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Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.

A STOCK COMPANY
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATE
GROUP DENTAL AND HEARING CARE INSURANCE

The Policyholder **GEORGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Policy Number **10-52396** **Insured Person**

Plan Effective Date **January 1, 2020** **Certificate Effective Date**
Refer to Exceptions on 9070

Plan Change Effective Date **January 1, 2024**

Class Number 1

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. certifies that you will be insured for the benefits described on the following pages, according to all the terms of the group policy numbered above which has been issued to the Policyholder.

Possession of this certificate does not necessarily mean you are insured. You are insured only if you meet the requirements set out in this certificate.

The group policy may be amended or cancelled without the consent of the insured person.

The group policy and this certificate are governed by the laws of the state in which the group policy was delivered.

Susan K. Wilkinson

President

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

If all or part of a claim is denied, You may appeal. You may also request a review of Our benefit decision. You must request a review in writieng. This request must be within 180 days after receiving notice of the denial.

You may send Us written comments. You may also send other items to support Your claim. You may review and receive copies of any non-privileged information that is relevant to Your appeal. There will be no charge for such copies. You may request the names of the experts We may have consulted who provided advice to Us about Your claim. You may also request, at no charge, any clinical rationale and/or specific clinical guidelines relied upon by them for any benefit determinations related to dental necessity.

The appeal review will be conducted by someone other than the person who denied the claim. The new reviewer will not be subordinate to that person. The person conducting the review will not give deference to the initial denial decision. Denials may be based in whole or in part on a medical judgment. This includes determinations with regard to whether a service was considered experimental, investigational, and/or not medically necessary. The person conducting the review will consult with a qualified health care professional.

This health care professional will be someone other than the person who made the original judgment and will not be subordinate to that person. Our review will include any written comments or other items You submit to support Your claim.

If Your appeal is about urgent care, You may call Toll Free at 877-897-4328 and an Expedited Review will be conducted. Verbal notification of Our decision will be made within 72 hours, followed by written notice within 3 calendar days after that.

If Your appeal is about benefit decisions related to clinical or medical necessity, a Standard Consultant Review will be conducted. A written decision will be provided within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the request for appeal.

If Your appeal is about benefit decisions related to coverage, a Standard Administrative Review will be conducted. A written decision will be provided within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the request for appeal.

Any request for review concerning this claim should be sent to:

Quality Control
P.O. Box 82657
Lincoln, NE 68501-2657
877-897-4328 (Toll Free)
Fax 402-309-2579

You always have the right to contact the Department of Insurance:

Mississippi Department of Insurance
1001 Woolfolk State Bldg.
501 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201
601-359-3569
800-562-2957

NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY
MISSISSIPPI LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

This notice provides a brief summary of the Mississippi Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (the "Association") and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created by Mississippi law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, annuity or health insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Mississippi law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies. (For purposes of this notice, the terms “insurance company” and “insurer” include health maintenance organizations (HMOs).)

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

Life Insurance
$300,000 in death benefits
$100,000 in net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

Health Insurance
$500,000 for health benefits plans (see definition below)
$300,000 in disability income benefits
$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits

Annuities
$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is $300,000. Special rules may apply with regard to health benefit plans.

“Health benefit plan” is defined in Miss. Code Ann. § 83-23-209 and generally includes hospital or medical expense policies, contracts or certificates, or HMO subscriber contracts that provide comprehensive forms of coverage for hospitalization or medical services, but excludes policies that provide coverages for limited benefits (such as dental-only or vision-only insurance), Medicare Supplement insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance (LTCI).

Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Mississippi law. Benefits provided by a long-term care (LTC) rider to a life insurance policy or annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefits as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it relates.

To learn more about the above protections, limitations and exclusions, as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association's website at www.mslifega.org, or contact:

Mississippi Life and Health Insurance
Guaranty Association
330 North Mart Plaza
Jackson, MS 39206-5327
601-981-0755

Mississippi Insurance Department
Woolfolk Building
501 N. West Street, Suite 1001
Jackson, MS 39201
601-359-3569

To file a complaint or seek information about the financial condition of an insurer, contact the Mississippi Insurance Department.

Your insurer is required by law to provide you with this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the Association for the purpose of sales, solicitation or inducement to purchase any form of insurance.

Non-Insurance Products/Services

From time to time we may arrange, at no additional cost to you or your group, for third-party service providers to provide you access to discounted goods and/or services, such as purchase of eye wear or prescription drugs. These discounted goods or services are not insurance. While we have arranged these discounts, we are not responsible for delivery, failure or negligence issues associated with these goods and services. The third-party service providers would be liable.

To access details about non-insurance discounts and third-party service providers, you may contact our customer connections team or your plan administrator.

These non-insurance goods and services will discontinue upon termination of your insurance or the termination of our arrangements with the providers, whichever comes first.

Dental procedures not covered under your plan may also be subject to a discounted fee in accordance with a participating provider's contract and subject to state law.

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
OUTLINE OF COVERAGE

The Insurance for each Insured and each Insured Dependent will be based on the Insured's class shown in this Schedule of Benefits.

Benefit Class	Class Description
Class 1	Full Time Employee Working 20 Or More Hours & Bus Driver Working 10 Or More Hours Low Dental

DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFITS

When an Insured visits a Participating Provider, a negotiated fee schedule (MAC) is used which may provide for lower out-of-pocket costs. The reimbursement to a Non-Participating Provider will be at least equal to or greater than the reimbursement to a Participating Provider.

Deductible Amount:

When a Participating Provider is used:	
Type 1 Procedures	$0
Type 2 Procedures - Each Benefit Period	$25
When a Non-Participating Provider is used:	
Type 1 Procedures	$0
Type 2 Procedures - Each Benefit Period	$25
Maximum Deductible per Benefit Period	$25

Any deductible satisfied during the Benefit Period will be applied to both the Participating Provider Deductible and the Non-Participating Provider Deductible. Once the Maximum Deductible per Benefit Period has been met, no further deductible will be required.

If an Insured incurs Covered Expenses:

i. during the last three months of any Benefit Period; and

ii. these expenses are applied toward the Deductible Amount for that Benefit Period,

such Covered Expenses will also apply to the Deductible Amount for the following Benefit Period.

On the date that three members of one family have satisfied their own Deductible Amounts for that Benefit Period, no Covered Expenses incurred after that date by any other family member will be applied toward the satisfaction of any Deductible Amount for the rest of that Benefit Period. No Covered Expense that was incurred prior to such date, which was used to satisfy any part of a Deductible Amount, will be eligible for reimbursement.

	Participating Provider	Non-Participating Provider
Coinsurance Percentage:		
Type 1 Procedures	100%	100%
Type 2 Procedures	90%	80%
When a Non-Participating Provider is used:		
Maximum Amount - Each Benefit Period		$1,500
When a Participating Provider is used:		
Maximum Amount - Each Benefit Period		$1,500

LASER VISION CORRECTION EXPENSE BENEFITS

Coinsurance Percentage:	100%

Please refer to the LASER VISION CORRECTION BENEFIT RIDER for details regarding frequency, limitations, and exclusions.

HEARING CARE EXPENSE BENEFITS

Deductible Amount:	$0
Coinsurance Percentage:	
Exams	100%***
Hearing Aids	50%
Hearing Aid Maintenance	100%***

***refer to 9290 SCHEDULE OF HEARING CARE SERVICES regarding the amount of benefits payable.

Hearing Aid Maximum Amount (per ear):	
1st 12 month Period	$400
2nd 12 month Period	$600
3rd 12 month Period or thereafter	$800

The term "12 Month Period" means the 12 month period of time beginning with the effective date of the hearing care benefits shown above for the Insured and each Insured Dependent, if any, and thereafter each subsequent 12 month period that begins on the anniversary of the effective dates described earlier in this sentence. It is important to note that for purposes of determining the appropriate 12 Month Period, the Insured and each Insured Member, if any, may have different initial effective dates depending on when they first became covered by this Policy.

EXCEPTION: If an Insured or Insured Dependent, if any, was previously covered under this policy but had a break in continuous coverage under this policy of more than twelve consecutive months, upon resuming coverage hereunder the Insured or Insured Dependent, if any, will be considered a new insured person for determining the applicable 12 Month Period when calculating the Covered Expense. After resuming coverage under this policy following a break in coverage of more than 12 consecutive months, the insured's initial 12 Month Period (and each subsequent 12 Month Period) will be based on the Insured's new effective date. Insureds with a break in coverage under this policy of less than 12 consecutive months will, upon resumption of their coverage under this policy, be treated as if they had continuous coverage under this policy BUT ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF THE 12 MONTH PERIOD DETERMINATION. For all other purposes, persons will not be considered insured under this policy during any period of time when their coverage is not in effect.

INCREASED DENTAL MAXIMUM BENEFIT

Carry Over Amount Per Insured Person – Each Benefit Period	$250
PPO Bonus – Each Benefit Period	$150
Benefit Threshold Per Insured Person – Each Benefit Period	$750
Maximum Carry Over Amount	$1,000

After the first Benefit Period following the effective date of this provision, the Maximum Amount for Dental Expenses Per Insured Person as shown in the Schedule of Benefits will be increased by the Carry Over Amount if:

a) The Insured Person has submitted a claim for dental expenses incurred during the preceding Benefit Period; and

b) The benefits paid for dental expenses incurred in the preceding Benefit Period did not exceed the Benefit Threshold.

After the first Benefit Period following the coverage effective date, the Carry Over Amount will be increased by the PPO Bonus if:

a) The insured person has submitted a claim for dental expenses incurred during the preceding Benefit Period, and

b) At least one of the claims submitted by the insured person for dental expenses incurred during the preceding Benefit Period were expenses resulting from services rendered by a Participating Provider, and

c) The benefits paid for dental expenses incurred in the preceding Benefit Period did not exceed the Benefit Threshold.

In each succeeding Benefit Period in which the total dental expense benefits paid do not exceed the Benefit Threshold, the Insured Person will be eligible for the Carry Over Amount and the PPO Bonus.

The Carry Over Amount and the PPO Bonus can be accumulated from one Benefit Period to the next Benefit Period up to the Maximum Carry Over amount unless:

a) During any Benefit Period, dental expense benefits are paid in excess of the Threshold. In this instance, there will be no additional Carry Over Amount or PPO Bonus for that Benefit Period; or

b) During any Benefit Period, no claims for dental expenses incurred during the preceding Benefit Period are submitted. In this instance, there will be no Carry Over Amount or PPO Bonus for that Benefit Period, and any accumulated Carry Over Amounts, including any PPO Bonuses from previous Benefit Periods will be forfeited.

Eligibility for the Carry Over Amount and the PPO Bonus will be established or reestablished at the time the first claim in a Benefit Period is received for dental expenses incurred during that Benefit Period.

In order to properly calculate the Carry Over Amount and/or the PPO Bonus, claims should be submitted timely in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision found within the General Provisions. You have the right to request review of prior Carry Over Amount or PPO Bonus calculations. The request for review must be within 24 months from the date the Carry Over Amount or the PPO Bonus was established.

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
Laser Vision Correction Benefit Rider

This Laser Vision Correction Benefit Rider is attached to and made a part of Group Policy Number 10-52396 issued to GEORGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION and each Certificate of Insurance issued under such Policy. It is hereby agreed that the Policy and each Certificate issued thereunder has been amended to provide benefits for the Covered Procedures as described below.

BENEFITS

If an Insured undergoes or receives a Covered Procedure rendered by a Provider, we will pay benefits as stated below. The Insured has the freedom of choice to receive laser vision correction treatment from any Provider.

Benefit Amount Payable for Covered Procedures Per Insured Person (Lifetime Maximum Benefit per Eye):

For Covered Procedures, we will pay the lesser of the Provider's actual charge or the following benefit amount that corresponds to the Benefit Period in which the Covered Procedure was performed:

1st Benefit Period	2nd Benefit Period	3rd Benefit Period	4th + Benefit Period
$350 per eye	$350 per eye	$700 per eye	$700 per eye

Exclusions and Limitations

No benefit will be payable for any HCPCS Level II codes not listed in the definition of Covered Procedures.

No benefit will be payable for any Insured under the age of 18.

No benefit will be payable in the first 12 months that a person is insured if the person is a Late Entrant. After this 12 month waiting period, the Maximum Amount Payable per Insured Person will begin at the 1st Benefit Period as shown in the above schedule.

Each Insured Person is eligible for only one Covered Procedure benefit payment per eye. No benefit will be payable for multiple laser vision correction treatments on the same eye.

Definitions

Covered Procedures means only the following HCPCS Level II codes:

S0800:	Laser in Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK). This would encompass standard LASIK, Custom LASIK, LASIK with Wavefront Technology, CustomVue LASIK, and LASIK with IntraLase technology.
S0810:	Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK)

Benefit Period. Your benefits are based on a Calendar Year. A Calendar Year runs from January 1 through December 31. Benefit Period means the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same

year. During the first year a person is insured, a Benefit Period means the period from his or her effective date through December 31 of the same year.

Provider. For the purposes of this benefit rider, a Provider refers to any person who is properly licensed under the laws of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of the license.

This provision is effective on January 1, 2020

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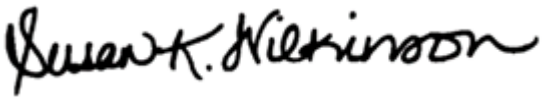

President

DEFINITIONS

COMPANY refers to Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. The words "we", "us" and "our" refer to Company. Our Home Office address is 5900 "O" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

POLICYHOLDER refers to the Policyholder stated on the face page of the policy.

INSURED refers to a person:

a. who is a Member of the eligible class; and

b. who has qualified for insurance by completing the eligibility period, if any; and

c. for whom the insurance has become effective.

CHILD. Child refers to the child of the Insured or a child of the Insured's spouse, if they otherwise meet the definition of Dependent.

DEPENDENT refers to:

a. an Insured's spouse.

b. each unmarried and married child less than 26 years of age, for whom the Insured, the Insured's spouse is legally responsible, including natural born children, adopted children from the date of placement for adoption, and children covered under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by applicable Federal and State laws. Grandchildren, spouses of Dependents and other Dependent family members under the age of 26 are not eligible for coverage under this plan.

c. each unmarried child age 26 or older who is Totally Disabled and becomes Totally Disabled as defined below while insured as a dependent under b. above. Coverage of such child will not cease if proof of dependency and disability is given within 31 days of attaining the limiting age and subsequently as may be required by us but not more frequently than annually after the initial two-year period following the child's attaining the limiting age. Any costs for providing continuing proof will be at our expense.

TOTAL DISABILITY describes the Insured's Dependent as:

1. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical handicap; and

2. Chiefly dependent upon the Insured for support and maintenance.

DEPENDENT UNIT refers to all of the people who are insured as the dependents of any one Insured.

PROVIDER refers to any person who is licensed by the law of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of the license.

PARTICIPATING AND NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS. A Participating Provider is a Provider who has a contract with Us to provide services to Insureds at a discount. A Participating Provider is also referred to as a “Network Provider”. The terms and conditions of the agreement with our network providers are available upon request. Members are required to pay the difference between the plan payment and the Participating Provider’s contracted fees for covered services. A Non-Participating Provider is any other provider and may also be referred to as an “Out-of-Network Provider.” Members are required to pay the difference between the plan payment and

the provider's actual fee for covered services. Therefore, the out-of-pocket expenses may be lower if services are provided by a Participating Provider.

LATE ENTRANT refers to any person:

a. whose Effective Date of insurance is more than 31 days from the date the person becomes eligible for insurance; or

b. who has elected to become insured again after canceling a premium contribution agreement.

PLAN EFFECTIVE DATE refers to the date coverage under the policy becomes effective. The Plan Effective Date for the Policyholder is shown on the policy cover. The effective date of coverage for an Insured is shown in the Policyholder's records.

All insurance will begin at 12:01 A.M. on the Effective Date. It will end after 11:59 P.M. on the Termination Date. All times are stated as Standard Time of the residence of the Insured.

PLAN CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE refers to the date that the policy provisions originally issued to the Policyholder change as requested by the Policyholder. The Plan Change Effective date for the Policyholder will be shown on the policy cover, if the Policyholder has requested a change. The plan change effective date for an Insured is shown in the Policyholder's records or on the cover of the certificate.

CONDITIONS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE

ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR MEMBERS. The members of the eligible class(es) are shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Each member of the eligible class (referred to as "Member") will qualify for such insurance on the day he or she completes the required eligibility period, if any. Members choosing to elect coverage will hereinafter be referred to as "Insured."

If employment is the basis for membership, a member of the Eligible Class for insurance is any bus driver working 10 or more hours a week electing the low dental plan. If membership is by reason other than employment, then a member of the Eligible Class for Insurance is as defined by the Policyholder.

Part Time Employees And Board Members are excluded from the Eligible Class for Insurance.

If both spouses are Members, and if either of them insures their dependent children, then the spouse, whoever elects, will be considered the dependent of the other. As a dependent, the person will not be considered a Member of the Eligible Class, but will be eligible for insurance as a dependent.

ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE. Each Member of the eligible class(es) for dependent coverage is eligible for the Dependent Insurance under the policy and will qualify for this Dependent Insurance on the first of the month falling on or first following the latest of:

1. the day he or she qualifies for coverage as a Member;

2. the day he or she first becomes a Member; or

3. the day he or she first has a dependent. For dependent children, a newborn child will be considered an eligible dependent upon reaching their 2nd birthday. The child may be added at birth or within 31 days of the 2nd birthday.

A Member must be an Insured to also insure his or her dependents.

If employment is the basis for membership, a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance is any bus driver working 10 or more hours a week electing the low dental plan and has dependents. If membership is by reason other than employment, then a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance is as defined by the Policyholder.

Part Time Employees And Board Members are excluded from the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance.

Any spouse who elects to be a dependent rather than a member of the Eligible Class for Personal Insurance, as explained above, is not a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance.

When a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance dies and, if at the date of death, has dependents insured, the Policyholder has the option of offering the dependents of the deceased employee continued coverage. If elected by the Policyholder and the affected dependents, the name of such deceased member will continue to be listed as a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Insurance.

CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS. Member Insurance: An Insured is required to contribute to the payment of his or her insurance premiums.

Dependent Insurance: An Insured is required to contribute to the payment of insurance premiums for his or her dependents.

SECTION 125. This plan is provided as part of the Employer's Section 125 Plan. Each Member has the option under the Section 125 Plan of participating or not participating in this plan.

If a Member does not elect to participate when initially eligible, the Member may elect to participate at a subsequent Election Period. This Election Period will be held each year and those who elect to participate in this plan at that time will have their coverage become effective on January 1. A Member who elects to participate during an Election Period who did not elect to participate when initially eligible will be a Late Entrant and subject to Limitation No. 1 on 9219. (There is NO "open enrollment" under this plan.)

Members may change their election option only during an Election Period, except for a change in family status. Such events would be marriage, divorce, birth of a child, death of a spouse or child, or termination of employment of a spouse.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD. For Members on the Plan Effective Date of the policy, coverage is effective immediately.

For persons who become Members after the Plan Effective Date of the policy, qualification will occur on the first of the month falling on or first following the date of employment.

If employment is the basis for membership in the Eligible Class for Members, an Insured whose eligibility terminates and is established again, may or may not have to complete a new eligibility period before he or she can again qualify for insurance.

ELIMINATION PERIOD. Certain covered expenses may be subject to an elimination period, please refer to the TABLE OF DENTAL PROCEDURES, DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFITS, and if applicable, the ORTHODONTIC EXPENSE BENEFITS pages for details.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Each Member has the option of being insured and insuring his or her Dependents. To elect coverage, he or she must agree in writing to contribute to the payment of the insurance premiums. The Effective Date for each Member and his or her Dependents, will be the first of the month falling on or first following:

1. the date on which the Member qualifies for insurance, if the Member agrees to contribute on or before that date.

2. the date on which the Member agrees to contribute, if that date is within 31 days after the date he or she qualifies for insurance.

3. the date we accept the Member and/or Dependent for insurance when the Member and/or Dependent is a Late Entrant. The Member and/or Dependent will be subject to any limitation concerning Late Entrants.

EXCEPTIONS. If employment is the basis for membership, a Member must be in active service on the date the insurance, or any increase in insurance, is to take effect. If not, the insurance will not take effect until the day he or she returns to active service. Active service refers to the performance in the customary manner by an employee of all the regular duties of his or her employment with his or her employer on a full time basis at one of the employer's business establishments or at some location to which the employer's business requires the employee to travel.

A Member will be in active service on any regular non-working day if he or she is not totally disabled on that day and if he or she was in active service on the regular working day before that day.

If membership is by reason other than employment, a Member must not be totally disabled on the date the insurance, or any increase in insurance, is to take effect. The insurance will not take effect until the day after he or she ceases to be totally disabled.

TERMINATION DATES

INSUREDS. The insurance for any Insured, will automatically terminate on the end of the month falling on or next following the **earliest of:**

1. the date the Insured ceases to be a Member;
2. the last day of the period for which the Insured has contributed, if required, to the payment of insurance premiums; or
3. the date the policy is terminated.

DEPENDENTS. The insurance for all of an Insured's dependents will automatically terminate on the end of the month falling on or next following the **earliest of:**

1. the date on which the Insured's coverage terminates;
2. the date on which the Insured ceases to be a Member;
3. the last day of the period for which the Insured has contributed, if required, to the payment of insurance premiums; or
4. the date all Dependent Insurance under the policy is terminated.

The insurance for any Dependent will automatically terminate on the end of the month falling on or next following the day before the date on which the dependent no longer meets the definition of a dependent. See "Definitions."

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE. If coverage ceases according to TERMINATION DATE, some or all of the insurance coverages may be continued. Contact your plan administrator for details.

DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFITS

We will determine dental expense benefits according to the terms of the group policy for dental expenses incurred by an Insured. An Insured person has the freedom of choice to receive treatment from any Provider.

DETERMINING BENEFITS. The benefits payable will be determined by totaling all of the Covered Expenses submitted into each benefit type as shown in the Table of Dental Procedures. This amount is reduced by the Deductible, if any. The result is then multiplied by the Coinsurance Percentage(s) shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are subject to the Maximum Amount, if any, shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

BENEFIT PERIOD. Benefit Period refers to the period shown in the Table of Dental Procedures.

DEDUCTIBLE. The Deductible is shown on the Schedule of Benefits and is a specified amount of Covered Expenses that must be incurred and paid by each Insured person prior to any benefits being paid.

MAXIMUM AMOUNT. The Maximum Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits is the maximum amount that may be paid for the Covered Expenses incurred by an Insured.

COVERED EXPENSES. Covered Expenses include:

1. only those expenses for dental procedures performed by a Provider; and
2. only those expenses for dental procedures listed and outlined on the Table of Dental Procedures.

Covered Expenses are subject to "Limitations." See Limitations and Table of Dental Procedures.

Benefits payable for Covered Expenses also will be based on the lesser of:

1. the actual charge of the Provider.
2. the usual and customary ("U&C") as covered under your plan, if services are provided by a Non Participating Provider.
3. the Maximum Allowable Charge ("MAC") as covered under your plan, if services are provided by a Participating Provider, who is a general dentist.

Usual and Customary (“U&C”) describes those dental charges that we have determined to be the usual and customary charge for a given dental procedure within a particular ZIP code area. The U&C is based upon a combination of dental charge information taken from our own database as well as from data received from nationally recognized industry databases. From the array of charges ranked by amount, your Policyholder (in most cases your employer) has selected a percentile that will be used to determine the maximum U&C for your plan. The U&C is reviewed and updated periodically. The U&C can differ from the actual fee charged by the provider and is not indicative of the appropriateness of the provider’s fee. Instead, the U&C is simply a plan provision used to determine the extent of benefit coverage purchased by your Policyholder.

MAC - The Maximum Allowable Charge is derived from the array of provider charges within a particular ZIP code area. These allowances are the charges accepted by dentists who are Participating Providers. The MAC is reviewed and updated periodically to reflect increasing provider fees within the ZIP code area.

ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES. If two or more procedures are considered adequate and appropriate treatment to correct a certain condition under generally accepted standards of dental care, the amount of the Covered Expense will be equal to the charge for the least expensive procedure. This provision is NOT intended to dictate a course of treatment. Instead, this provision is designed to determine the amount of the plan allowance for a submitted treatment when an adequate and appropriate alternative procedure is available. Accordingly, you may choose to apply the alternate benefit amount determined under this provision toward payment of the submitted treatment.

We may request pre-operative dental radiographic images, periodontal charting and/or additional diagnostic data to determine the plan allowance for the procedures submitted. We strongly encourage pre-treatment estimates so you understand your benefits before any treatment begins. Ask your provider to submit a claim form for this purpose.

EXPENSES INCURRED. An expense is incurred at the time the impression is made for an appliance or change to an appliance. An expense is incurred at the time the tooth or teeth are prepared for a prosthetic crown, appliance, or fixed partial denture. For root canal therapy, an expense is incurred at the time the pulp chamber is opened. All other expenses are incurred at the time the service is rendered or a supply furnished.

LIMITATIONS. Covered Expenses will not include and benefits will not be payable for expenses incurred:

1. in the first 12 months that a person is insured if the person is a Late Entrant; except for evaluations, prophylaxis (cleanings), and fluoride application.

2. for appliances, restorations, or procedures to:

    a. alter vertical dimension;
    b. restore or maintain occlusion; or
    c. splint or replace tooth structure lost as a result of abrasion or attrition.

3. for any procedure begun after the insured person's insurance under this contract terminates.

4. to replace lost or stolen appliances.

5. for any treatment which is for cosmetic purposes.

6. for any procedure not shown in the Table of Dental Procedures. (There may be additional frequencies and limitations that apply, please see the Table of Dental Procedures for details.)

7. for orthodontic treatment under this benefit provision. (If orthodontic expense benefits have been included in this policy, please refer to the Schedule of Benefits and Orthodontic Expense Benefits provision found on 9260).

8. for which the Insured person is entitled to benefits under any workmen’s compensation or similar law, or charges for services or supplies received as a result of any dental condition caused or contributed to by an injury or sickness arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit.

9. for charges which the Insured person is not liable or which would not have been made had no insurance been in force.

10. for services that are not required for necessary care and treatment or are not within the generally accepted parameters of care.

11. because of war or any act of war, declared or not.

TABLE OF DENTAL PROCEDURES

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY FOR YOUR PROCEDURE FREQUENCIES AND PROVISIONS.

The attached is a list of dental procedures for which benefits are payable under this section; and is based upon the Current Dental Terminology © American Dental Association. **No benefits are payable for a procedure that is not listed.**

- Your benefits are based on a Calendar Year. A Calendar Year runs from January 1 through December 31.
- Benefit Period means the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same year. But during the first year a person is insured, a benefit period means the period from his or her effective date through December 31 of that year.
- Covered procedures are subject to all plan provisions, procedure and frequency limitations, and/or consultant review.
- Reference to "traumatic injury" under this plan is defined as injury caused by external forces (ie. outside the mouth) and specifically excludes injury caused by internal forces such as bruxism (grinding of teeth).
- Radiographic images, periodontal charting and supporting diagnostic data may be requested for our review.
- We recommend that a pre-treatment estimate be submitted for all anticipated work that is considered to be expensive by our insured.
- A pre-treatment estimate is not a pre-authorization or guarantee of payment or eligibility; rather it is an indication of the estimated benefits available if the described procedures are performed.

TYPE 1 PROCEDURES

PAYMENT BASIS - NON PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS - Usual and Customary

BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year

For Additional Limitations - See Limitations

ROUTINE ORAL EVALUATION

D0120 Periodic oral evaluation - established patient.

D0145 Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver.

D0150 Comprehensive oral evaluation - new or established patient.

D0180 Comprehensive periodontal evaluation - new or established patient.

COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION: D0150, D0180

Coverage is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per provider.

In addition, D0150, D0180 coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

D0120, D0145, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

If frequency met, will be considered at an alternate benefit of a D0120/D0145 and count towards this frequency.

ROUTINE EVALUATION: D0120, D0145

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

D0150, D0180, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Procedure D0120 will be considered for individuals age 3 and over. Procedure D0145 will be considered for individuals age 2 and under.

COMPLETE SERIES OR PANORAMIC

D0210 Intraoral - comprehensive series of radiographic images.

D0330 Panoramic radiographic image.

COMPLETE SERIES/PANORAMIC: D0210, D0330

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).

OTHER XRAYS

D0220 Intraoral - periapical first radiographic image.

D0230 Intraoral - periapical each additional radiographic image.

D0240 Intraoral - occlusal radiographic image.

D0250 Extra-oral - 2D projection radiographic image created using a stationary radiation source, and detector.

D0251 Extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.

PERIAPICAL: D0220, D0230

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

BITEWINGS

D0270 Bitewing - single radiographic image.

D0272 Bitewings - two radiographic images.

D0273 Bitewings - three radiographic images.

D0274 Bitewings - four radiographic images.

D0277 Vertical bitewings - 7 to 8 radiographic images.

BITEWINGS: D0270, D0272, D0273, D0274

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.

D0277, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

VERTICAL BITEWINGS: D0277

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

PROPHYLAXIS (CLEANING) AND FLUORIDE

D1110 Prophylaxis - adult.

D1120 Prophylaxis - child.

D1206 Topical application of fluoride varnish.

TYPE 1 PROCEDURES

D1208 Topical application of fluoride-excluding varnish.
D9932 Cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, maxillary.
D9933 Cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, mandibular.
D9934 Cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, maxillary.
D9935 Cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, mandibular.

FLUORIDE: D1206, D1208

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
Benefits are considered for persons age 18 and under.

PROPHYLAXIS: D1110, D1120

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D4346, D4910, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
An adult prophylaxis (cleaning) is considered for individuals age 14 and over. A child prophylaxis (cleaning) is considered for individuals age 13 and under. Benefits for prophylaxis (cleaning) are not available when performed on the same date as periodontal procedures.

CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF REMOVABLE DENTURE: D9932, D9933, D9934, D9935

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
Benefits are not available when performed on the same date as prophylaxis (cleaning) or periodontal maintenance.

SEALANTS AND CARIES MEDICAMENTS

D1351 Sealant - per tooth.
D1352 Preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient-permanent.
D1353 Sealant repair - per tooth.
D1354 Application of caries arresting medicament-per tooth.
D1355 Caries preventive medicament application - per tooth.

SEALANT: D1351, D1352, D1353

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).
D1354, D1355, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Benefits are considered for persons age 16 and under.
Benefits are considered on permanent molars only.
Coverage is allowed on the occlusal surface only.

SPACE MAINTAINERS

D1510 Space maintainer-fixed, unilateral-per quadrant.
D1516 Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral, maxillary.
D1517 Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral, mandibular.
D1520 Space maintainer-removable, unilateral-per quadrant.
D1526 Space maintainer - removable - bilateral, maxillary.
D1527 Space maintainer - removable - bilateral, mandibular.
D1551 Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer-maxillary.
D1552 Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer-mandibular.
D1553 Re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer-per quadrant.
D1556 Removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer-per quadrant.
D1557 Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer-maxillary.
D1558 Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer-mandibular.
D1575 Distal shoe space maintainer - fixed, unilateral-per quadrant.

SPACE MAINTAINER: D1510, D1516, D1517, D1520, D1526, D1527, D1575

Coverage is limited to space maintenance for unerupted teeth, following extraction of primary teeth. Allowances include all adjustments within 6 months of placement date.

APPLIANCE THERAPY

D8210 Removable appliance therapy.
D8220 Fixed appliance therapy.

APPLIANCE THERAPY: D8210, D8220

Coverage is limited to the correction of thumb-sucking.

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

PAYMENT BASIS - NON PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS - Usual and Customary

BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year

For Additional Limitations - See Limitations

LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION

D0140 Limited oral evaluation - problem focused.

D0170 Re-evaluation - limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit).

LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION: D0140, D0170

Coverage is allowed for accidental injury only. If not due to an accident, will be considered at an alternate benefit of a D0120/D0145 and count towards this frequency.

ORAL PATHOLOGY/LABORATORY

D0472 Accession of tissue, gross examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D0473 Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D0474 Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, including assessment of surgical margins for presence of disease, preparation and transmission of written report.

ORAL PATHOLOGY LABORATORY: D0472, D0473, D0474

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).

Coverage is limited to 1 examination per biopsy/excision.

AMALGAM RESTORATIONS (FILLINGS)

D2140 Amalgam - one surface, primary or permanent.

D2150 Amalgam - two surfaces, primary or permanent.

D2160 Amalgam - three surfaces, primary or permanent.

D2161 Amalgam - four or more surfaces, primary or permanent.

AMALGAM RESTORATIONS: D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990, D9911, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

RESIN RESTORATIONS (FILLINGS)

D2330 Resin-based composite - one surface, anterior.

D2331 Resin-based composite - two surfaces, anterior.

D2332 Resin-based composite - three surfaces, anterior.

D2335 Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces (anterior).

D2391 Resin-based composite - one surface, posterior.

D2392 Resin-based composite - two surfaces, posterior.

D2393 Resin-based composite - three surfaces, posterior.

D2394 Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces, posterior.

D2410 Gold foil - one surface.

D2420 Gold foil - two surfaces.

D2430 Gold foil - three surfaces.

D2990 Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions.

COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS: D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D9911, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from decay or replacement due to existing unserviceable restorations.

GOLD FOIL RESTORATIONS: D2410, D2420, D2430

Gold foils are considered at an alternate benefit of an amalgam/composite restoration.

STAINLESS STEEL CROWN (PREFABRICATED CROWN)

D2390 Resin-based composite crown, anterior.

D2928 Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - permanent tooth.

D2929 Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - primary tooth.

D2930 Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth.

D2931 Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth.

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

D2932 Prefabricated resin crown.
D2933 Prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window.
D2934 Prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crown - primary tooth.

STAINLESS STEEL CROWN: D2390, D2928, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933, D2934

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).
Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

RECEMENT

D2910 Re-cement or re-bond inlay, onlay, veneer or partial coverage restoration.
D2915 Re-cement or re-bond indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core.
D2920 Re-cement or re-bond crown.
D2921 Reattachment of tooth fragment, incisal edge or cusp.
D6092 Re-cement or re-bond implant/abutment supported crown.
D6093 Re-cement or re-bond implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture.
D6930 Re-cement or re-bond fixed partial denture.

SEDATIVE FILLING

D2940 Protective restoration.
D2941 Interim therapeutic restoration - primary dentition.
D2991 Application of hydroxyapatite regeneration medicament - per tooth.

ENDODONTICS MISCELLANEOUS

D3220 Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) - removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament.
D3221 Pulpal debridement, primary and permanent teeth.
D3222 Partial Pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development.
D3230 Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - anterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration).
D3240 Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration).
D3333 Internal root repair of perforation defects.
D3351 Apexification/recalcification - initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
D3352 Apexification/recalcification - interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, pulp space disinfection, etc.).
D3353 Apexification/recalcification - final visit (includes completed root canal therapy - apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
D3357 Pulpal regeneration - completion of treatment.
D3430 Retrograde filling - per root.
D3450 Root amputation - per root.
D3920 Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy.
D3921 Decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth.

ENDODONTICS MISCELLANEOUS: D3333, D3430, D3450, D3920, D3921

Procedure D3333 is limited to permanent teeth only.

ENDODONTIC THERAPY (ROOT CANALS)

D3310 Endodontic therapy, anterior tooth.
D3320 Endodontic therapy, premolar tooth (excluding final restorations).
D3330 Endodontic therapy, molar tooth (excluding final restorations).
D3332 Incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth.
D3346 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - anterior.
D3347 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - premolar.
D3348 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - molar.

ROOT CANALS: D3310, D3320, D3330, D3332

Benefits are considered on permanent teeth only.
Allowances include intraoperative radiographic images and cultures but exclude final restoration.

RETREATMENT OF ROOT CANAL: D3346, D3347, D3348

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).
D3310, D3320, D3330, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Benefits are considered on permanent teeth only.
Coverage is limited to service dates more than 12 months after root canal therapy. Allowances include intraoperative radiographic images and cultures but exclude final restoration.

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

SURGICAL ENDODONTICS

D3355 Pulpal regeneration - initial visit.
D3356 Pulpal regeneration - interim medication replacement.
D3410 Apicoectomy - anterior.
D3421 Apicoectomy - premolar (first root).
D3425 Apicoectomy - molar (first root).
D3426 Apicoectomy (each additional root).
D3471 Surgical repair of root resorption - anterior.
D3472 Surgical repair of root resorption - premolar.
D3473 Surgical repair of root resorption - molar.
D3501 Surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - anterior.
D3502 Surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - premolar.
D3503 Surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - molar.

NON-SURGICAL PERIODONTICS

D4341 Periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant.
D4342 Periodontal scaling and root planing - one to three teeth, per quadrant.
D4381 Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth, by report.

ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS: D4381

Each quadrant is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per 2 year(s).

PERIODONTAL SCALING & ROOT PLANING: D4341, D4342

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per 2 year(s).

FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT

D4355 Full mouth debridement to enable a comprehensive periodontal evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit.

FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT: D4355

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE

D4346 Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth, after oral evaluation.
D4910 Periodontal maintenance.

PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE: D4346, D4910

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D1110, D1120, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Benefits are not available if performed on the same date as any other periodontal service.
Procedure D4910 is contingent upon evidence of full mouth active periodontal therapy.
Procedure D4346 is limited to persons age 14 and over.

DENTURE REPAIR

D5511 Repair broken complete denture base, mandibular.
D5512 Repair broken complete denture base, maxillary.
D5520 Replace missing or broken teeth - complete denture (each tooth).
D5611 Repair resin partial denture base, mandibular.
D5612 Repair resin partial denture base, maxillary.
D5621 Repair cast partial framework, mandibular.
D5622 Repair cast partial framework, maxillary.
D5630 Repair or replace broken retentive/clasping materials per tooth.
D5640 Replace broken teeth - per tooth.

DENTURE RELINES

D5730 Reline complete maxillary denture (direct).
D5731 Reline complete mandibular denture (direct).
D5740 Reline maxillary partial denture (direct).
D5741 Reline mandibular partial denture (direct).
D5750 Reline complete maxillary denture (indirect).
D5751 Reline complete mandibular denture (indirect).

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

D5760 Reline maxillary partial denture (indirect).
D5761 Reline mandibular partial denture (indirect).
D5765 Soft liner for complete or partial removable denture-indirect.
DENTURE RELINE: D5730, D5731, D5740, D5741, D5750, D5751, D5760, D5761, D5765
Coverage is limited to service dates more than 6 months after placement date.

NON-SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS
D7111 Extraction, coronal remnants - primary tooth.
D7140 Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal).

PALLIATIVE
D9110 Palliative treatment of dental pain - per visit.
PALLIATIVE TREATMENT: D9110
Not covered in conjunction with other procedures, except diagnostic x-ray radiographic images.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULT/VISIT/SERVICES
D9310 Consultation - diagnostic service provided by dentist or physician other than requesting dentist or physician.
D9430 Office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours) - no other services performed.
D9440 Office visit - after regularly scheduled hours.
D9930 Treatment of complications (post-surgical) - unusual circumstances, by report.
CONSULTATION: D9310
Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per provider.
OFFICE VISIT: D9430, D9440
Procedure D9430 is allowed for accidental injury only. Procedure D9440 will be allowed on the basis of services rendered or visit, whichever is greater.

OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT
D9951 Occlusal adjustment - limited.
D9952 Occlusal adjustment - complete.
OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT: D9951, D9952
Coverage is considered only when performed in conjunction with periodontal procedures for the treatment of periodontal disease.

MISCELLANEOUS
D0486 Laboratory accession of transepithelial cytologic sample, microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report.
D2951 Pin retention - per tooth, in addition to restoration.
D9911 Application of desensitizing resin for cervical and/or root surfaces, per tooth.
DESENSITIZATION: D9911
Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).
D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.
Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from decay or replacement due to existing unserviceable restorations.

TYPE 1 PROCEDURES

PAYMENT BASIS - PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Charge

BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year

For Additional Limitations - See Limitations

ROUTINE ORAL EVALUATION

D0120 Periodic oral evaluation - established patient.
D0145 Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver.
D0150 Comprehensive oral evaluation - new or established patient.
D0180 Comprehensive periodontal evaluation - new or established patient.

COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION: D0150, D0180

Coverage is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per provider.
In addition, D0150, D0180 coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D0120, D0145, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
If frequency met, will be considered at an alternate benefit of a D0120/D0145 and count towards this frequency.

ROUTINE EVALUATION: D0120, D0145

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D0150, D0180, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Procedure D0120 will be considered for individuals age 3 and over. Procedure D0145 will be considered for individuals age 2 and under.

COMPLETE SERIES OR PANORAMIC

D0210 Intraoral - comprehensive series of radiographic images.
D0330 Panoramic radiographic image.

COMPLETE SERIES/PANORAMIC: D0210, D0330

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).

OTHER XRAYS

D0220 Intraoral - periapical first radiographic image.
D0230 Intraoral - periapical each additional radiographic image.
D0240 Intraoral - occlusal radiographic image.
D0250 Extra-oral - 2D projection radiographic image created using a stationary radiation source, and detector.
D0251 Extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.

PERIAPICAL: D0220, D0230

The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

BITEWINGS

D0270 Bitewing - single radiographic image.
D0272 Bitewings - two radiographic images.
D0273 Bitewings - three radiographic images.
D0274 Bitewings - four radiographic images.
D0277 Vertical bitewings - 7 to 8 radiographic images.

BITEWINGS: D0270, D0272, D0273, D0274

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D0277, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

VERTICAL BITEWINGS: D0277

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).
The maximum amount considered for x-ray radiographic images taken on one day will be equivalent to an allowance of a D0210.

PROPHYLAXIS (CLEANING) AND FLUORIDE

D1110 Prophylaxis - adult.
D1120 Prophylaxis - child.
D1206 Topical application of fluoride varnish.

TYPE 1 PROCEDURES

D1208 Topical application of fluoride-excluding varnish.
D9932 Cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, maxillary.
D9933 Cleaning and inspection of removable complete denture, mandibular.
D9934 Cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, maxillary.
D9935 Cleaning and inspection of removable partial denture, mandibular.

FLUORIDE: D1206, D1208

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
Benefits are considered for persons age 18 and under.

PROPHYLAXIS: D1110, D1120

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D4346, D4910, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
An adult prophylaxis (cleaning) is considered for individuals age 14 and over. A child prophylaxis (cleaning) is considered for individuals age 13 and under. Benefits for prophylaxis (cleaning) are not available when performed on the same date as periodontal procedures.

CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF REMOVABLE DENTURE: D9932, D9933, D9934, D9935

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
Benefits are not available when performed on the same date as prophylaxis (cleaning) or periodontal maintenance.

SEALANTS AND CARIES MEDICAMENTS

D1351 Sealant - per tooth.
D1352 Preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient-permanent.
D1353 Sealant repair - per tooth.
D1354 Application of caries arresting medicament-per tooth.
D1355 Caries preventive medicament application - per tooth.

SEALANT: D1351, D1352, D1353

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 3 year(s).
D1354, D1355, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Benefits are considered for persons age 16 and under.
Benefits are considered on permanent molars only.
Coverage is allowed on the occlusal surface only.

SPACE MAINTAINERS

D1510 Space maintainer-fixed, unilateral-per quadrant.
D1516 Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral, maxillary.
D1517 Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral, mandibular.
D1520 Space maintainer-removable, unilateral-per quadrant.
D1526 Space maintainer - removable - bilateral, maxillary.
D1527 Space maintainer - removable - bilateral, mandibular.
D1551 Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer-maxillary.
D1552 Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer-mandibular.
D1553 Re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer-per quadrant.
D1556 Removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer-per quadrant.
D1557 Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer-maxillary.
D1558 Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer-mandibular.
D1575 Distal shoe space maintainer - fixed, unilateral-per quadrant.

SPACE MAINTAINER: D1510, D1516, D1517, D1520, D1526, D1527, D1575

Coverage is limited to space maintenance for unerupted teeth, following extraction of primary teeth. Allowances include all adjustments within 6 months of placement date.

APPLIANCE THERAPY

D8210 Removable appliance therapy.
D8220 Fixed appliance therapy.

APPLIANCE THERAPY: D8210, D8220

Coverage is limited to the correction of thumb-sucking.

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

PAYMENT BASIS - PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS - Maximum Allowable Charge

BENEFIT PERIOD - Calendar Year

For Additional Limitations - See Limitations

LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION

D0140 Limited oral evaluation - problem focused.

D0170 Re-evaluation - limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit).

LIMITED ORAL EVALUATION: D0140, D0170

Coverage is allowed for accidental injury only. If not due to an accident, will be considered at an alternate benefit of a D0120/D0145 and count towards this frequency.

ORAL PATHOLOGY/LABORATORY

D0472 Accession of tissue, gross examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D0473 Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report.

D0474 Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, including assessment of surgical margins for presence of disease, preparation and transmission of written report.

ORAL PATHOLOGY LABORATORY: D0472, D0473, D0474

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).

Coverage is limited to 1 examination per biopsy/excision.

AMALGAM RESTORATIONS (FILLINGS)

D2140 Amalgam - one surface, primary or permanent.

D2150 Amalgam - two surfaces, primary or permanent.

D2160 Amalgam - three surfaces, primary or permanent.

D2161 Amalgam - four or more surfaces, primary or permanent.

AMALGAM RESTORATIONS: D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990, D9911, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

RESIN RESTORATIONS (FILLINGS)

D2330 Resin-based composite - one surface, anterior.

D2331 Resin-based composite - two surfaces, anterior.

D2332 Resin-based composite - three surfaces, anterior.

D2335 Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces (anterior).

D2391 Resin-based composite - one surface, posterior.

D2392 Resin-based composite - two surfaces, posterior.

D2393 Resin-based composite - three surfaces, posterior.

D2394 Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces, posterior.

D2410 Gold foil - one surface.

D2420 Gold foil - two surfaces.

D2430 Gold foil - three surfaces.

D2990 Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions.

COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS: D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).

D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D9911, also contribute(s) to this limitation.

Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from decay or replacement due to existing unserviceable restorations.

GOLD FOIL RESTORATIONS: D2410, D2420, D2430

Gold foils are considered at an alternate benefit of an amalgam/composite restoration.

STAINLESS STEEL CROWN (PREFABRICATED CROWN)

D2390 Resin-based composite crown, anterior.

D2928 Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - permanent tooth.

D2929 Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - primary tooth.

D2930 Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth.

D2931 Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth.

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

D2932 Prefabricated resin crown.
D2933 Prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window.
D2934 Prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crown - primary tooth.

STAINLESS STEEL CROWN: D2390, D2928, D2929, D2930, D2931, D2932, D2933, D2934

Replacement is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).
Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.

RECEMENT

D2910 Re-cement or re-bond inlay, onlay, veneer or partial coverage restoration.
D2915 Re-cement or re-bond indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core.
D2920 Re-cement or re-bond crown.
D2921 Reattachment of tooth fragment, incisal edge or cusp.
D6092 Re-cement or re-bond implant/abutment supported crown.
D6093 Re-cement or re-bond implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture.
D6930 Re-cement or re-bond fixed partial denture.

SEDATIVE FILLING

D2940 Protective restoration.
D2941 Interim therapeutic restoration - primary dentition.
D2991 Application of hydroxyapatite regeneration medicament - per tooth.

ENDODONTICS MISCELLANEOUS

D3220 Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) - removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament.
D3221 Pulpal debridement, primary and permanent teeth.
D3222 Partial Pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development.
D3230 Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - anterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration).
D3240 Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration).
D3333 Internal root repair of perforation defects.
D3351 Apexification/recalcification - initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
D3352 Apexification/recalcification - interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, pulp space disinfection, etc.).
D3353 Apexification/recalcification - final visit (includes completed root canal therapy - apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
D3357 Pulpal regeneration - completion of treatment.
D3430 Retrograde filling - per root.
D3450 Root amputation - per root.
D3920 Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy.
D3921 Decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth.

ENDODONTICS MISCELLANEOUS: D3333, D3430, D3450, D3920, D3921

Procedure D3333 is limited to permanent teeth only.

ENDODONTIC THERAPY (ROOT CANALS)

D3310 Endodontic therapy, anterior tooth.
D3320 Endodontic therapy, premolar tooth (excluding final restorations).
D3330 Endodontic therapy, molar tooth (excluding final restorations).
D3332 Incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth.
D3346 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - anterior.
D3347 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - premolar.
D3348 Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - molar.

ROOT CANALS: D3310, D3320, D3330, D3332

Benefits are considered on permanent teeth only.
Allowances include intraoperative radiographic images and cultures but exclude final restoration.

RETREATMENT OF ROOT CANAL: D3346, D3347, D3348

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 12 month(s).
D3310, D3320, D3330, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Benefits are considered on permanent teeth only.
Coverage is limited to service dates more than 12 months after root canal therapy. Allowances include intraoperative radiographic images and cultures but exclude final restoration.

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

SURGICAL ENDODONTICS

D3355 Pulpal regeneration - initial visit.
D3356 Pulpal regeneration - interim medication replacement.
D3410 Apicoectomy - anterior.
D3421 Apicoectomy - premolar (first root).
D3425 Apicoectomy - molar (first root).
D3426 Apicoectomy (each additional root).
D3471 Surgical repair of root resorption - anterior.
D3472 Surgical repair of root resorption - premolar.
D3473 Surgical repair of root resorption - molar.
D3501 Surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - anterior.
D3502 Surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - premolar.
D3503 Surgical exposure of root surface without apicoectomy or repair of root resorption - molar.

NON-SURGICAL PERIODONTICS

D4341 Periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant.
D4342 Periodontal scaling and root planing - one to three teeth, per quadrant.
D4381 Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth, by report.

ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS: D4381

Each quadrant is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per 2 year(s).

PERIODONTAL SCALING & ROOT PLANING: D4341, D4342

Each quadrant is limited to 1 of each of these procedures per 2 year(s).

FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT

D4355 Full mouth debridement to enable a comprehensive periodontal evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit.

FULL MOUTH DEBRIDEMENT: D4355

Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 5 year(s).

PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE

D4346 Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth, after oral evaluation.
D4910 Periodontal maintenance.

PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE: D4346, D4910

Coverage is limited to 2 of any of these procedures per benefit period.
D1110, D1120, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Benefits are not available if performed on the same date as any other periodontal service.
Procedure D4910 is contingent upon evidence of full mouth active periodontal therapy.
Procedure D4346 is limited to persons age 14 and over.

DENTURE REPAIR

D5511 Repair broken complete denture base, mandibular.
D5512 Repair broken complete denture base, maxillary.
D5520 Replace missing or broken teeth - complete denture (each tooth).
D5611 Repair resin partial denture base, mandibular.
D5612 Repair resin partial denture base, maxillary.
D5621 Repair cast partial framework, mandibular.
D5622 Repair cast partial framework, maxillary.
D5630 Repair or replace broken retentive/clasping materials per tooth.
D5640 Replace broken teeth - per tooth.

DENTURE RELINES

D5730 Reline complete maxillary denture (direct).
D5731 Reline complete mandibular denture (direct).
D5740 Reline maxillary partial denture (direct).
D5741 Reline mandibular partial denture (direct).
D5750 Reline complete maxillary denture (indirect).
D5751 Reline complete mandibular denture (indirect).

TYPE 2 PROCEDURES

D5760 Reline maxillary partial denture (indirect).
D5761 Reline mandibular partial denture (indirect).
D5765 Soft liner for complete or partial removable denture-indirect.
DENTURE RELINE: D5730, D5731, D5740, D5741, D5750, D5751, D5760, D5761, D5765
Coverage is limited to service dates more than 6 months after placement date.

NON-SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS
D7111 Extraction, coronal remnants - primary tooth.
D7140 Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal).

PALLIATIVE
D9110 Palliative treatment of dental pain - per visit.
PALLIATIVE TREATMENT: D9110
Not covered in conjunction with other procedures, except diagnostic x-ray radiographic images.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULT/VISIT/SERVICES
D9310 Consultation - diagnostic service provided by dentist or physician other than requesting dentist or physician.
D9430 Office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours) - no other services performed.
D9440 Office visit - after regularly scheduled hours.
D9930 Treatment of complications (post-surgical) - unusual circumstances, by report.
CONSULTATION: D9310
Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per provider.
OFFICE VISIT: D9430, D9440
Procedure D9430 is allowed for accidental injury only. Procedure D9440 will be allowed on the basis of services rendered or visit, whichever is greater.

OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT
D9951 Occlusal adjustment - limited.
D9952 Occlusal adjustment - complete.
OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT: D9951, D9952
Coverage is considered only when performed in conjunction with periodontal procedures for the treatment of periodontal disease.

MISCELLANEOUS
D0486 Laboratory accession of transepithelial cytologic sample, microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report.
D2951 Pin retention - per tooth, in addition to restoration.
D9911 Application of desensitizing resin for cervical and/or root surfaces, per tooth.
DESENSITIZATION: D9911
Coverage is limited to 1 of any of these procedures per 6 month(s).
D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394, D2990, also contribute(s) to this limitation.
Porcelain and resin benefits are considered for anterior and bicuspid teeth only.
Coverage is limited to necessary placement resulting from decay or replacement due to existing unserviceable restorations.

HEARING CARE EXPENSE BENEFITS

If an Insured under this section incurs Covered Expenses, we will consider benefits as stated below.

AMOUNT PAYABLE. The Amount Payable for Covered Expenses shall be the lesser of:

a. the actual charge for services or supplies furnished; or

b. the Maximum Covered Expense for such services or supplies shown in the Schedule of Hearing Care Services, adjusted as described below in Covered Expenses.

DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT. The Deductible Amount, if applicable, shown in the Schedule of Benefits is an amount of Covered Expenses for which no benefits are payable. It applies separately to the Covered Expenses incurred by each Insured. Benefits will be paid only for those Covered Expenses that are over the deductible amount.

COVERED EXPENSES. Covered Expenses means the expenses incurred by an Insured for the procedures shown in the Schedule of Hearing Care Services up to the Maximum Covered Expense shown for each procedure, reduced by any applicable Deductible Amount. This amount is then multiplied by the Coinsurance Percentage, with the resulting amount being the Covered Expense, provided that in no event will the Covered Expense exceed the Maximum Amount as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Incurred expenses will be considered Covered Expenses only to the extent that they are incurred for procedures provided or recommended by a physician, audiologist, or other hearing health care professional acting within the scope of his or her license. These expenses are subject to the "Limitations" listed below.

Benefit Period means the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same year. But during the first year a person is insured, a benefit period means the period from his or her effective date through December 31 of that year.

EXPENSES INCURRED. An expense is incurred at the time a service is rendered or a supply is furnished. When it pertains to a Hearing Aid an expense is incurred on the date the Hearing Aid is placed. Benefits for Covered Expenses of Hearing Aids will be paid on the date the Hearing Aid Purchase Agreement is signed. No benefits are payable for a Hearing Aid returned for a refund.

The Coordination of Benefit Provision, if any, in the Policy/Certificate does not apply to this Section. This plan is not intended to replace mandatory worksite programs designed to satisfy OSHA hearing conservation programs.

LIMITATIONS: Covered Expenses will not include and no benefits will be payable for expenses incurred for:

1. examinations performed or supplies furnished before the Insured was covered under this section.

2. any examination performed or supply furnished after the Insured's coverage under this section ceases.

3. any hearing examination or supply required by an employer as a condition of employment, including but not limited to, any mandatory worksite programs designed to satisfy OSHA hearing conservation programs.

4. replacement of hearing aids except once every 5 years from the date of placement of the hearing aid. This replacement interval is waived and 50% of the Covered Expense that would be otherwise payable will be considered if all of the following conditions are met:
   a. the Insured person is diagnosed with a significant deterioration of hearing since placement of the previous hearing aid, and

b. a statement from the Provider is furnished indicating that the hearing aid being replaced cannot be modified to correct the loss, and
c. at least 3 years has passed since placement of the previous hearing aid.

5. medical or surgical treatment of any part of the ear, including but not limited to, cochlear implants, or tubes in the ears.

6. hearing care services or supplies in the first 12 months that a person is insured if the person is a Late Entrant, except hearing examinations. After this 12 month period, the Maximum Amount Payable per Insured Person will begin at the 1st 12 Month Period as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

7. which the Insured person is entitled to benefits under any workers' compensation or similar law, or charges for services or supplies received as a result of any hearing loss caused or contributed to by an injury or sickness arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit, including an occupational hearing loss.

8. charges for which the Insured person is not liable or which would not have been made had no insurance been in force.

9. any procedure not shown in the Schedule of Hearing Care Services.

10. any treatment which is for cosmetic purposes.

11. assistive hearing devices not listed in the Schedule of Hearing Care Services, such as phone amplification, cellular phone amplifier, hearing aid dehumidifier, loop system, etc.

12. charges for services not provided or recommended by a licensed provider, such as an audiologist, hearing aid specialist, otolaryngologist (ENT) or otologist (ear doctor), within the scope of that license.

13. services or supplies which are not related to a conductive or sensorineural hearing loss, such as any nonorganic hearing loss or occupational hearing loss.

14. charges for a hearing screening performed as a part of or in the course of any non-hearing routine examination.

15. a hearing aid dispensed without the direction and supervision or recommendation of a provider licensed to perform hearing aid examinations and/or hearing aid dispensing.

16. because of war or any act of war, declared or not.

17. removal of foreign bodies or ear wax from the ear or any part of the ear.

SCHEDULE OF HEARING CARE SERVICES

The following is a complete list of hearing care services for benefits payable under this section. No benefits are payable for a service not listed.

SERVICE	MAXIMUM COVERED EXPENSE
COMPREHENSIVE HEARING EXAMINATION May consist of the following: case history; external examination of the ear, otoscopy, audiometric testing, audiogram, otoacoustic emissions (OAEs) testing, pure tone audiometry, speech audiometry, mobility of ear drum (tympanometry), and measurement of pressure in the middle ear.	Up to $75 per Benefit Period
HEARING AIDS A hearing device for the treatment of a defined, measurable hearing loss as prescribed or recommended by a licensed provider within the scope of that license.	See Hearing Aid Maximum Amount on the Schedule of Benefits
HEARING AID MAINTENANCE Including but not limited to, batteries, replacement tubing, repair of hearing aid, hearing aid fittings, and maintenance contracts for hearing aids, etc.	Up to $40 per Benefit Period

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies if an Insured person has dental coverage under more than one **Plan**. **Plan** is defined below. All benefits provided under this policy are subject to this section.

The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each **Plan** will pay a claim for benefits. The **Plan** that pays first is called the **Primary plan**. The **Primary plan** must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another **Plan** may cover some expenses. The **Plan** that pays after the **Primary plan** is the **Secondary plan**. The **Secondary plan** may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total **Allowable expense**.

DEFINITIONS

A. A **Plan** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

(1) **Plan** includes: group insurance contracts, health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts, closed panel plans or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law.

(2) **Plan** does not include: hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage other than the medical benefits coverage in automobile "no fault" and traditional "fault" type contracts; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage, as defined by state law; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

Each contract for coverage under (1) or (2) is a separate **Plan**. If a **Plan** has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate **Plan**.

B. **This plan** means, in a **COB** provision, the part of the contract providing the health care benefits to which the **COB** provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from this plan. A contract may apply one **COB** provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another **COB** provision to coordinate other benefits.

C. The order of benefit determination rules determine whether **This plan** is a **Primary plan** or **Secondary plan** when the person has health care coverage under more than one **Plan**.

When **This plan** is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other **Plan** without considering any other **Plan's** benefits. When **This plan** is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another **Plan** and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all **Plan** benefits do not exceed 100% of the total **Allowable expense.**

D. **Allowable expense** is a health care expense, including deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments, that is covered at least in part by any **Plan** covering the person. When a **Plan** provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an **Allowable expense** and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any **Plan** covering the person is not an **Allowable expense**. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a covered person is not an **Allowable expense**.

The following are examples of expenses that are not **Allowable expenses**:

(1) If a person is covered by 2 or more **Plans** that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an **Allowable expense**.

(2) If a person is covered by 2 or more **Plans** that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an **Allowable expense**.

(3) If a person is covered by one **Plan** that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another **Plan** that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the **Primary plan's** payment arrangement shall be the **Allowable expense** for all **Plans**. However, if the provider has contracted with the **Secondary plan** to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the **Primary plan's** payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the **Allowable expense** used by the **Secondary plan** to determine its benefits.

(4) The amount of any benefit reduction by the **Primary plan** because a covered person has failed to comply with the **Plan** provisions is not an **Allowable expense**. Examples of these types of plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.

E. **Closed panel plan** is a **Plan** that provides health care benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the **Plan**, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

F. **Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES

When a person is covered by two or more **Plans**, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

A. The **Primary plan** pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits of under any other **Plan**.

B. (1) Except as provided in Paragraph B(2) below, a **Plan** that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this regulation is always primary unless the provisions of both **Plans** state that the complying plan is primary.

(2) Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the **Plan** provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a **Closed panel plan** to provide out-of-network benefits.

C. A **Plan** may consider the benefits paid or provided by another **Plan** in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other **Plan**.

D. Each **Plan** determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

(1) Non-Dependent or Dependent. The **Plan** that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the **Primary plan** and the **Plan** that covers the person as a dependent is the **Secondary plan**. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the **Plan** covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the **Plan** covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two **Plans** is reversed so that the **Plan** covering the person as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the **Secondary plan** and the other **Plan** is the **Primary plan**.

(2) Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan. Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a dependent child is covered by more than one **Plan** the order of benefits is determined as follows:

(a) For a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:

The **Plan** of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the **Primary plan**; or

If both parents have the same birthday, the **Plan** that has covered the parent the longest is the **Primary plan**.

(b) For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:

(i) If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the **Plan** of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that **Plan** is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the **Plan** is given notice of the court decree;

(ii) If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) above shall determine the order of benefits;

(iii) If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the dependent child, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) above shall determine the order of benefits; or

(iv) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:

The **Plan** covering the **Custodial parent**;

The **Plan** covering the spouse of the **Custodial parent**;

The **Plan** covering the **non-custodial parent**; and then

The **Plan** covering the spouse of the **non-custodial parent**.

(c) For a dependent child covered under more than one **Plan** of individuals who are the parents of the child, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) or (b) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

(3) Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee. The **Plan** that covers a person as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the **Primary plan**. The **Plan** covering that same person as a retired or laid-off employee is the **Secondary plan**. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of an active employee and that same person is a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other **Plan** does not have this rule, and as a result, the **Plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled D(1) can determine the order of benefits.

(4) COBRA or State Continuation Coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another **Plan**, the **Plan** covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering the person as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the **Primary plan** and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the **Secondary plan**. If the other **Plan** does not have this rule, and as a result, the **Plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled D(1) can determine the order of benefits.

(5) Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The **Plan** that covered the person as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree longer is the **Primary plan** and the **Plan** that covered the person the shorter period of time is the **Secondary plan**.

(6) If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the **Allowable expenses** shall be shared equally between the **Plans** meeting the definition of **Plan**. In addition, **This plan** will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the **Primary plan**.

EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN

A. When **This plan** is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all **Plans** during a plan year are not more than the total **Allowable expenses**. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the **Secondary plan** will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any **Allowable expense** under its **Plan** that is unpaid by the **Primary plan**. The **Secondary plan** may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the **Primary plan**, the total benefits paid or provided by all **Plans** for the claim do not exceed the total **Allowable expense** for that claim. In addition, the **Secondary plan** shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

B. If a covered person is enrolled in two or more **Closed panel** plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one **Closed panel plan**, **COB** shall not apply between that **Plan** and other **Closed panel plans**.

RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these **COB** rules and to determine benefits payable under **This plan** and other **Plans**. The Company may get the facts it needs from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under **This plan** and other **Plans** covering the person claiming benefits. The Company need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under **This plan** must give the Company any facts it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

FACILITY OF PAYMENT

A Payment made under another **Plan** may include an amount that should have been paid under **This plan**. If it does, the Company may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under **This plan**. The Company will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

RIGHT OF RECOVERY

If the amount of the payments made by the Company is more than it should have paid under this **COB** provision, it may recover the excess from one or more of the persons it has paid or for whom it has paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the covered person. The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

NOTICE OF CLAIM. Written notice of a claim must be given to us within 90 days after the incurred date of the services provided for which benefits are payable.

Notice must be given to us at our Home Office, or to one of our agents. Notice should include the Policyholder's name, Insured's name, and policy number. If it was not reasonably possible to give written notice within the 90 day period stated above, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason if notice is filed as soon as is reasonably possible.

CLAIM FORMS. When we receive the notice of a claim, we will send the claimant forms for filing proof of loss. If these forms are not furnished within 15 days after the giving of such notice, the claimant will meet our proof of loss requirements by giving us a written statement of the nature and extent of loss within the time limit for filing proofs of loss.

PROOF OF LOSS. Written proof of loss must be given to us within 90 days after the incurred date of the services provided for which benefits are payable. If it is impossible to give written proof within the 90 day period, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason if the proof is filed as soon as is reasonably possible.

TIME OF PAYMENT.

1. All benefits payable under this policy for any loss, other than loss for which this policy provides any periodic payment, will be paid within twenty-five (25) days after receipt of due written proof of such loss in the form of a clean claim where claims are submitted electronically, and will be paid within thirty-five (35) days after receipt of due written proof of such loss in the form of clean claim where claims are submitted in paper format. Benefits due under the policies and claims are overdue if not paid within twenty-five (25) days or thirty-five (35) days, whichever is applicable, after the insurer receives a clean claim containing necessary medical information and other information essential for the insurer to administer preexisting condition, coordination of benefits and subrogation provisions. A "clean claim" means a claim received by an insurer for adjudication and which requires no further information, adjustment or alteration by the provider of the services or the insured in order to be processed and paid by the insurer. A claim is clean if it has no defect or impropriety, including any lack of substantiating documentation, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment that prevents timely payment from being made on the claim under this provision. A clean claim includes resubmitted claims with previously identified deficiencies corrected. Errors, such as system errors, attributable to the insurer, do not change the clean claim status.

A clean claim does not include any of the following:

a. A duplicate claim, which means an original claim and its duplicate when the duplicate is filed within thirty (30) days of the original claim;

b. Claims which are submitted fraudulently or that are based upon material misrepresentations;

c. Claims that require information essential for the insurer to administer preexisting condition, coordination of benefits or subrogation provisions; or

d. Claims submitted by a provider more than thirty (30) days after the date of service; if the provider does not submit the claim on behalf of the insured, then a claim is not clean when submitted more than thirty (30) days after the date of billing by the provider to the insured.

Not later than twenty-five (25) days after the date the insurer actually receives an electronic claim, the insurer shall pay the appropriate benefit in full, or any portion of the claim that is clean, and notify the provider (where the claim is owed to the provider) or the insured (where the claim is owed to the insured) of the reasons why the claim or portion thereof is not clean and will not be paid and what substantiating documentation and information

is required to adjudicate the claim as clean. Not later than thirty-five (35) days after the date the insurer actually receives a paper claim, the insurer shall pay the appropriate benefit in full, or any portion of the claim that is clean, and notify the provider (where the claim is owed to the provider) or the insured (where the claim is owed to the insured) of the reasons why the claim or portion thereof is not clean and will not be paid and what substantiating documentation and information is required to adjudicate the claim as clean. Any claim or portion thereof resubmitted with the supporting documentation and information requested by the insurer shall be paid within twenty (20) days after receipt.

For purposes of this provision, the term "pay" means that the insurer shall either send cash or a cash equivalent by United States mail, or send cash or a cash equivalent by other means such as electronic transfer, in full satisfaction of the appropriate benefit due the provider (where the claim is owed to the provider) or the insured (where the claim is owed to the insured). To calculate the extent to which any benefits are overdue, payment shall be treated as made on the date a draft or other valid instrument was placed in the United States mail to the last known address of the provider (where the claim is owed to the provider) or the insured (where the claim is owed to the insured) in a properly addressed, postpaid envelope, or, if not so posted, or not sent by United States mail, on the date of delivery of payment to the provider or insured.

2. If the claim is not denied for valid and proper reasons by the end of the applicable time period prescribed in this provision, the insurer must pay the provider (where the claim is owed to the provider) or the insured (where the claim is owed to the insured) interest on accrued benefits at the rate of three percent (3%) per month accruing from the day after payment was due on the amount of the benefits that remain unpaid until the claim is finally settled or adjudicated. Whenever interest due pursuant to this provision is less than One Dollar ($ 1.00), such amount shall be credited to the account of the person or entity to whom such amount is owed.

3. In the event the insurer fails to pay benefits when due, the person entitled to such benefits may bring action to recover such benefits, any interest which may accrue as provided above and any other damages as may be allowable by law.

4. If it is determined in such action that the insurer acted in bad faith as evidenced by a repeated or deliberate pattern of failing to pay benefits and/or claims when due, the person entitled to such benefits (health care provider or insured) shall be entitled to recover damages in an amount up to three (3) times the amount of the benefits that remain unpaid until the claim is finally settled or adjudicated.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS. Participating Providers have agreed to accept assignment of benefits for services and supplies performed or furnished by them. When a Non-Participating Provider performs services, all benefits will be paid to the Insured unless otherwise indicated by the Insured's authorization to pay the Non-Participating Provider directly.

FACILITY OF PAYMENT. If an Insured or beneficiary is not capable of giving us a valid receipt for any payment or if benefits are payable to the estate of the Insured, then we may, at our option, pay the benefit up to an amount not to exceed $5,000, to any relative by blood or connection by marriage of the Insured who is considered by us to be equitably entitled to the benefit.

Any equitable payment made in good faith will release us from liability to the extent of payment.

PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP. The Insured may choose any Provider who is licensed by the law of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of their license. We will in no way disturb the provider-patient relationship.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. No legal action can be brought against us until 60 days after the Insured sends us the required proof of loss. No legal action against us can start more than five years after proof of loss is required.

INCONTESTABILITY. Any statement made by the Policyholder to obtain the Policy is a representation and not a warranty. No misrepresentation by the Policyholder will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Policy unless:

1. The Policy would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and

2. We have given the Policyholder a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyholder that contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Policy will not be contested after it has been in force for one year, except for nonpayment of premiums or fraudulent misrepresentations.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION. The coverage provided under the Policy is not a substitute for coverage under a workmen's compensation or state disability income benefit law and does not relieve the Policyholder of any obligation to provide such coverage.

Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.

THIS NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ("NOTICE") DESCRIBES HOW PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED, AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

This notice describes how the Group Divisions of Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. and Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. of New York use and disclose your protected health information, and how we guard that information. We are required to abide by the terms of this notice as long as it remains in effect. We reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice as necessary, and to make a new Notice effective for all protected health information maintained by us. If we do make changes to this Notice, a copy of the new Notice will be placed on our web site at www.ameritas.com and/or sent to you if the changes are material. If you reside in a state whose law provides stricter privacy protections than those provided by HIPAA, we will maintain the privacy of your health information as required by your stricter state law.

how we use or disclose information

We must use and disclose your health information to provide that information:

- To you, or someone who has the legal right to act for you (your personal representative), in order to administer your rights as described in this notice; and
- To the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, if necessary, to see that we are complying with federal privacy law and administrative simplification provisions of HIPAA.

We have the right to use and disclose your health information for your treatment, to pay for your health care, and to operate our business. For example, we typically use your information in the following ways:

- **For Payment.** We may use or disclose health information to collect premiums due to us, to determine your coverage, or to process claims for health care services you receive. For example, we may tell a provider whether you are eligible for coverage and what percentage of the bill may be covered.
- **For Treatment.** We may use or disclose health information to aid in your treatment or the coordination of your care. For example, we may disclose information to your provider to help them provide health care services to you.
- **For Health Care Operations.** We may use or disclose health information as necessary to operate and manage our business activities related to providing and managing your health care coverage. For example, we may use health information for operational activities such as quality assessment and improvement.
- **For Plan Sponsors.** If your coverage is through an employer sponsored group health plan, we may share summary health information and enrollment and disenrollment information with the plan sponsor. In addition, we may share other health information with the plan sponsor for plan administration purposes if the plan sponsor agrees to special restrictions on the use and disclosure of the information in accordance with federal law.

We may use or disclose your health information for the following purposes under limited circumstances:

- **As Required by Law.** We may disclose information about you if state or federal laws require it.
- **To Persons Involved With Your Care.** We may use or disclose your health information a person involved in your care or who helps you pay for your care, such as a family member or close personal friend, when you are incapacitated, emergency situations, or when you agree or fail to object when given the opportunity. If you are unavailable or unable to object, we will use our best judgment to decide if the disclosure is in your best interests.
- **To Law Enforcement.** We may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official to provide limited information to locate a missing person or report a crime.
- **To Correctional Institutions or Law Enforcement Officials.** We may disclose your health information if you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of law enforcement, but only if necessary for the institution to provide you with health care; to protect your health and safety, or the health and safety of others; or for the safety and security of the correctional institution.
- **To Avoid a Serious Threat to Health or Safety** to you, another person, or the public. For example, we may disclose information to a public health agency or law enforcement in the event of a natural disaster.
- **For Public Health Activities** such as reporting disease outbreaks to a valid public health authority.
- **For Reporting Victims of Abuse, Neglect, or Domestic Violence** to government authorities that are authorized by law to receive such information, including a social services or protective service agencies.
- **For Health Oversight Activities** to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as licensure, governmental audits, and fraud and abuse investigations.
- **For Judicial or Administrative Proceedings** to respond to a court order, search warrant, or subpoena.
- **For Specialized Government Functions** such as national security and intelligence activities, the protective services for the President and others, or if you are a member of the military, as required by the armed forces.
- **To Business Associates** that perform functions on our behalf or provide us with services if the information is necessary for such functions or services. Our business associates are required, under contract with us and federal law, to protect the privacy of your information and are not allowed to use or disclose any information other than allowed by the contract and federal law.
- **For Workers' Compensation** as authorized by, or to the extent necessary to comply with, state workers' compensation laws that govern job-related injuries or illness.

- **To Provide Information Regarding Decedents.** We may disclose information to a coroner or medical examiner to identify a deceased person, determine a cause of death, or as authorized by law. We may also disclose information to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties.
- **For Cadaveric Organ, Eye, or Tissue Donation.** We may disclose information to entities that handle procurement, banking, or transplantation of organs, eyes, or tissue to facilitate donation and transplantation.

Except for uses and disclosures described and limited as explained in this notice, we will use and disclose your health information only with written permission from you. We will not share your personal information for marketing purposes or sell your personal information unless you give us written permission to do so.

our responsibilities

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this Notice, and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described in this Notice, unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing at the contact information below if you change your mind.

your rights

- **Right to Inspect and Copy.** You have the right to inspect and copy certain protected health information that may be used to make decisions about your plan benefits. Your request must be in writing and submitted to the Ameritas Privacy Office at the contact information below. We will usually provide access to your protected health information within 30 days of receiving the request. We reserve the right to charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing, or other supplies associated with your request. You may also ask your providers for access to your records. We may deny your request in very limited circumstances. If we deny your request to inspect or obtain a copy of your protected health information, we will inform you in writing of the reason(s) within 30 days.
- **Right to Amend.** You have the right to request that we amend, correct, or delete your protected health information in our records if you believe that it is inaccurate or incomplete. Your request must be in writing and sent to the Ameritas Privacy Office at the contact information below. In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request. We will respond to your request in writing within 30 days. We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing, or does not include a reason to support the request. If we deny your request, we will communicate the reason(s) for denial. If we deny your request, you have the right to file a written statement of disagreement and any future disclosures of the disputed information will include your statement.
- **Right to Request Confidential Communication.** You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address. Your request must be in writing and submitted to the Ameritas Privacy Office at the contact information below. We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say "yes" if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.
- **Right to an Accounting of Disclosures of Your Protected Health Information.** You have the right to receive a list of the times we've shared your health information for up to six years prior to the date you ask, who we share it with, and why. Your request must be in writing and submitted to the Ameritas Privacy Office at the contact information below. We will include all the disclosures, except those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We will provide one accounting a year for free, but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.
- **Know the Reasons for an Unfavorable Underwriting Decision.** You have the right to know the reason(s) for an unfavorable underwriting decision. Your request must be in writing, and must be asked for within 90 days from when the adverse underwriting decision is sent. We will respond within 21 days. Previous unfavorable underwriting decisions may not be used as a basis for future underwriting decisions unless we make an independent evaluation of basic facts. Your genetic information cannot be used for underwriting purposes.
- **Ask Us to Limit the Information We Share.** You can send us a written request at the contact information below to not use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or health care operations. We are not required to agree to these requests.
- **Get a Copy of this Privacy Notice.** You can ask us for a paper copy of this Notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the Notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

exercising your rights

- Submitting a Written Request. If you have any questions about this Notice, want more information about exercising your rights, or want to obtain an authorization form please contact us at: The Privacy Office, Attn. HIPAA Privacy, P.O. Box 82520, Lincoln, NE 68501-2520, e-mail us at privacy@ameritas.com, or call 1-800-487-5553
- Filing a Complaint. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with us at the contact information listed above. You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

This revised notice is effective 9/30/17.