

Smarter Dental Plans

CheckUp Plus™ (+2.7%)

- Diagnostic and preventive services (examinations, X-rays, regular cleanings, and other related treatments) do not apply to the individual annual maximum.
- The annual maximum is applied to basic and major restorative services.
- CheckUp Plus™ promotes regular visits to the dentist for exams and cleanings, saving money by reducing the need for more expensive procedures.

Evidence-Based Integrated Care Plan (+0.8%)

- EBICP provides additional cleanings and/or fluoride treatments for pregnant women and persons with diabetes, periodontal disease, high-risk cardiac conditions, suppressed immune systems, kidney failure, and certain cancers.
- Studies have shown that increased frequency of these treatments greatly impact oral health and can play an important role in managing the above conditions.
- Those eligible can self-enroll at www.deltadentalwi.com, or by calling 800-236-3712. No medical claims need to be filed.

Expanded Sealant Coverage (+0.8%)

- Sealants have been shown to reduce the need for fillings by about 72 percent.
- Considering the lifetime cost of a single cavity is more than \$2,000 (fillings need to be replaced on a regular basis, and often result in the placement of a crown), protecting teeth with sealants is a good investment.
- Expanded coverage offers sealants for primary or permanent molars for patients through 18 years of age. (If a plan already has sealant coverage at the diagnostic/preventive level of benefits, the age limit would be increased from 14 to 18 with no cost impact.)

Reduced X-ray Frequency (-0.8%)

- Experts at the Food and Drug Administration and the American Dental Association recommend that patients at low risk for cavities and periodontal disease receive less frequent dental X-rays.
- All patients receive bitewing X-rays one time per 12-month period and full-mouth X-rays once every 5 years.

Coverage for Dental Implants (0.5%)

- Implants are no longer excluded from coverage.
- Implants will be included at the prosthetic coverage level, along with fixed bridges, and removable partial and complete dentures, and are subject to the annual maximum benefit.