



# BLUECARE DENTAL<sup>SM</sup> 1B

## OUTLINE OF COVERAGE

**Read your Policy carefully** — This outline of coverage provides only a very brief description of the important features of your Policy. This is not the insurance contract, and only the actual Policy provisions will control. The Policy itself sets forth in detail the rights and obligations of both you and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (herein referred to as "the Plan"). It is, therefore, important that you **READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY!**

This BlueCare Dental coverage is designed to provide you with economic incentives for using designated dental care providers. **Although you can go to the Dentist of your choice, your Benefits under the Policy will be greater when you use the services of designated Dentists.**

**The Coinsurance amounts and Benefit Period Maximum amounts listed below represent the Dental Plan's responsibility.**

**The Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximums listed below represent your responsibility.**

**The Deductibles, Coinsurance, Benefit Period Maximums and/or Out-of-Pocket Limits below are subject to change as permitted by applicable law.**

COVERED SERVICES	Participating Provider	Non-Participating Provider*
Diagnostic Evaluations (Deductible waived) Preventive Services (Deductible waived) Diagnostic Radiographs (Deductible waived) Miscellaneous Preventive Services	100% of Maximum Allowance	70% of Maximum Allowance
Basic Restorative Services Non-Surgical Extractions Non-Surgical Periodontal Services Adjunctive Services	60% of Maximum Allowance	50% of Maximum Allowance
Endodontic Services** Oral Surgery Services** Surgical Periodontal Services** Major Restorative Services** Prosthodontic Services** Miscellaneous Restorative and Prosthodontic Services**	50% of Maximum Allowance	30% of Maximum Allowance
Orthodontic Services	Not Covered	
<b>Deductible</b>		
Individual	\$50	\$50
Family	\$150	\$150
<b>Benefit Period Maximum (Adults&gt;19 only)</b>	\$1,000	

\* All Benefits are based upon the Maximum Allowance, which is the amount determined by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois as the maximum amounts eligible for payment of Benefits. A Participating Dentist cannot balance bill for charges in excess of the Maximum Allowance. Benefits for services provided by a Non-Participating Dentist will be based upon the same Maximum Allowance, and it is likely that the Non-Participating Dentist will balance bill for amounts above this, resulting in higher out-of-pocket expenses.

\*\* 12-month waiting period applies.

**FOR SUBSCRIBERS UNDER AGE 19**

<b>COVERED SERVICES</b>	<b>Participating Provider</b>	<b>Non-Participating Provider*</b>
<b>Diagnostic Evaluations</b> (Deductible waived) <b>Preventive Services</b> (Deductible waived) <b>Diagnostic Radiographs</b> (Deductible waived) <b>Miscellaneous Preventive Services</b>	80% of Maximum Allowance	60% of Maximum Allowance
<b>Basic Restorative Services</b> <b>Non-Surgical Extractions</b> <b>Non-Surgical Periodontal Services</b> <b>Adjunctive General Services</b> <b>Endodontic Services</b> <b>Oral Surgery Services</b> <b>Surgical Periodontal Services</b> <b>Major Restorative Services</b> <b>Prosthodontic Services</b> <b>Miscellaneous Restorative and Prosthodontic Services</b>	50% of Maximum Allowance	30% of Maximum Allowance
<b>Orthodontic Services (Deductible Waived)</b>		
<b>Pediatric Orthodontic Services:</b> Coverage limited to an orthodontic condition meeting Medically Necessary criteria established by the Plan (e.g., severe, dysfunctional malocclusion)	50% of Maximum Allowance	30% of Maximum Allowance
<b>Optional Orthodontic Services:</b> Coverage for orthodontic conditions not meeting Medically Necessary criteria established by the Plan	Not Covered	
<b>Deductible</b>		
Individual	\$50	\$50
Family	\$150	\$150
<b>Benefit Period Maximum</b> - Excluding any Orthodontic Services (PPO/Non-PPO accumulate together)	Unlimited	
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum per Benefit Period</b>		
1 Child	\$425	
2+ Children	\$850	

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

An individual may apply for coverage under the Policy if he/she is an Illinois resident and is not currently enrolled under any other dental coverage underwritten by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois or any subsidiary or affiliate of Health Care Service Corporation. Coverage is available for the Member and his/her covered spouse or Domestic Partner (if any) under age 65 on his/her Coverage Date. Coverage for a dependent child (if applicable) may continue until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **YOUR PARTICIPATING PROVIDER NETWORK**

Your BlueCare Dental plan contains special provisions (Benefit reductions) which apply whenever you use Dentists who are not members of the Participating Dentist Network. If you use a Non-Participating Dentist, you will be responsible for the following:

- Charges for any services which are not covered under your Policy.
- Any Deductible or Coinsurance amounts which are applicable to your coverage (*including the higher Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts which apply to Non-Participating Dentist services*).
- The difference, if any, between your Dentist's "billed charges" and the Plan's Maximum Allowance for the Covered Services.

The Benefits provided by the Plan and the expenses that are your responsibility for your Covered Services will depend on whether you receive services from a Participating Dentist or Non-Participating Dentist.

Participating Dentists will accept the Maximum Allowance as payment in full. Such Participating Dentists have agreed not to bill you for Covered Service amounts in excess of the Maximum Allowance. Therefore, you are responsible for the difference between the Plan's Benefit and the Dentist's charge to you, in addition to any Coinsurance and/or Deductible amounts applicable to your services.

Non-Participating Dentists are Dentists who have not signed an agreement to accept the Maximum Allowance as the Benefit in full. Therefore, you are responsible for the difference between the Plan's Non-Participating Benefit and the Dentist's billed charge to you, in addition to any Coinsurance and/or Deductible amounts applicable to your services.

Should you wish to know the Maximum Allowance for a particular procedure or whether a particular Dentist is a Participating Dentist, contact your Dentist or the Plan.

## **RENEWAL**

The Policy is renewable at the option of the Plan by acceptance of premiums. The membership premiums shall be the amount determined by the Plan and filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance. The Plan has the right to change the premiums or Benefits provided by the Policy. You will be given reasonable notice of such changes. You should attach these notices to your Policy, as they will amend a part of the Policy.

When you renew your Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage or reenroll by selecting a new product (as defined by applicable law), you will need to be current on your premium payments. Any past due premium payments for coverage we provided must be paid no later than your Coverage Date for the new year, in addition to initial premium charges. New coverage will not be effective until all such payments are made.

## **NOTICE**

The Policy may not fully cover all of your dental costs.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

No Benefits will be provided under the Policy for:

- Services or supplies not specifically listed as a Covered Service, or when they are related to a non-covered

service.

- Amounts which are in excess of the Maximum Allowance.
- Dental services for treatment of congenital or developmental malformation, or services performed for cosmetic purposes, including but not limited to bleaching teeth, lack of tooth enamel and grafts to improve aesthetics, except as included in the Medically Necessary Orthodontic Dental Services subsection of the Dental Benefit Section of the Policy.
- Dental services or appliances for the diagnosis and/or treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction and Related Disorders or to increase vertical dimension.
- Dental services which are performed due to an accidental injury. Injury caused by chewing or biting an object or substance placed in your mouth is not considered an accidental injury.
- Services and supplies for any illness or injury suffered after the Eligible Person's Coverage Date as a result of war or any act of war, declared or undeclared, when serving in the military or any auxiliary unit thereto.
- Services or supplies that do not meet accepted standards of dental practice.
- Experimental, Investigational and/or unproven services and supplies and all related services and supplies.
- Hospital and ancillary charges.
- Implants and any related services and supplies (other than crowns, bridges and dentures supported by implants) associated with the placement and care of implants.
- Services or supplies for which you are not required to make payment or would have no legal obligation to pay if you did not have this or similar coverage.
- Services or supplies for which "discounts" or waiver of Deductible or Coinsurance amounts are offered.
- Services rendered by a Dentist related to you by blood or marriage.
- Services or supplies received from someone other than a Dentist, except for those services received from a licensed dental hygienist under the supervision and guidance of a Dentist, where applicable.
- Claims for a service submitted by a dentist, which is for the same service performed on the same date for the same member by another dentist.
- Services or supplies received for behavior management or consultation purposes.
- Any services or supplies to the extent payment has been made under Medicare or would have been made if you had applied for Medicare and claimed Medicare benefits, or to the extent governmental agencies provide benefits (some state or federal laws may affect how we apply this exclusion).
- Services or supplies that are furnished to you by the local, state or federal government and for any services or supplies to the extent payment or Benefits are provided or available from the local, state or federal government (for example, Medicare) whether or not that payment or Benefits are received, except however, this exclusion shall not be applicable to medical assistance Benefits under Article V or VI of the Illinois Public Aid Code (305 ILCS 5/5-1 et seq. or 5/6-1 et seq.) or similar legislation of any state, Benefits provided in compliance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act or as otherwise provided by law.
- Charges for nutritional, tobacco or oral hygiene counseling.
- Charges for local, state or territorial taxes on dental services or procedures.
- Charges for the administration of infection control procedures as required by local, state or federal mandates.
- Charges for duplicate, temporary or provisional prosthetic device or other duplicate, temporary or provisional appliances.
- Charges for telephone consultations, email or other electronic consultations, missed appointments,

completion of a Claim form or forwarding requested records or X-rays.

- Charges for prescription or non-prescription mouthwashes, rinses, topical solutions, preparations or medicament carriers.
- Charges for personalized complete or partial dentures and overdentures, related services and supplies, or other specialized techniques.
- Charges for athletic mouth guards, isolation of tooth with rubber dam, metal copings, mobilization of erupted/malpositioned tooth, precision attachments for partials and/or dentures and stress breakers.
- Charges for a partial or full denture or fixed bridge which includes replacement of a tooth which was missing prior to your Coverage Date under the Policy; except this exclusion will not apply if such partial or full denture or fixed bridge also includes replacement of a missing tooth which was extracted after your Coverage Date.
- Any services, treatments or supplies included as Covered Services under other hospital, medical and/or surgical coverage.
- Case presentations or detailed and extensive treatment planning when billed for separately.
- Charges for occlusion analysis, diagnostic casts or occlusal adjustments.
- Gold foil restorations.
- Cone beam imaging and cone beam MRI procedures.
- Sealants for teeth other than permanent molars.
- Orthodontic care for dependent children age 19 and over.
- Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents or chemotherapeutic agents.
- Bone grafts in conjunction with extractions, apicoectomy or any non-covered service or non-covered implants.
- Anatomical crown exposures.
- The replacement of a lost, missing or stolen appliances and those for replacement of appliances that have been damaged due to abuse, misuse, or neglect.
- Dentures, crowns, inlays, onlays, bridgework, or other appliances or services used for the purpose of splinting, alter vertical dimension, to restore occlusion or to correct attrition, abrasion, erosion, or abfractions.
- Restoration occlusion on incisal edges due to bruxism or harmful habits.
- Treatment to replace teeth which were missing prior to the Coverage Date.
- Congenitally missing teeth.
- Splinting of teeth, including double retainers for removable partial dentures and fixed bridgework.
- Comprehensive periodontal evaluations or problem-focused evaluations if Covered Services are rendered on the same date as any other oral evaluation and by the same Dentist.
- Tests and oral pathology procedures, or for re-evaluations.
- Radiographs taken in conjunction with Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Dysfunction.
- Restorations placed within 12 months of the initial placement by the same Dentist.
- Local anesthesia or other drugs or medicaments and/or their application.
- Endodontic retreatments provided within 12 months of the initial endodontic therapy by the same Dentist.

- Pulp vitality tests, endodontic endosseous implants, intentional reimplantations, canal preparation, fitting of performed dowel and post, or post removal.
- Endodontic therapy if you discontinue endodontic treatment.
- Surgical services related to a congenital malformation.
- Prophylactic removal of third molars or impacted teeth (asymptomatic, nonpathological), or for complete bony impactions covered by another benefit plan.
- Excision of tumors or cysts of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof and floor of the mouth.
- Excision of exostoses of the jaws and hard palate (provided that this procedure is not done in preparation for dentures or other prostheses); treatment of fractures of facial bones; external incision and drainage of cellulitis; incision of accessory sinuses, salivary glands or ducts; reduction of dislocation, or excision of the temporomandibular joints.
- Guided tissue regeneration, or for biologic materials to aid in tissue regeneration.
- Replacement or repair of an orthodontic appliance.



**Health care coverage is important for everyone.**

If you, or someone you are helping, have questions, you have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost. To talk to an interpreter, call 855-710-6984. We provide free communication aids and services for anyone with a disability or who needs language assistance.

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, health status or disability. If you believe we have failed to provide a service, or think we have discriminated in another way, contact us to file a grievance.

Office of Civil Rights Coordinator  
300 E. Randolph St., 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 855-664-7270 (voicemail)  
TTY/TDD: 855-661-6965  
Fax: 855-661-6960

You may file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, at:

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building 1019  
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: 800-368-1019  
TTY/TDD: 800-537-7697  
Complaint Portal: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf>  
Complaint Forms: <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

**To receive language or communication assistance free of charge, please call us at 855-710-6984.**

Español	Llámenos al 855-710-6984 para recibir asistencia lingüística o comunicación en otros formatos sin costo.
العربية	لتلقي المساعدة اللغوية أو التواصل مجاناً، يرجى الاتصال بنا على الرقم 855-710-6984.
繁體中文	如欲獲得免費語言或溝通協助，請撥打855-710-6984與我們聯絡。
Français	Pour bénéficier gratuitement d'une assistance linguistique ou d'une aide à la communication, veuillez nous appeler au 855-710-6984.
Deutsch	Um kostenlose Sprach- oder Kommunikationshilfe zu erhalten, rufen Sie uns bitte unter 855-710-6984 an.
ગુજરાતી	ભાષા અથવા સંચાર સહાય મફતમાં મેળવવા માટે, કૃપા કરીને અમને 855-710-6984 પર કોલ કરો.
हिंदी	निःशुल्क भाषा या संचार सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिए, कृपया हमें 855-710-6984 पर कॉल करें।
Italiano	Per assistenza gratuita alla lingua o alla comunicazione, chiami il numero 855-710-6984.
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Navajo	Niná: Doo bilagáana bizaad dinits'á'góó, shá ata' hodooni nínízingo, t'áájíík'eh bee náhaz'á. 1-866-560-4042 jí' hodíilni.
فارسی	برای دریافت کمک زبانی یا ارتباطی رایگان، لطفاً با شماره 855-710-6984 تماس بگیرید.
Polski	Aby uzyskać bezpłatną pomoc językową lub komunikacyjną, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 855-710-6984.
Русский	Чтобы бесплатно воспользоваться услугами перевода или получить помощь при общении, звоните нам по телефону 855-710-6984.
Tagalog	Para makatanggap ng tulong sa wika o komunikasyon nang walang bayad, pakitawagan kami sa 855-710-6984.
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