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Watch our video
Learn how dental insurance can protect your long-term health.

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.

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



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.

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Your dental coverage

Option 1: Managed Dental Care plan, you enjoy negotiated discounts from our network dentists. You pay a fixed copay for each covered service. Out-of-network visits are not covered.

Option 2: PPO plan, you can visit any dentist; but you pay less out-of-pocket when you choose a PPO dentist. Out-of-network benefits are based on a percentile of the prevailing fee data for the dentist's zip code.

Your Dental Plan	**Option 1: First Commonwealth**	**Option 2: PPO**	
Your Network is	First Commonwealth	DentalGuard Preferred	
Calendar year deductible		*In-Network*	*Out-of-Network*
Individual	No Deductible	$50	$100
Family limit	No Deductible per family	3 per family	
Waived for	No Deductible	Preventive	Preventive
Charges covered for you (co-insurance)		*In-Network*	*Out-of-Network*
Preventive Care	You pay a copay for each covered procedure. See "Plan Details", for more information	100%	100%
Basic Care		80%	60%
Major Care		80%	60%
Orthodontia		50%	50%
Annual Maximum Benefit		$5000	
Maximum Rollover	No	Yes	
Rollover Threshold		$1000	
Rollover Amount		$500	
Rollover In-network Amount		$750	
Rollover Account Limit		$1500	
Lifetime Orthodontia Maximum	Not Applicable	$1500	
Office visit copay	$0	None	
Dependent Age Limits(Non-Student/Student)	26/30 ‡	26/30 ‡	

‡**Family coverage** for spouse and children. The limiting age for unmarried dependents is extended to age 30 if the dependent is a resident of Illinois and has received a release or discharge, other than dishonorable discharge, from military service.

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A Sample of Services Covered by Your Plan:

		Option 1: First Commonwealth *You Pay*	Option 2: PPO *Plan pays (on average)*	
		Network only	*In-network*	*Out-of-network*
Preventive Care	Cleaning (prophylaxis)	$0	100%	100%
	Frequency:	2 times in 12 months^	Once Every 6 Months	
	Fluoride Treatments	$0-12	100%	100%
	Limits:	No Age Limits	Under Age 19	
	Oral Exams	$0	100%	100%
	Periodontal Maintenance	$28	100%	100%
	Frequency:	2 times in 12 months^ (Standard)	Once Every 3 Months	
	Sealants (per tooth)	$8	100%	100%
	X-rays	$0	100%	100%
Basic Care	Anesthesia*	Restrictions Apply	80%	60%
	Fillings‡	$20-30	80%	60%
	Perio Surgery	$105-210	80%	60%
	Repair & Maintenance of Crowns, Bridges & Dentures	$16-230	80%	60%
	Root Canal	$126-192	80%	60%
	Scaling & Root Planing (per quadrant)	$25-42	80%	60%
	Simple Extractions	$23	80%	60%
	Surgical Extractions	$46-116	80%	60%
Major Care	Bridges and Dentures	$580-675	80%	60%
	Dental Implants	Not Covered	80%	60%
	Inlays, Onlays, Veneers**	$250-420	80%	60%
	Single Crowns	$430-450	80%	60%
Orthodontia	Orthodontia	$1,500-2,800	50%	50%
	Limits:	Adults & Child(ren)	Child(ren)	
Cosmetic Care	Bleaching	$165	Not Covered	Not Covered

Managed Dental Care: A link to the complete list of dental services can be found on "Our commitment to you" page.

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 filing 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. (^Additional cleanings are available for an additional co-pay).

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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.

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 # GP-1-DG2000 et al.
- This policy provides dental coverage only. This policy provides managed care dental benefits through a network of participating general dentists and specialty care dentists. Except for limited emergency services, benefits will be provided for services provided by the primary care dentist selected by the member. The member must pay the primary care dentist a patient charge/copayment for most covered services. No benefits will be paid for treatment by a specialist unless the patient is referred by his or her primary care dentist and the referral is approved under the policy. Only those services listed in the policy's schedule of benefits are covered. Certain services are subject to frequency or other periodic limitations. Where orthodontic benefits are specifically included, the policy provides for one course of comprehensive treatment per member. Unless specifically included, the Managed Dental Care policy does not provide orthodontic benefits if comprehensive orthodontic treatment or retention is in progress as of the member's effective date under the Managed Dental Care policy. The services, exclusions and limitations listed above do not constitute a contract and are a summary only. The applicable Managed Dental Care documents are the final arbiter of coverage .See your Certificate for complete specifics of all Exclusions and Limitations. All products, unless otherwise noted, are underwritten by The Guardian Life. Insurance Company of America ("Guardian") or one of the following wholly-owned Guardian subsidiaries: Managed Dental Care (CA); First Commonwealth Insurance Company (IL); First Commonwealth Limited Health Services Corporation (IN); First Commonwealth Limited Health Services Corporation of Michigan (MI); First Commonwealth of Missouri, Inc. (MO) and Managed DentalGuard, Inc. (NJ, OH and TX). Any reference to a specific product type, including but not limited to "DHMO" or "Prepaid" is not intended to refer to a specific state license designation, but rather is merely intended to refer to a general product design. Such DHMO, or prepaid products, are licensed in the applicable jurisdiction. In addition, certain products are underwritten by Dominion Dental Services, Inc. (DC, DE, MD, PA and VA) and LIBERTY Dental Plan of Nevada, Inc. (NV) and Total Dental Administrators Health Plan, Inc. (AZ). Please see the applicable policy forms for details. In the event of conflict between this brochure and the policy forms, the policy forms shall control.
- **PPO and or Indemnity Special Limitation:** Teeth lost or missing before a covered person becomes insured by this plan. A covered person may have one or more congenitally missing teeth or have lost one or more teeth before he became insured by this plan. We won't pay for a prosthetic device which replaces such teeth unless the device also replaces one or more natural teeth lost or extracted after the covered person became insured by this plan. R3-DG2000

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Oral Health Rewards Program

Regular visits to the dentist can help prevent and detect the early signs of serious diseases.

That's why Guardian's Maximum Rollover Oral Health Rewards Program encourages and rewards members who visit the dentist, by rolling over part of your unused annual maximum into a Maximum Rollover Account (MRA). This can be used in future years if your plan's annual maximum is reached.



Automatic rollover

Submit a claim (without exceeding the paid claims threshold of a benefit year), and Guardian will roll over a portion of your unused annual dental maximum.

How maximum rollover works*

Depending on a plan's annual maximum, if claims made for a certain year don't reach a specified threshold, then the set maximum rollover amount can be rolled over.

Plan annual maximum**	Threshold	Maximum rollover amount	In-network only rollover amount	Maximum rollover account limit
$5,000 Maximum claims reimburesment	**$1,000** Claims amount that determines rollover eligibility	**$500** Additional dollars added to a plan's annual maximum for future years	**$750** Additional dollars added if only in-network providers were used during the benefit year	**$1,500** The limit that cannot be exceeded within the maximum rollover account

* This example has been created for illustrative purposes only.

** If a plan has a different annual maximum for PPO benefits vs. non-PPO benefits, ($1500 PPO/$1000 non-PPO for example) the non-PPO maximum determines the Maximum Rollover plan. May not be available in all states.

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