nitrous oxide, therapeutic drug injections, medicines or drugs for nonsurgical or surgical dental care except that intravenous conscious sedation is eligible as a separate benefit when performed in conjunction with complex surgical services

Waiting periods apply for Major Services and Orthodontic Services for all Voluntary plans

Missing tooth clause of 24 months applies for the replacement of congenitally missing teeth or teeth lost prior to the coverage effective date for this plan

This is not a contract; it is a partial listing of benefits and services. All covered services are subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions, terms and provisions of your policy. In the event of a discrepancy between the information in this summary and the policy, your policy will prevail.