



## Dental Certificate of Coverage

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### Anthem Dental Value Complete Dental Program

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## DENTAL CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

Welcome to Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield ("Anthem")! This Dental Certificate of Coverage (hereinafter "Certificate") has been prepared by Anthem to help explain your dental care benefits. Please refer to this Certificate whenever you require Dental Services. It describes how to access dental care, what Dental Services are covered by Us, and what portion of the dental care costs you will be required to pay.

The coverage described in this Certificate is subject in every respect to the provisions of the Group Dental Contract issued to your Group. The Group Dental Contract and this Certificate and any amendments or riders attached to the same, shall constitute the Group Dental Contract under which Covered Services are provided by Us.

This Certificate should be read in its entirety. Since many of the provisions of this Certificate are interrelated, you should read the entire Certificate to get a full understanding of your coverage.

Many words used in the Certificate have special meanings. These words appear in capitals and are defined for you. Refer to these definitions in the Definitions section for the best understanding of what is being stated. The Certificate also contains exclusions.

This Certificate supersedes and replaces any Certificate previously issued to you under the provisions of the Group Dental Contract.

**Read your Certificate Carefully.** The Certificate sets forth many of the rights and obligations between you and the Plan. Payment of benefits is subject to the provisions, limitations and exclusions of your Certificate. It is therefore important that you read your Certificate.

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## DEFINITIONS

This section defines terms which have special meanings. If a word or phrase has a special meaning or is a title, it will be capitalized. The word or phrase is defined in this section or at the place in the text where it is used.

**Appeal** - A formal request by you or your representative for reconsideration of an adverse decision on a grievance or claim.

**Benefit Waiting Period** - The period of continuous coverage under this Certificate that a Member must complete following his or her Effective Date before dental benefits are payable for Covered Services. No payment will be made for expenses incurred during the Benefit Waiting Period that may be indicated in the Summary of Benefits.

**Certificate** - This summary of the terms of your benefits. It is attached to and is a part of the Group Dental Contract and it is subject to the terms of the Group Dental Contract.

**Coinsurance** - A percentage of the Maximum Allowed Amount for which you are responsible to pay. Your Coinsurance will not be reduced by refunds, rebates, or any other form of negotiated post-payment adjustments.

**Coverage Year** - The period of time that We pay benefits for Covered Services. The Coverage Year is listed in the Summary of Benefits. If your coverage ends earlier, the Coverage Year ends at the same time.

**Coverage Year Maximum** - The maximum dollar amount payable for Covered Services for each Member during each Coverage Year. If your benefit plan covers orthodontics, benefits for orthodontic services are not included in the Coverage Year Maximum, but are subject to a separate lifetime maximum. Refer to the **Summary of Benefits** for any Coverage Year Maximum or lifetime maximum amounts.

**Covered Services** - Services or treatment as described in the Certificate which are performed, prescribed, directed or authorized by a Dentist. To be considered Covered Services, services must be:

- Within the scope of the license of the Provider performing the service;
- Rendered while coverage under this Certificate is in force;
- Not specifically excluded or limited by the Certificate; and
- Specifically included as a benefit within the Certificate.

**Deductible** - The dollar amount of Covered Services listed in the Summary of Benefits for which you are responsible before We start to pay for Covered Services each Coverage Year.

**Dental Service, Dental Services, Dental Procedure and Dental Procedures** - The providing of dental care or treatment by a Dentist to a Member under this Certificate, provided that such care or treatment is recognized by Anthem as a generally accepted form of care or treatment according to prevailing standards of dental practice.

**Dentist** - A person who is licensed to practice dentistry by the governmental authority having jurisdiction over the licensing and practice of dentistry.

**Dependent** - A person of the Subscriber's family who is eligible for coverage under the Certificate as described in the Eligibility and Enrollment section.

**Effective Date** - The date that a Subscriber's coverage begins under this Certificate. A Dependent's coverage also begins on the Subscriber's Effective Date.

**Eligible Person** - A person who meets the Group's requirements and is entitled to apply to be a Subscriber.

**Group Dental Contract (or Contract)** - The Contract between the Plan and the Group. It includes this Certificate, your application, any supplemental application or change form, and any additional legal terms added by Us to the original Contract. The final interpretation of any specific provision contained in this Certificate is governed by the Group Dental Contract.

**Group or Group Subscriber** - The employer, or other organization, that has entered into a Group Dental Contract with the Plan.

**Identification Card / ID Card** - A card issued by the Plan, showing the Member's name, membership number, and occasionally coverage information.

**Maximum Allowed Amount** - The maximum amount of reimbursement Anthem will pay for services provided by a Provider to a Member. You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Coinsurance. There may be different levels of reimbursement for the Maximum Allowed Amount depending upon whether you elect to receive services from a Participating Dentist or a Non-Participating Dentist. The Maximum Allowed Amount will always be the lesser of the maximum amount of reimbursement established by Anthem or the Provider's billed charges.

**Member** - A Subscriber or Dependent who has satisfied the eligibility conditions, applied for coverage, been approved by the Plan and for whom Premium payment has been made. Members are sometimes called "you" and "your".

**Non-Participating Dentist** - A Dentist who has NOT signed a written provider service agreement agreeing to service the program identified in this Certificate. Anthem will reimburse Non-Participating Dentists according to the Maximum Allowed Amount for Non-Participating Dentists, also referred to in this Certificate as the Table of Allowances. The Table of Allowances may be different from the Maximum Allowed Amount reimbursed to Participating Dentists.

**Open Enrollment** - An enrollment period when any eligible Subscriber or Dependent of the Group may apply for this coverage.

**Participating Dentist** - A Dentist who has signed a written provider service agreement agreeing to service the program identified in this Certificate. The Dentist has agreed to accept Anthem's Schedule of Maximum Allowable Charges as payment in full for dental care covered under this Certificate.

**Plan (or We, Us, Our)** - Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Also referred to as "Anthem".

**Premium** - The periodic charges due which the Member or the Group must pay the Plan to maintain coverage.

**Pretreatment Estimate** - A request by a Member or Dentist to Anthem in advance of a Dental Service being provided to determine the Member's benefits, estimate the Maximum Allowed Amount, and estimate the amount of the Member's financial liability. A Pretreatment Estimate is not a guaranty of benefits or a guaranty of payment of benefits.

**Provider** - A duly licensed person or facility that provides services within the scope of an applicable license and is a person or facility that the Plan approves. This includes any Provider rendering services that are required by applicable state law to be covered when rendered by such Provider.

**Schedule of Maximum Allowable Charges** - A schedule of Maximum Allowed Amounts established by Anthem for services rendered by Participating Dentists servicing this program.

**Subscriber** - An employee or Member of the Group who is eligible to receive benefits under the Group Dental Contract.

**Table of Allowances** - A schedule of fixed dollar Maximum Allowed Amounts established by Anthem for services rendered by Non-Participating Dentists.

## SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

The Summary of Benefits is a summary of the Deductibles, Coinsurance and other limits when you receive Covered Services from a Provider. Please refer to the Covered Services section of this Certificate for a more complete explanation of the specific services covered by the Plan. All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of this Certificate including any attachments or riders.

<b>Coverage Year</b>	Calendar Year
<b>Dependent Age Limit</b>	To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26
<b>Benefit Waiting Period</b>	There are no benefit waiting periods.

### DENTAL BENEFIT MAXIMUMS

**Dental Benefit Maximums** (combined for Participating and Non-Participating Dentists)

Coverage Year Maximum                      \$750.00 per Member

**Coverage Year Maximum.** Your combined benefits, excluding orthodontics, are subject to the Coverage Year Maximum. We will not pay any benefit in excess of that amount during a Coverage Year.

### DEDUCTIBLES

**Deductible** (combined for Participating and Non-Participating Dentist)

Per Member                                      \$75.00

Per Family                                        \$225.00

**Exception:** The Deductible does not apply to Diagnostic and Preventive Services.

**Deductibles.** You are responsible for satisfying the Deductibles before We pay for benefits. If 3 family Members satisfy their individual Deductible, the family Deductible will be met. Only charges that are considered a Maximum Allowed Amount will apply toward satisfaction of the Deductibles.

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**Dental Covered Services**

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After you have satisfied the Deductible, We will pay benefits for Covered Services at the percentage or applicable amount up to the Maximum Allowed Amount for each completed Dental Service. The Maximum Allowed Amount payable for each Dental Procedure is determined by Anthem, and there may be different levels of reimbursement for the Maximum Allowed Amount depending upon whether you elect to receive services from a Participating or a Non-Participating Dentist.

	<b>Participating Dentist</b>	<b>Non-Participating Dentist</b>
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive Services*</b>	100%	100%
<b>Basic Restorative Services</b>	80%	80%
<b>Oral Surgery Services</b>	80%	80%
<b>Prosthetic Repair and Adjustment Services</b>	80%	80%

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\*Not subject to the Deductible



## ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

You have coverage provided under this Certificate because of your employment with the Group. You must satisfy certain requirements to participate in the Group's benefit plan. These requirements may include probationary or waiting periods standards as determined by the Group or state and/or federal law and approved by Us.

**Your Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific eligibility information, see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.**

### ELIGIBILITY

Members under this Certificate are:

#### Subscriber

- a) Eligible Person who has met the eligibility requirements as established by the Group and stated within this Certificate under Effective Date of Coverage.
- b) Eligible Person on Family and Medical Leave as mandated by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1994.

#### Dependents

- A) Spouse, meaning:
  1. Married;
  2. Legally separated;
- B) Dependent children to the age of 26 who are unmarried, residents of Missouri and not provided dental coverage under any other group or individual dental plan or is entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, including:
  1. Natural-born and legally adopted children (including children placed with you for legal adoption). NOTE: A child's placement for adoption terminates upon the termination of the legal obligation of total or partial support.
  2. Stepchildren who reside with you.
  3. Grandchildren who are financially dependent on you and reside with you.
  4. Children who are required to be covered by reason of a Qualified Medical Child Support Order. You can obtain, without charge, a copy of procedures governing Qualified Medical Child Support Orders ("QMCSOs") from the Plan Administrator.
  5. Children who become handicapped prior to reaching the Plan's limiting age if:
    - they are primarily dependent upon you; and
    - are incapable of self-sustaining employment because of physical handicap, intellectual disability, mental illness or mental disorders. For those already enrolled unmarried Dependents who cannot work to support themselves due to mental or physical handicap. The Dependent's disability must start before the end of the period they would become ineligible for coverage. We must be informed of the Dependent's eligibility for continuation of coverage within 31 days after the Dependent would normally become ineligible. Proof may be required at reasonable intervals during the first two years after the child reaches the Dependent age limit and no more frequently than once each year thereafter. You must notify us if the Dependent's marital status changes and they are no longer eligible for continued coverage. We may require you to give proof of continued eligibility for any enrolled child. Your failure to give this information could result in termination of a child's coverage.

NOTE: If both you and your spouse are employees of the employer, you may be covered as either an employee or as a Dependent, but not both. Your eligible Dependent children may be covered under either parent's coverage, but not both.

### **Effective Dates of Coverage**

#### **Subscriber:**

You are eligible to be covered under this Certificate when it first became effective, January 1, 2017, or if you are a new employee of the Group, on the date determined by your employer.

#### **Eligible Dependents:**

Your eligible Dependents, as defined, are covered under this Certificate:

- a) On the date you first become eligible for coverage, if Dependent coverage is provided or elected.
- b) On the date you first acquire eligible Dependents, or add Dependent coverage subject to the Open Enrollment requirements of the Group, if any.
- c) On the date a new Dependent is acquired if you are already carrying Dependent coverage.

**LIMITATION:** Dependents of an eligible employee who are in active military service are not eligible for coverage under the Certificate.

Children may be added to the Contract at the time the eligible employee originally becomes effective or may be added anytime up to 30 days following the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. If a child is born or adopted after the employee's original Effective Date, such child may be added anytime between birth (or date of adoption) and 30 days following the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. In the event that the child is not added by 30 days following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, that child may be added only if there is a Family Status Change or at the next Open Enrollment period, if any.

The eligibility of all Members, for the purposes of receiving benefits under the Certificate, shall, at all times, be contingent upon the applicable monthly payment having been made for such Member by the Group on a current basis.

### **Open Enrollment**

The Open Enrollment under this Contract shall be held annually.

### **Family Status Change**

Your benefit elections are intended to remain the same for the entire Coverage Year. During the Coverage Year, you will be allowed to change your benefits only if you experience an eligible Family Status Change which includes:

- Change in legal marital status such as marriage or divorce.
- Change in number of Dependents in the event of birth, adoption, or death.
- Change in your or your spouse's employment - either starting or losing a job.
- Change in your or your spouse's work schedule, such as going from full-time to part-time or part-time to full-time, or beginning or ending an unpaid leave of absence.
- Change in Dependent status, such as if a child reaches maximum age under the Certificate.
- A Dependent has joined the military. Upon notice to Anthem of the Dependent's entry in the military, the pro-rata unearned Premiums shall be refunded.
- Change in residence or work location so you are no longer eligible for your current health plan.
- Become eligible for Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage.
- Termination of Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you or your Dependents are no longer eligible.
- Loss of other coverage.

Due to federal regulations, the changes you make to your benefits must be consistent with the Family Status Change event that you experience. For example, if you have a baby, it is consistent to add your newborn to your current dental coverage but it is not consistent to drop your dental coverage altogether.

If you experience one of the above eligible Family Status Changes during the year, you have 31 days (except in the case of qualification for or termination of employment assistance under Medicaid/CHIP, in which case the employee has 60 days after the date of eligibility) from the event to change your elections. If you do not change your benefits within 31 days of the event, you will not be allowed to make changes until the next Open Enrollment period. You may obtain a Family Status Change Form by contacting your Employer. All changes are effective the date of the change.

The Group reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time (subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements). Termination of the Contract will result in loss of benefits for all Members. If the Contract is terminated, the rights of the Members are limited to Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services incurred before termination.

## **TERMINATION AND CONTINUATION**

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations. The information provided below is general and the actual effective date of termination may vary based on your Group's agreement with Us and your specific circumstances, such as whether Premium has been paid in full.

### **Termination of Coverage**

Your coverage and that of your eligible Dependents ceases on the earliest of the following dates:

- a) On the date in which (1) you cease to be eligible; (2) your Dependent is no longer eligible as a Dependent under the Certificate.
- b) On the date the Certificate is terminated.
- c) On the date the Group terminates the Certificate by failure to pay the Premiums, except as a result of inadvertent error.
- d) The date contribution for coverage under the Certificate is not made when due.

For extended eligibility, see Continuation of Coverage.

**Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)**

Dental benefits may be continued should any of the following events occur, provided that at the time of occurrence this Certificate remains in effect and you or your spouse or your Dependent child is a Member under this Certificate:

<b>QUALIFYING EVENT</b>	<b>WHO MAY CONTINUE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTINUATION PERIOD</b>
Employment ends, retirement, leave of absence, lay-off, or employee becomes ineligible (except gross misconduct dismissal)	Subscriber and Dependents	Earliest of: 1. 18 months, or 2. Enrollment in other group coverage or Medicare, or 3. Date coverage would otherwise end.
Divorce, marriage dissolution, or legal separation	Former spouse and any Dependent children who lose coverage	Earliest of: 1. 36 months, or 2. Enrollment date in other group coverage or Medicare, or 3. Date coverage would otherwise end.
Death of Subscriber	Surviving spouse and Dependent children	Earliest of: 1. 36 months, or 2. Enrollment date in other group coverage or Medicare, or 3. Date coverage would otherwise end.
Dependent child loses eligibility	Dependent child	Earliest of: 1. 36 months, or 2. Enrollment date in other group coverage or Medicare, or 3. Date coverage would otherwise end.
Dependents lose eligibility due to Subscriber's entitlement to Medicare	Spouse and Dependents	Earliest of: 1. 36 months, or 2. Enrollment date in other group coverage or Medicare, or 3. Date coverage would otherwise end.
Subscriber's total disability	Subscriber and Dependents	Earliest of: 1. 29 months, or 2. Date total disability ends, or 3. Enrollment date in other group coverage or Medicare.
Retirees of employer filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy (includes substantial reduction in coverage within 1 year of filing)	Retiree and Dependents	Earliest of: 1. Enrollment date in other group coverage, or 2. Death of retiree or Dependent electing COBRA.
Surviving Dependents of retiree on lifetime continuation due to the bankruptcy of the employer	Surviving spouse and Dependents	Earliest of: 1. 36 months following retiree's death, or 2. Enrollment date in other group coverage.

You or your eligible Dependents have 60 days from the date you lose coverage, due to one of the events described above, to inform the Group that you wish to continue coverage.

### 1. Choosing Continuation

If you lose coverage, your employer must notify you of the option to continue coverage within 14 days after employment ends. If coverage for your Dependent ends because of divorce, legal separation, or any other change in Dependent status, you or your covered Dependents must notify your employer within 60 days.

You or your covered Dependents must choose to continue coverage by notifying the employer in writing. You or your covered Dependents have 60 days to choose to continue, starting with the date of the notice of continuation or the date coverage ended, whichever is later. Failure to choose continuation within the required time period will make you or your covered Dependents ineligible to choose continuation at a later date. You or your covered Dependents have 45 days from the date of choosing continuation to pay the first continuation charges. After this initial grace period, you or your covered Dependents must pay charges monthly in advance to the employer to maintain coverage in force.

Charges for continuation are the group rate plus a two percent administration fee. All charges are paid directly to your employer. If you or your covered Dependents are totally disabled, charges for continuation are the group rate plus a two percent administration fee for the first 18 months. For months 19 through 29, the employer may charge the group rate plus a 50 percent administration fee.

### 2. Second qualifying event

If a second qualifying event occurs during continuation, a Dependent qualified beneficiary may be entitled to election rights of their own and an extended continuation period. This rule only applies when the initial qualifying event for continuation is the employee's termination of employment, retirement, leave of absence, layoff, or reduction of hours.

When a second qualifying event occurs such as the death of the former covered employee, the Dependent must notify the employer of the second event within 60 days after it occurs in order to continue coverage. In no event will the first and second period of continuation extend beyond the earlier of the date coverage would otherwise terminate or 36 months.

A qualified beneficiary is any individual covered under the health plan the day before the qualified event as well as a child who is born or placed for adoption with the covered employee during the period of continuation coverage.

### 3. Terminating Continuation of Coverage - COBRA

Continuation of Coverage - COBRA for you and your eligible Dependents, if selected, shall terminate on the last day of the month in which any of the following events first occur:

- a) The expiration of the specified period of time for which Continuation of Coverage - COBRA can be maintained; as mandated by applicable State or Federal law;
- b) This Certificate is terminated by the Group Subscriber;
- c) The Group Subscriber's or Member's failure to make the payment for the Member's Continuation of Coverage

Questions regarding Continuation of Coverage - COBRA should be directed to your employer. Your employer will explain the regulations, qualifications and procedures required when you continue coverage.

## DENTAL PROVIDERS AND CLAIMS PAYMENT

You do not have to select a particular Dentist to receive dental benefits. You have the freedom to choose the Dentist you want for your dental care. However, your Dentist choice can make a difference in the benefits you receive and the amount you pay. You may have additional out-of-pocket costs if your Dentist is a Non-Participating Dentist. There may be differences in the payment amount compared with a Participating Dentist if your Dentist is a Non-Participating Dentist.

**PAYMENTS ARE MADE BY ANTHEM ONLY WHEN THE COVERED DENTAL PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE PLAN MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM YOU OR YOUR PROVIDER BEFORE A CLAIM CAN BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE AND READY FOR PROCESSING. IN ORDER TO PROPERLY PROCESS A CLAIM, THE PLAN MAY BE REQUIRED TO ADD AN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY LINE TO THE CLAIM. DUPLICATE CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PROCESSED WILL BE DENIED.**

This section describes how We determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for Dental Services rendered by Participating and Non-Participating Dentists is based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for the type of service performed. There may be different levels of reimbursement for the Maximum Allowed Amount depending upon whether you elect to receive services from a Participating or a Non-Participating Dentist.

The Maximum Allowed Amount is the maximum amount of reimbursement Anthem will pay for Dental Services provided by a Dentist to a Member and which meet Our definition of a Covered Service. For Participating Dentists, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be reimbursed according to the Schedule of Maximum Allowable Charges. For Non-Participating Dentists, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be reimbursed according to the Table of Allowances.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Coinsurance. In addition, when you receive Covered Services from a Non-Participating Dentist, you may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Dentist's actual charges. This amount may be significant.

When you receive Covered Services from a Dentist, We will apply processing rules to the claim submitted for those Covered Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the Dental Procedure. Applying these rules may affect Our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. For example, your Dentist may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all or a combination of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, Our payment will be based on a single Maximum Allowed Amount for the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed procedure amount.

Likewise, when multiple procedures are performed on the same day by the same dental Provider or other dental Providers, We may reduce the Maximum Allowed Amount for those additional procedures, because reimbursement at 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for those procedures would represent a duplicate payment for a Dental Procedure that may be considered incidental or inclusive.

### PROVIDER NETWORK STATUS

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is a Participating Dentist or a Non-Participating Dentist. There may be different levels of reimbursement for the Maximum Allowed Amount depending upon whether you elect to receive services from a Participating Dentist or a Non-Participating Dentist.

## **Participating Dentists**

A Participating Dentist is a Dentist who has signed a written provider service agreement agreeing to service the program identified in this Certificate. For Covered Services performed by a Participating Dentist, the Maximum Allowed Amount is based upon the lesser of the Dentist's actual charges or the Schedule of Maximum Allowable Charges. Because Participating Dentists have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for services, they should not send you a bill or collect for amounts above the agreed upon Maximum Allowed Amount. However, you may receive a bill or be asked to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have exhausted your coverage for the service, have not met your Deductible, have a Coinsurance, have received non-covered services, or have exceeded the dental benefit maximum as outlined in the Summary of Benefits. Please call Our Customer Service Department at (855) 769-1465 for help in finding a Participating Dentist or visit Our website at [www.anthem.com/mydentalvision](http://www.anthem.com/mydentalvision).

## **Non-Participating Dentists**

Dentists who have NOT signed a written provider service agreement agreeing to service the program identified in this Certificate are considered Non-Participating Dentists. For Covered Services you receive from a Non-Participating Dentist, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be the lesser of the Dentist's actual charges or an amount based on Our Non-Participating Dentist fee schedule, referred to as the Table of Allowances, which We have established in Our discretion, and which We reserve the right to modify from time to time after considering one or more of the following: reimbursement amounts accepted by similar providers contracted with Us, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data. The Table of Allowances may be different from the Maximum Allowed Amount reimbursed to Participating Dentists.

Unlike Participating Dentists, Non-Participating Dentists may send you a bill and collect for the amount of the Dentist's charge that exceeds Our Maximum Allowed Amount. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Non-Participating Dentist charges. This amount may be significant. Choosing a Participating Dentist will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to you. Please call Customer Service Department at (855) 769-1465 for help in finding a Participating Dentist or visit Our website at [www.anthem.com/mydentalvision](http://www.anthem.com/mydentalvision).

Customer Service is also available to assist you in determining the Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from a Non-Participating Dentist. In order for Us to assist you, you will need to obtain the specific procedure code(s) from your Dentist for the services the Dentist will render. You will also need to know the Dentist's charges to calculate your out of pocket responsibility. Although Customer Service can assist you with this pre-service information, the Maximum Allowed Amount for your claim will be based on the actual claim submitted.

## **MEMBER COST SHARE**

For certain Covered Services and depending on your dental program, you may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount (for example, Deductible and/or Coinsurance). Your Deductible and Coinsurance cost share amount and out-of-pocket limits may vary depending on whether you received services from a Participating or Non-Participating Dentist. Specifically, you may pay higher cost sharing amounts or incur benefit limits when using Non-Participating Dentists. Please see the Summary of Benefits in this Certificate for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Customer Service to learn how this Certificate's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Dentist you use.

## **Payment of Benefits**

You authorize Us to make payments directly to Participating Dentists for Covered Services. We also reserve the right to make payments directly to you. Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims, an Alternate Recipient, or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by Us will discharge Our obligation to pay for Covered Services.

Once a Provider gives a Covered Service, We will not honor a request for Us to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

THE MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TREATMENT CHARGES MADE BY A NON-PARTICIPATING DENTIST. WHEN SERVICES ARE OBTAINED FROM A NON-PARTICIPATING DENTIST, ANY BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE GROUP CONTRACT ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE MEMBER UNLESS YOU ASSIGN THE PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE PROVIDER OF THE DENTAL SERVICE BY INDICATING SO ON THE CLAIM FORM.

## **Notice of Claim**

We are not liable under the Certificate, unless We receive written notice that Covered Services have been given to you. An expense is considered incurred on the date the service or supply was given.

The notice must be given to Us within 12 months of receiving the Covered Services, and must have the data We need to determine benefits. Failure to give Us notice within 12 months will not reduce any benefit if you show that the notice was given as soon as reasonably possible. No notice can be submitted later than one year after the usual 12 month filing period ends. If the notice submitted does not include sufficient data We need to process the claim, then the necessary data must be submitted to Us within the time frames specified in this provision or no benefits will be payable except as otherwise required by law.

Any benefits due under this Certificate shall be due once We have received proper, written proof of loss, together with such reasonably necessary additional information We may require to determine Our obligation. In the event We do not pay a claim within 30 days of receipt of proof of loss, We will pay interest at the rate required by law on the benefits due under the terms of the Certificate.

Claims should be submitted to:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
PO Box 1115  
Minneapolis, MN 55440-1115  
(855) 769-1465

## **Proof of Claim**

Written proof of claim satisfactory to Us must be submitted to Us within 12 months after the date of the event for which claim is made. If proof of claim is not sent within the time required, the claim will not be reduced or denied if it was not possible to send proof within this time. However, the proof must be sent as soon as reasonably possible. In any case, the proof required must be sent to Us no later than one year following the 12 month period specified, unless you were legally incapacitated.



## **Claim Forms**

Many Providers will file a claim form for you. If the forms are not available, either send a written request for claim forms to Us or contact customer service and ask for claim forms to be sent to you. The form will be sent to you within 15 days. If you do not receive the forms, written notice of services rendered may be submitted to Us without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim. This includes:

- Name of patient
- Patient's relationship with the Subscriber
- Identification number
- Date, type and place of service
- Your signature and the Provider's signature

## **Member's Cooperation**

Each Member shall complete and submit to the Plan such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents as may be requested by the Plan in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Worker's Compensation or any other governmental program. Any Member who fails to cooperate will be responsible for any charge for services.

## **Explanation of Benefits**

After you receive dental care, you will often receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is a summary of the coverage you receive. The EOB is not a bill, but a statement from Us to help you understand the coverage you are receiving. The EOB shows:

- total amounts charged for services/supplies received;
- the amount of the charges satisfied by your coverage;
- the amount for which you are responsible (if any);
- general information about your Appeals rights and for ERISA plans, information regarding the right to bring an action after the Appeals process.

## COVERED SERVICES

### **Pretreatment Estimate** (Estimate of Benefits)

IT IS RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED, THAT A PRETREATMENT ESTIMATE BE SUBMITTED TO ANTHEM PRIOR TO TREATMENT IF YOUR DENTAL TREATMENT INVOLVES MAJOR RESTORATIVE, PERIODONTICS, PROSTHETICS OR ORTHODONTIC CARE (SEE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES), TO ESTIMATE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED AMOUNT. THE PRETREATMENT ESTIMATE IS A VALUABLE TOOL FOR BOTH THE DENTIST AND YOU. SUBMITTING A PRETREATMENT ESTIMATE ALLOWS THE DENTIST AND YOU TO KNOW WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU BEFORE BEGINNING TREATMENT. THE PRETREATMENT ESTIMATE WILL OUTLINE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DENTIST WITH REGARD TO COINSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLES AND NON-COVERED SERVICES. THIS WILL ALLOW THE DENTIST AND YOU TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE TREATMENT BEGINS. THIS PROCESS DOES NOT PRIOR AUTHORIZE THE TREATMENT NOR DETERMINE ITS DENTAL OR MEDICAL NECESSITY. THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM ALLOWED AMOUNT IS BASED ON YOUR CURRENT ELIGIBILITY AND CONTRACT BENEFITS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE COMPLETED SERVICE. SUBMISSION OF OTHER CLAIMS OR CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY OR THE CONTRACT MAY ALTER FINAL PAYMENT. THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF BENEFITS.

After the examination, your Dentist will establish the dental treatment to be performed. If the dental treatment necessary involves major restorative, periodontics, prosthetics or orthodontic care, you should submit a claim form to Anthem outlining the proposed treatment. Anthem will determine if the proposed treatment is covered and estimate the Maximum Allowed Amount, including your responsibility for Coinsurance, Deductibles and non-covered services.

A statement will be sent to you and your Dentist estimating the amount of the Maximum Allowed Amount, including the amount that you will owe. These estimates will be subject to your continuing eligibility and the Group Contract remaining in effect. If claims for other completed Dental Services are received and processed prior to the completion date of the proposed treatment, this may reduce Anthem's estimated Maximum Allowed Amount for the proposed treatment and increase your obligation to the Dentist.

TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED AMOUNT OR THE AMOUNT THAT YOU WILL OWE, ASK YOUR DENTIST ABOUT HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION STATUS AND IF HE OR SHE HAS AGREED TO SERVICE THIS DENTAL PROGRAM PRIOR TO RECEIVING DENTAL CARE.

You will be responsible for payment of any Deductibles and Coinsurance amounts and any dental treatment that is not considered a Covered Service under your Certificate.

The Plan covers the following Dental Procedures when they are performed by a licensed Dentist and when necessary and customary as determined by the standards of generally accepted dental practice. The benefits under this Certificate shall be provided whether the Dental Procedures are performed by a duly licensed physician or a duly licensed Dentist, if otherwise covered under this Certificate, provided that such Dental Procedures can be lawfully performed within the scope of a duly licensed Dentist.

As a condition precedent to the approval of claim payments, the Plan shall be entitled to request and receive, to such extent as may be lawful, from any attending or examining Dentist, or from hospitals in which a Dentist's care is provided, such information and records relating to a Member as may be required to pay claims. Also, the Plan may require that a Member be examined by a dental consultant retained by Anthem in or near the Member's place of residence. Anthem and the Plan shall hold such information and records confidential.

Anthem does not determine whether a service submitted for payment or benefit under this Certificate is a Dental Procedure that is dentally necessary to treat a specific condition or restore dentition for an individual. The Plan evaluates Dental Procedures submitted to determine if the procedure is a covered benefit. Your coverage includes a preset schedule of Dental Services that are eligible for benefit by Anthem. Other Dental Services may be recommended or prescribed by your Dentist which are dentally necessary, offer you an enhanced cosmetic appearance, or are more frequent than covered by Anthem. While these services may be prescribed by your Dentist and are dentally necessary for you, they may not be a Dental Service that is benefited by Anthem or they may be a service where Anthem provides a payment allowance for a service that is considered to be optional treatment. If Anthem gives you a payment allowance for optional treatment that is covered, you may apply this Anthem payment to the service prescribed by your Dentist which you elected to receive. Services that are not covered by Anthem or exceed the frequency of plan benefits do not imply that the service is or is not dentally necessary to treat your specific dental condition. You are responsible for Dental Services that are not covered or benefited by Anthem. Determination of services necessary to meet your individual dental needs is between you and your Dentist.

ONLY those services listed below are covered. Deductibles and Dental Benefit Maximums are listed under the Summary of Benefits. Covered Services are subject to the limitations within the Benefits, Exclusions and Limitations sections described below. For estimates of Covered Services, please see the "Pretreatment Estimate" section of this Certificate.

#### PREVENTIVE CARE (Diagnostic & Preventive Services)

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**Oral Evaluations** - Any type of evaluation (checkup or exam) is covered 2 times per calendar year.

NOTE: Comprehensive oral evaluations will be benefited 1 time per dental office, subject to the 2 times per calendar year limitation. Any additional comprehensive oral evaluations performed by the same dental office will be benefited as a periodic oral evaluation and will be subject to the 2 times per calendar year limitation.

#### Radiographs (X-rays)

- **Bitewings** - Covered at 2 series of bitewings per 12-month period.
- **Full Mouth (Complete Series) or Panoramic** - Covered 1 time per 36-month period.
- **Periapical(s)** - 4 single x-rays are covered per 12-month period.
- **Occlusal** - Covered at 2 series per 24-month period.

#### Dental Cleaning

- **Prophylaxis** - Any combination of this procedure and Periodontal Maintenance (see Periodontal Services section) is covered 2 times per calendar year.

Prophylaxis is a procedure to remove plaque, tartar (calculus), and stain from teeth.

NOTE: A prophylaxis performed on a Member under the age of 14 will be covered as a child prophylaxis. A prophylaxis performed on a Member age 14 or older will be covered as an adult prophylaxis.

**Fluoride Treatment** (Topical application of fluoride) - Covered 1 time per 12-month period for Dependent children through the age of 18.

**Space Maintainers** - Covered 1 time per lifetime on eligible Dependent children through the age of 16 for extracted primary posterior (back) teeth.

LIMITATION: Repair or replacement of lost/broken appliances are not a covered benefit.

**Fixed Appliance Therapy** - A component that is cemented or bonded to the teeth.

EXCLUSIONS - Coverage is NOT provided for:

1. Oral hygiene instructions, including guidance regarding home care. Some examples of oral hygiene instructions includes instructions or guidance on tooth brushing technique, flossing, and/or use of special oral hygiene aids.

### **Basic Restorative Services**

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**Consultations - other than practitioner providing treatment** - Covered 2 times per 12-months.

**Office visit for observation- no other service provided** - Covered 2 times per 12-months.

**Office visit after regularly scheduled hours – no other services provided are all covered** - Covered 2 times per 12-months.

**Emergency Treatment** - Emergency (palliative) treatment for the temporary relief of pain or infection.

**Amalgam (silver) Restorations** - Treatment to restore decayed or fractured permanent or primary teeth.

### **Composite (white) Resin Restorations**

- **Anterior (front) Teeth** - Treatment to restore decayed or fractured permanent or primary anterior (front) teeth.
- **Posterior (back) Teeth** - Treatment to restore decayed or fractured permanent or primary posterior (back) teeth.

LIMITATION: Coverage for amalgam or composite restorations shall be limited to only 1 service per tooth surface per 24-month period.

### **Basic Extractions**

- Removal of coronal remnants (retained pieces of the crown portion of the tooth) on primary teeth
- Extraction of erupted tooth or exposed root

**Sealants or Preventive Resin Restorations** - Any combination of these procedures is covered 1 time per 36-month period for permanent first and second molars of eligible Dependent children through the age of 15.

### **Sedative filling.**

EXCLUSIONS - Coverage is NOT provided for:

1. Case presentation of detailed treatment plans and office visits, during and after regularly scheduled hours, when no other services are performed.
2. Athletic mouthguard, enamel microabrasion, and odontoplasty.

3. Services or supplies that have the primary purpose of improving the appearance of the teeth. This includes but is not limited to whitening agents, tooth bonding and veneers.
4. Placement or removal of base or liner used under a restoration.
5. Pulp vitality tests.
6. Diagnostic casts.
7. Adjunctive diagnostic tests.
8. Restorations placed for preventive or cosmetic purposes.
9. Crowns and indirectly fabricated restorations (inlays and onlays) are not covered unless the tooth is damaged by decay or fracture with loss of tooth structure to the point it cannot be restored with an amalgam or resin restoration.
10. Analgesia, analgesia agents, anxiolysis nitrous oxide, therapeutic drug injections, medicines, or drugs for non-surgical or surgical dental care.
11. Brush biopsy.

### **Oral Surgery Services (Tooth, Tissue, or Bone Removal)**

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#### **Complex Surgical Extractions**

- Surgical removal of erupted tooth
- Surgical removal of impacted tooth
- Surgical removal of residual tooth roots

LIMITATION: Surgical removal of 3<sup>rd</sup> molars are only covered if the removal is associated with symptoms or oral pathology.

#### **Other Complex Surgical Procedures**

- Alveoloplasty
- Vestibuloplasty
- Removal of exostosis-per site
- Surgical reduction of osseous tuberosity

LIMITATION: The Other Complex Surgical Procedures are covered only when required to prepare for dentures and is a benefit covered once in a 60-month period.

**Surgical Reduction of Fibrous Tuberosity** - Covered 1 time per 6-months.

#### **Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ)**

Dental treatment that is considered surgical and nonsurgical treatment of temporomandibular joint disorder (TMJ) and craniomandibular disorder, including splints, is subject to the coordination of benefits. A Pre-treatment Estimate of Benefits is recommended. NOTE: If you or your Dependents currently have medical insurance coverage, the claim must be first submitted to that medical insurance program. Any remaining costs after consideration under your medical insurance may be submitted to the Plan for further benefit (see Coordination of Benefits). You must submit a copy of the medical Explanation of Benefits (EOB) along with your claim to the Plan.

If you or your Dependents are not eligible for TMJ benefits under another insurance program, either medical or dental, Dental Services for TMJ will be covered under this Certificate within the noted Certificate limitations, maximums, Deductibles and payment percentages of treatment costs.

## **LIMITATIONS**

1. Reconstructive Surgery benefits shall be provided for reconstructive surgery when such Dental Procedures are incidental to or follows surgery resulting from injury, illness or other diseases of the involved part, or when such Dental Procedure is performed on a covered Dependent child because of congenital disease or anomaly which has resulted in a functional defect as determined by the attending physician, however that such procedures are dental reconstructive surgical procedures.
2. Inpatient or outpatient dental expenses arising from dental treatment up to age 18, including orthodontic and oral surgery treatment, involved in the management of birth defects known as cleft lip and cleft palate.

**For programs without orthodontic coverage:** Dental orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate is not covered under this Certificate.

**For programs with orthodontic coverage:** If coverage for the treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate is available under any other policy or contract of insurance, this Certificate shall be primary and the other policy or contract shall be secondary.

## **EXCLUSIONS - Coverage is NOT provided for:**

1. Intravenous conscious sedation, IV sedation and general anesthesia when performed with non-surgical dental care.
2. Analgesia, analgesic agents, anxiolysis nitrous oxide, therapeutic drug injections, medicines, or drugs for non-surgical or surgical dental care, regardless of the method of administration.
3. Services or supplies that are medical in nature, including dental oral surgery services performed in a hospital.
4. Any artificial material implanted or grafted into or onto bone or soft tissue, including implant procedures and associated fixtures, or surgical removal of implants.
5. Any oral surgery except for simple and surgical extractions.
6. Surgical repositioning of teeth.
7. Inpatient or outpatient hospital expenses.
8. Cytology sample collection - Collection of oral cytology sample via scraping of the oral mucosa.

## **Prosthodontic Repair and Adjustment Services - (Dentures, Partials, and Bridges)**

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**Tissue Conditioning** - Covered 1 time per 24-month period.

**Recent Fixed Prosthetic** - Covered 1 time per 12-month period.

**Reline and Rebase** - Covered 1 per 24-month period:

- when the prosthetic appliance (denture, partial or bridge) is the permanent prosthetic appliance; and
- only after 6 months following initial placement of the prosthetic appliance (denture, partial or bridge).

**Repairs, Replacement of Broken Artificial Teeth, Replacement of Broken Clasp(s)** - Covered 1 per 6-month period:

- when the prosthetic appliance (denture, partial or bridge) is the permanent prosthetic appliance;
- only after 6 months following initial placement of the prosthetic appliance (denture, partial or bridge); and
- when the submitted narrative from the treating Dentist supports the procedure.

**Denture Adjustments** - Covered 2 times per 12-month period:

- when the denture is the permanent prosthetic appliance; and
- only after 6 months following initial placement of the denture.

**Partial and Bridge Adjustments** - Covered 2 times per 24-month period:

- when the partial or bridge is the permanent prosthetic appliance; and
- only after 6 months following initial placement of the partial or bridge.

EXCLUSIONS - Coverage is NOT provided for:

1. The replacement of an existing partial denture with a bridge.
2. Interim removable or fixed prosthetic appliances (dentures, partials or bridges).
3. Pediatric removable or fixed prosthetic appliances (dentures, partials or bridges).
4. Additional, elective or enhanced prosthodontic procedures including but not limited to connector bar(s), stress breakers, and precision attachments.
5. Procedures designed to enable prosthetic or restorative services to be performed such as a crown lengthening.
6. Procedures designed to alter, restore or maintain occlusion, including but not limited to: increasing vertical dimension, replacing or stabilizing tooth structure lost by attrition, realignment of teeth, periodontal splinting and gnathologic recordings.
7. Services or supplies that have the primary purpose of improving the appearance of your teeth.
8. Placement or removal of base or liner used under a restoration.
9. Any artificial material implanted or grafted into or onto bone or soft tissue, including implant procedures and associated fixtures, or surgical removal of implants.
10. Implant maintenance or repair to an implant or implant abutment.

**Enhanced benefit for Members who are enrolled in the Anthem Care Management program**

Enhanced dental benefits are available for any member enrolled in the Anthem Care Management program who is in active management with an Anthem Care Manager for the following conditions cancer with chemotherapy, head and neck cancer with chemotherapy and/or radiation, solid organ transplant, bone marrow transplant, cardiac conditions (e.g. valve conditions). The enhanced benefits include a maximum of three of the following procedures:

- Prophylaxis; or
- Periodontal Maintenance

Please note enrollment alone does not qualify you for the benefit. You must be in active management of your case with an Anthem Care Manager.



## EXCLUSIONS

This section indicates items which are excluded and are not considered Covered Services. This information is provided as an aid to identify certain common items which may be misconstrued as Covered Services. This list of exclusions is in no way a limitation upon, or a complete listing of, such items considered to be Non-Covered Services. We are the final authority for determining if services or treatments are Covered Services.

Coverage is NOT provided for:

- a) Dental Services which a Member would be entitled to receive for a nominal charge or without charge if this Certificate were not in force under any Worker's Compensation Law, Federal Medicare program, or Federal Veteran's Administration program. However, if a Member receives a bill or direct charge for Dental Services under any governmental program, then this exclusion shall not apply. Benefits under this Certificate will not be reduced or denied because Dental Services are rendered to a Subscriber or Dependent who is eligible for or receiving Medical Assistance.
- b) Dental Services or health care services not specifically covered under the Group Contract (including any hospital charges, prescription drug charges and Dental Services or supplies that are medical in nature).
- c) New or unproven dental techniques or services may be denied until there is an established scientific basis for recommendation.
- d) Dental Services performed for cosmetic purposes.
- e) Dental Services completed prior to the date the Member became eligible for coverage.
- f) Services of anesthesiologists.
- g) Anesthesia Services, except by a Dentist or by an employee of the Dentist when the service is performed in his or her office and by a Dentist or an employee of the Dentist who is certified in their profession to provide anesthesia services.
- h) Analgesia, analgesic agents, anxiolysis nitrous oxide, therapeutic drug injections, medicines, or drugs for non-surgical or surgical dental care. NOTE: Intravenous conscious sedation is eligible as a separate benefit when performed in conjunction with complex surgical services.
- i) Dental Services performed other than by a licensed Dentist, licensed physician, his or her employees.
- j) Dental Services, appliances or restorations that are necessary to alter, restore or maintain occlusion, including but not limited to: increasing vertical dimension, replacing or stabilizing tooth structure lost by attrition, realignment of teeth, periodontal splinting and gnathologic recordings.
- k) Artificial material implanted or grafted into or onto bone or soft tissue, including implant services and associated fixtures, or surgical removal of implants.
- l) Services or supplies that have the primary purpose of improving the appearance of your teeth. This includes but is not limited to tooth whitening agents or tooth bonding and veneer covering of the teeth.
- m) Orthodontic treatment services, unless specified in this Certificate as a covered Dental Service benefit.
- n) Case presentations.
- o) Incomplete, interim or temporary services.
- p) Athletic mouth guards, enamel microabrasion and odontoplasty.
- q) Retreatment or additional treatment necessary to correct or relieve the results of treatment previously benefited under the Certificate.
- r) Procedures designed to enable prosthetic or restorative services to be performed such as a crown lengthening.
- s) Bacteriologic tests.
- t) Cytology sample collection.

- u) Separate services billed when they are an inherent component of a Dental Service.
- v) Pediatric removable or fixed prosthetic appliances (dentures, partials or bridges).
- w) Interim or temporary removable or fixed prosthetic appliances (dentures, partials or bridges).
- x) Services for the replacement of an existing partial denture with a bridge.
- y) Additional, elective or enhanced prosthodontic procedures including but not limited to, connector bar(s), stress breakers and precision attachments.
- z) Provisional splinting, temporary procedures or interim stabilization.
- aa) Placement or removal of base or liner used under a restoration.
- bb) Services or supplies that are medical in nature, including dental oral surgery services performed in a hospital.
- cc) Oral hygiene instruction.
- dd) Occlusal procedures.
- ee) Any charges which exceed the Maximum Allowed Amount.
- ff) Implant maintenance or repair to an implant or implant abutement.
- gg) Pulp vitality tests.
- hh) Adjunctive diagnostic tests.
- ii) Diagnostic casts.
- jj) Incomplete root canals.
- kk) Cone beam images.
- ll) Anatomical crown exposure.
- mm) Temporary anchorage devices.
- nn) Sinus augmentation.
- oo) Restorations placed for preventive or cosmetic purposes.
- pp) Inlays, onlays and crowns placed for preventive or cosmetic purposes.
- qq) Crowns and indirectly fabricated restorations (inlays and onlays) are not covered unless the tooth is damaged by decay or fracture with loss of tooth structure to the point it cannot be restored with an amalgam or resin restoration.
- rr) Recement Space Maintainers.
- ss) Brush biopsy.
- tt) Endodontic Services.
- uu) Periodontal Services.
- vv) Major Restorative Services.
- ww) Prosthodontic Services.
- xx) Orthodontic Services.

## **Limitations**

- a) **Optional Treatment Plans:** in all cases in which there are alternative treatment plans carrying different costs, the decision as to which course of treatment to be followed shall be solely that of the Member and the Dentist; however, the benefits payable hereunder will be made only for the applicable percentage of the least costly, commonly performed course of treatment, with the balance of the treatment cost remaining the payment responsibility of the Member.
- b) **Reconstructive Surgery:** benefits shall be provided for reconstructive surgery when such Dental Procedure is incidental to or follows surgery resulting from injury, sickness or other diseases of the involved part, or when such Dental Procedure is performed on a covered Dependent child because of congenital disease or anomaly which has resulted in a functional defect as determined by the attending physician, however that such services are dental reconstructive surgical services.
- c) **Benefits for inpatient or outpatient expenses arising from Dental Services up to age 18, including orthodontic and oral surgery services, involved in the management of birth defects known as cleft lip and cleft palate.** For programs without orthodontic coverage: Dental orthodontic services not related to the management of the congenital condition of cleft lip and cleft palate is not covered under this dental benefit program. For programs with orthodontic coverage: If coverage for the treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate is available under any other policy or contract of insurance, this Certificate shall be primary and the other policy or contract shall be secondary.
- d) **Some procedures are an integral part of another completed service covered by the Certificate.** If the Dentist bills these procedures separately from the covered service, the Plan will disallow coverage for the separately billed procedures. You will then be responsible for any charge for the separately billed procedures and must pay your Dentist directly.

## **Optional Treatment Plans**

In all cases in which there are alternative treatment plans carrying different costs, the decision as to which course of treatment to be followed shall be solely that of the Member and the Dentist; however, the benefits payable hereunder will be made only for the applicable percentage of the least costly, commonly performed course of treatment, with the balance of the treatment cost remaining the payment responsibility of the Member.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE**

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reasons please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance or if you have any additional questions you may you may contact Anthem at the following address and telephone number: P.O. Box 1171, Minneapolis, MN 55440-1171 and (855) 769-1465.

#### **Form or Content of Certificate**

No agent or employee of the Plan is authorized to change the form or content of this Certificate. Such changes can be made only through an endorsement authorized and signed by an officer of the Plan.

#### **Relationship of Parties (Plan - Participating Dentists)**

The relationship between the Plan and Participating Dentists is an independent contractor relationship. Participating Dentists are not agents or employees of the Plan, nor is the Plan, or any employee of the Plan, an employee or agent of Participating Dentists.

The Plan shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by a Member while receiving care from any Participating Dentist or in any Participating Dentist's facilities.

Your Participating Dentist's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including Participating Dentists and Non-Participating Dentists. If you have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact your Provider or the Plan.

#### **Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions**

The Plan is not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Certificate does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against the Plan based on what a Provider of dental care, services or supplies, does or does not do.

#### **Identification Card**

Your Identification Card identifies the dental program in which you are enrolled. When you receive care from a Participating or Non-Participating Dentist, you must show your Identification Card. Possession of an Identification Card confers no right to services or other benefits under this Certificate. To be entitled to such services or benefits you must be a Member on whose behalf all applicable Premiums under this Certificate have been paid. If you receive services or other benefits to which you are not then entitled under the provisions of this Certificate you will be responsible for the actual cost of such services or benefits.

#### **Employer Premiums**

Your employer is responsible for paying a monthly Premium by the first day of the month for which coverage is purchased. We will allow employers a 31 day grace period to pay monthly Premiums, except for the first month's Premium. During this grace period, coverage will continue unless We receive a written notice of termination from your employer. We will notify your employer at least 15 days prior to terminating the Group Contract for non-payment of a monthly Premium. Anthem is not responsible for costs you incur during any period (other than the grace period discussed above) when your employer fails to pay full Premiums.

## Coordination of Benefits

Special COB rules apply when you or members of your family have additional dental care coverage through other group dental plans, including:

- group insurance plans, including other Anthem plans;
- labor management trustee plans, union welfare plans, employer welfare plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans; and
- coverage under any tax-supported or government program to the extent permitted by law.

All benefits provided under this agreement are subject to this provision. However, benefits will not be increased by this COB provision. This provision applies if the total payment under this agreement absent this provision and under any other contract is greater than the value of covered services.

Primary coverage and secondary coverage. When a member is also enrolled in another group dental plan, one coverage will pay benefits first (be primary) and the other will pay second (be secondary). The primary coverage will pay benefits first. The decision of which coverage will be primary or secondary is made using benefit determination rules.

When we provide secondary coverage, we first calculate the amount that would have been payable had we been primary. Then we coordinate benefits so that the combination of the primary plan's payment and our payment does not exceed the amount we would have paid had it been primary.

Definition of "other contract". Other contract means any arrangement providing dental care benefits or services through:

- group or blanket insurance coverage;
- group Anthem, health maintenance organization, and other prepayment coverage;
- coverage under labor management trustee plans, union welfare plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans; and
- coverage under any tax supported or government program to the extent permitted by law.

If there is more than one other contract, this provision will apply separately to each. If another contract has a coordination of benefits provision that applies to only part of its services, the terms of this paragraph will be applied separately to that part and to any other part.

Anthem will not determine the existence of any other contract, or the amount of benefits payable under any other contract except this agreement. The payment of benefits under this agreement shall be affected by the benefits payable under other contracts only when Anthem is given information about other contracts.

If the rules of this agreement and the other contract both provide that this agreement is primary, then this agreement is primary. When Anthem determines that this agreement is secondary under the rules described below, benefits will be coordinated so that our payment plus the other contract's payment will not exceed Anthem *maximum allowed amount for covered services*.

### Order of Benefit Determination Rules

1. Pediatric Dental Coordination of Benefits (COB). If pediatric dental Essential Health Benefits are included as part of the medical plan, the medical plan will be the primary coverage and any standalone dental plan will be secondary.
2. If you have two dental plans, the plan which includes pediatric dental Essential Health Benefits will be the primary coverage.
3. If neither of the above applies, the Order of Benefit Determination Rules below will determine coordination of benefits.
4. If you are covered under one plan as a primary insured and another plan as a dependent, the plan under which you are the primary insured will be the primary coverage.

5. As required by law, if you or a dependent also has coverage under Medicare, this plan will always be primary.
6. For children who are covered under both parents' contracts, the following will apply:
  - a. The contract of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the calendar year will be primary.
  - b. When parents are separated or divorced, the following special rules will apply:
    - i. If the parent with custody has not remarried, that parent's contract will be primary.
    - ii. If the parent with custody has remarried, that parent's contract will be primary and the stepparent's contract will be secondary. The benefits of the contract of the parent without custody will be determined last.
    - iii. The rules listed above may be changed by a court decree:
      - A court decree that orders one of the parents to be responsible for health care expenses will cause that parent's contract to be primary, but only if the entity providing the benefits in this case is notified of the court decree before applying benefits.
      - If the court decree does not state that one of the parents is responsible for health care expenses and both parents have joint custody, the contract of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the calendar year will be primary.
7. If the other contract includes the gender rule, then that rule will be used instead of the rules listed above. The gender rule states that the father's contract will be primary for the children.
8. If there are situations not covered above, then the contract that has been in effect the longest period of time (without interruption) will be primary. There is an exception to this rule. The contract that covers a working employee (or his dependent) will be primary. The contract of a laid-off employee, a retired employee, or a person on continuation of coverage options under federal or state law will be secondary.
9. If another contract has different rules from those listed above other than the gender rule, that contract will be primary.

If payments should have been made under this agreement under the rules of this provision, but they have been made under any other contract, Anthem may pay an entity (provider, other carrier, etc.) that has paid any amounts it determines will meet the intent of this provision. These amounts shall be deemed to be benefits paid under this agreement. Upon this payment, Anthem will no longer be liable under this agreement.

### **Relationship of Parties (Group-Member-Plan)**

Neither the Group nor any Member is the agent or representative of the Plan.

The Group is fiduciary agent of the Member. The Plan's notice to the Group will constitute effective notice to the Member. It is the Group's duty to notify the Plan of eligibility data in a timely manner. The Plan is not responsible for payment of Covered Services of Members if the Group fails to provide the Plan with timely notification of Member enrollments or terminations.

### **Conformity with Law**

Any provision of this Certificate which is in conflict with the laws of the state in which the Group Dental Contract is issued, or with federal law, is hereby automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

### **Modifications**

This Certificate allows the Group to make the Plan coverage available to eligible Members. However, this Certificate shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions, the Group Dental Contract, or by mutual agreement between the Plan and the Group without the permission or involvement of any Member. Changes will not be effective until 30 days after We provide written notice to the Group about the change. By accepting the Plan benefits, all Members who are legally capable of entering into a contract, and the legal representatives of all Members that are incapable of entering into a contract, agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions in this Certificate.

### **Physical Examination and Autopsy**

We shall have the right at Our own expense to: (1) examine any Member for whom a claim is made when and as often as may be reasonably required during the pendency of a claim; and (2) perform an autopsy on any Member where it is not otherwise prohibited by law.

### **Legal Action**

You may not take legal action against Us to receive benefits:

- Earlier than 60 days after We receive the claim; or
- Later than three years after the date the claim is required to be furnished to Us or the date of service.

You must exhaust the Plan's Grievance and Appeal Procedures before filing a lawsuit or other legal action of any kind against Us.

### **Punitive Damages**

In the event that you or your representative sue Us or any of Our directors, officers or employees acting in his or her capacity as a director, officer or employee for a determination of what coverage, if any, exists under this Certificate, your damages will be limited to the amount of your claim for benefits.

The damages may not exceed the amount of any claim not properly paid as of the date the lawsuit is filed. This Certificate does not provide coverage for punitive damages, or damages for emotional distress or mental anguish. However, this provision is not intended, and will not be construed, to affect in any manner, any recovery by you or your representative of any non contractual damages to which you or your representative may otherwise be entitled.

## CLAIM AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

All claims should be submitted within 12 months of the date of service. An initial benefit determination on your claim will be made within 30 days after receipt of your claim. You will receive written notification of this benefit determination. The 30-day period may be extended for an additional 15 days if the claim determination is delayed for reasons beyond Our control. In that case, We will notify you prior to the expiration of the initial 30-day period of the circumstances requiring an extension and the date by which We expect to render a decision. If the extension is necessary to obtain additional information from you, the notice will describe the specific information We need, and you will have 45 days from the receipt of the notice to provide the information. Without complete information, your claim will be denied.

### Appeals

#### First Level Grievance

In the event that We deny a claim in whole or in part, you have a right to a full and fair review. Your request to review a claim must be in writing and submitted within 180 days from the claim denial. We will acknowledge receipt of your request within 10 days and make a benefit determination within 20 days following receipt of your appeal. However, if We cannot complete the investigation within this time period, We will notify you in writing and will then complete the investigation within 30 days of when We provided you with this notice. Following completion of the investigation We will notify you of the resolution of your grievance within 15 days and of your right to a second level review if We uphold the initial determination.

Your appeal must include your name, your identification number, group number, claim number, and dentist's name as shown on the Explanation of Benefits. Send your appeal to:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attention: Appeals Unit  
PO Box 1122  
Minneapolis, MN 55440-1122

You may submit written comments, documents, or other information in support of your appeal. You will also be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all relevant records used in making the decision. The review will take into account all information regarding the denied or reduced claim (whether or not presented or available at the initial determination) and the initial determination will not be given any weight.

The review will be conducted by someone different from the original decision-makers and without deference to any prior decision. Because all benefit determinations are based on a preset schedule of Dental Services eligible under your plan, claims are not reviewed to determine dental necessity or appropriateness. In all cases where professional judgment is required to determine if a procedure is covered under your plan's schedule of benefits, We will consult with a dental professional who has appropriate training and experience. In such a case, this professional will not be the same individual whose advice was obtained in connection with the initial adverse benefit determination (nor a subordinate of any such individual). In addition, We will identify any dental professional whose advice was obtained on Our behalf, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the benefit determination. If, after review, We continue to deny the claim, you will be notified in writing.

#### Second Level Grievance

If you are not satisfied after the completion of the first level grievance, you have the right to a second level grievance. If you choose to exercise this right, the same time frames discussed First Level Grievance section will apply.

We will submit a second level grievance to a grievance advisory plan that consists of: (1) other enrollees in the Plan and; (2) representatives from the Plan who were not involved in the initial benefit determination or the first level grievance.

If you are not satisfied after the Second Level Grievance determination, you may contact the Missouri Department of Insurance at:



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS & PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION  
PO BOX 690  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102  
800-726-7390  
573-751-2640

**Expedited review**

In an appeal of a claim for urgent care, which is defined as a claim involving a matter that would seriously jeopardize the life or health of a covered person, or would jeopardize the covered person's ability to regain maximum function, an expedited appeal process is available. You may submit the appeal information by telephone, fax, or other expeditious method; and We will make a decision not more than 72 hours after the request for an expedited appeal is submitted.

In the event more information is necessary to make a decision, we will notify you within 24 hours and tell you what information we need. You will be given 45 days to provide the requested information. If you supply us with the information we requested within the specified time period, we will give you a decision within 48 hours. However, if you do not provide us with the additional information we will make a decision within 48 hours of the expiration of the 45 day time period.

**Authorized Representative**

You may authorize another person to represent you and with whom you want Us to communicate regarding specific claims or an appeal. However, no authorization is required for your treating dentist to make a claim or appeal on your behalf. The authorization form must be in writing, signed by you, and include all the information required in Our Authorized Representative form. This form is available at Our web site or by calling Customer Service Department at (855) 769-1465. You can revoke the authorized representative at any time, and you can authorize only one person as your representative at a time.

## Get help in your language

Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:  
You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the customer service telephone number on the back of your ID card.

### Spanish

Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma en forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación para obtener ayuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Amharic

ይህንን መረጃ እና እገዛ በቋንቋዎ በነጻ እገዛ የማግኘት መብት አልዎት። ለእገዛ በመታወቂያዎ ላይ ያለውን የአባል አገልግሎቶች ቁጥር ይደውሉ። (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Arabic

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجانًا. اتصل برقم خدمات الأعضاء الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك للمساعدة (TTY/TDD:711).

### Chinese

您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。(TTY/TDD: 711)

### Farsi

شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات اعضاء که بر روی کارت شناساییتان درج شده است، تماس بگیرید. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### French

Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour cela, veuillez appeler le numéro des Services destinés aux membres qui figure sur votre carte d'identification. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### German

Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Rufen Sie die auf Ihrer ID-Karte angegebene Servicenummer für Mitglieder an, um Hilfe anzufordern. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으려면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Oromo

Odeeffano kana fi gargaarsa afaan keetiin kaffaltii malee argachuuf mirga qabda. Gargaarsa argachuuf lakkoofsa bilbilaa tajaajila miseensaa (Member Services) waraqaqaenyummaa kee irratti argamu irratti

bilbili. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Pennsylvania Dutch

Du hoscht die Recht selle Information un Hilfe in dei Schprooch mitaus Koscht griege. Ruf die Member Services Nummer uff dei ID Kaarte fer Hilfe aa. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Portuguese-Europe

Tem o direito de receber gratuitamente estas informações e ajuda no seu idioma. Ligue para o número dos Serviços para Membros indicado no seu cartão de identificação para obter ajuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Russian

Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания участников по номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Serbian

Imate pravo da dobijete sve informacije i pomoć na vašem jeziku, i to potpuno besplatno. Pozovite broj Centra za podršku članovima koji se nalazi na vašoj identifikacionoj kartici. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Tagalog

May karapatan kayong makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa ginagamit ninyong wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa numero ng Member Services na nasa inyong ID card para sa tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Vietnamese

Quý vị có quyền nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### **It's important we treat you fairly**

That's why we follow federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For people with disabilities, we offer free aids and services. For people whose primary language isn't English, we offer free language assistance services through interpreters and other written languages. Interested in these services? Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help (TTY/TDD: 711). If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint with our Compliance Coordinator in writing to Compliance Coordinator, P.O. Box 27401, Mail Drop VA2002-N160, Richmond, VA 23279. Or you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201 or by calling 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1- 800-537-7697) or online at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>. Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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