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# Dental Plan Benefits

### Local Government Dental Insurance Plan Group 30000

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# **PREFERRED DENTAL NETWORK**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama's Dental Network is a statewide dental network. This managed care program is designed to promote quality and cost effective dental care. Currently more than 1,750 dentists, approximately 89% of the dentists in Alabama, have joined this program.

### The Dental Network offers the following advantages:

- Network Dentists will file all claims and accept the Blue Cross payment as payment in full (after any deductible and coinsurance you owe).
- Network Dentists have agreed to be reimbursed according to a fee schedule for each service. This schedule is discounted an average of 10% less than usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) amounts. Your coinsurance will also be based on this lower fee schedule amount, which will result in generally lower out-of pocket expenses for you.
- Services received outside Alabama will continue to be paid according to the UCR amount.
- The categories of dental services covered, level of coverage for each category, and the deductible and maximum amounts will be the same for network and non-network dentists.
- Payment for services provided by dentists outside the network in Alabama will also be made according to the Network Dentist fee schedule amount.
- If you do not use a Network Dentist, Blue Cross will pay you the Network Dentist fee schedule amount for covered services received. You may be responsible for the difference between the Blue Cross payment and the dentist's charge (plus any deductible and coinsurance). You may also have to file the claim if your dentist's office will not.

The Managed Dental Network - another reason why Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is the leader in managed care.

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## **PREFERRED DENTAL BENEFITS**

| BENEFITS  | PREFERRED  | NON-PREFERRED  |
|---|--|--|
| Deductible  | \$25 per member each calendar year;<br>maximum of three deductibles per<br>family.   | \$25 per member each calendar year;<br>maximum of three deductibles per family.<br>Member responsible for any difference<br>between billed charge and fee schedule<br>reimbursement.   |
| Diagnostic &<br>Preventive Services   | Covered at 100% of the Preferred<br>Dental Fee Schedule with no<br>deductible.   | Covered at 100% of the Preferred Dental<br>Fee Schedule with no deductible. Member<br>responsible for any difference between<br>billed charge and fee schedule<br>reimbursement.   |
| Basic & Major<br>Services (Fillings,<br>Oral Surgery,<br>Periodontics,<br>Endodontics,<br>Prosthodontics) | Covered at 50% of the Preferred Dental<br>Fee Schedule subject to a \$25 annual<br>deductible.   | Covered at 50% of the Preferred Dental<br>Fee Schedule subject to a \$25 annual<br>deductible.<br>Member responsible for any difference<br>between billed charge and fee schedule<br>reimbursement.  |
| Orthodontic Services  | Covered at 50% of the Preferred Dental<br>Fee Schedule subject to a \$25 annual<br>deductible. No dollar limit for medically<br>necessary services for members under<br>age 19. All other services limited to a<br>separate lifetime maximum of \$1,000<br>per person for Dependent Children<br>under age 19 <u>only</u> . | Covered at 50% of the Preferred Dental<br>Fee Schedule subject to a \$25 annual<br>deductible. No dollar limit for medically<br>necessary services for members under<br>age 19. All other services limited to a<br>separate lifetime maximum of \$1,000 per<br>person for Dependent Children under age<br>19 <b>only</b> . Member responsible for<br>difference in billed charges and allowed<br>fee schedule. |
| Annual Benefit<br>Maximum   | No maximum for members under age 19.<br>\$1,500 per member age 19 and over for all covered services.   |  |
| Annual Out-of-Pocket<br>Maximum   | For members under age 19, deductibles and coinsurance for in-network (preferred) dental services will apply to the annual health in-network out-of-pocket maximum.   |  |

This is not a contract. Benefits are subject to the terms, limitations and conditions of the group contract.

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