



## **GROUP DENTAL CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE**

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This Certificate of Coverage (“Certificate”), including any amendments, appendices, endorsements, notices and riders, summarizes the essential features of the Contract. This Certificate replaces and supersedes all prior certificates of coverage. Possession of this Certificate does not necessarily mean the Enrollee is covered.

For complete details on Benefits and other provisions of the Contract, please refer to the Contract on file with the Policyholder. All Benefits are subject to timely payment of the Premiums and to the provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the Contract and this Certificate. If any information in this Certificate is inconsistent with the provisions of the Contract, this Certificate shall control.

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## Article 1 Definitions

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The following defined terms are used throughout the Contract.

**“Benefit”** means the covered service or supply an Enrollee is entitled to receive.

**“Company”** means Willamette Dental of Washington, Inc.

**“Contract”** means the agreement between the Company and the Policyholder. The Contract, including the Application for Group Dental Coverage, appendices, exhibits, riders, amendments and endorsements, if any, constitute the entire Contract between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements between the parties.

**“Co-payment”** means the dollar amount that Enrollees must pay for receiving Benefits.

**“Dental Emergency”** means acute infection, traumatic damage to the oral cavity or discomfort that cannot be controlled by non-prescription pain medication.

**“Dentist”** means a doctor of dental surgery or a doctor of medical dentistry, licensed in the state where treatment is rendered.

**“Dependent”** means an eligible spouse, domestic partner, or child, who is enrolled for coverage.

**“Enrollee”** means any Member or Dependent.

**“Member”** means an employee of a Participating Employer Group, who is eligible and enrolled for coverage.

**“Participating Dentist”** means a Dentist employed by the Participating Provider.

**“Participating Employer Group”** means any employer which is a member of the Policyholder and whose participation under the Contract has been approved in writing by the Company.

**“Participating Provider”** means Willamette Dental Group, P.C., or any of its affiliated dental practices. The Company engages the Participating Provider to provide dental services.

**“Plan Administrator”** means the Policyholder or the entity designated by the Policyholder as its fiduciary. These duties include, but are not limited to, issuance of monthly eligibility reports, payment of Premiums, and the issuance of and receipt of any notices under the Contract.

**“Policyholder”** means Washington Counties Insurance Fund, the legally constituted entity, including approved affiliates and subsidiaries, contracting with the Company to provide dental Benefits.

**“Premium”** means the payment, including any Member contributions, which the Policyholder must submit to the Company for coverage.

**“Reasonable Cash Value”** means the Participating Provider’s usual, customary, and reasonable fee-for-service price of services and supplies.

**“Specialist”** means a Dentist professionally qualified as an endodontist, oral pathologist, oral surgeon, orthodontist, pediatric dentist, periodontist, or prosthodontist.

## Article 2 Eligibility

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**Section 2.1 Member Eligibility.** A prospective Member must work an average of 20 hours per week for the preceding 52 weeks or an average of 80 hours per month for the preceding 12 months, whichever is less. A prospective Member becomes eligible for coverage on the first of the month following or coinciding with completion of the waiting period as determined by the Participating Employer Group. Members who cease to work the minimum numbers of hours as a result of a furlough will retain eligibility, provided the furlough is less than a total of 30 days in a single calendar year and the Member has a defined return to work date.

**Section 2.2 Dependent Eligibility.** The Plan Administrator or Company may require proof of dependency periodically.

**2.2.1** The spouse of the Member or the domestic partner of the Member is eligible for coverage as a Dependent. All provisions of the Contract applicable to a spouse will be applicable to a domestic partner. For the purpose of the Contract, the use of the terms “spouse” and “marriage” will be applicable to a domestic partner and domestic partnership, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law.

**2.2.2** The Member’s, spouse’s, or domestic partner’s child from birth through age 25 is eligible for coverage as a Dependent. Child includes: a natural child; stepchild; adopted child; child for whom the Member, spouse, or domestic partner has assumed a legal obligation for support of the child in anticipation of adoption of the child; or child for whom the Member, spouse, or domestic partner is a court appointed guardian.

a. An unmarried child reaching the limiting age may continue coverage as a Dependent if the following conditions are met.

1. The child is and continues to be incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a developmental disability or physical handicap.

2. The child is and continues to be chiefly dependent upon the Member, spouse, or domestic partner for support and maintenance.

3. The Plan Administrator provides proof satisfactory to the Company within 31 days after the child’s attainment of the limiting age. The Company may request proof annually.

b. A child is eligible if required by a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

**Section 2.3 Enrollment and Commencement of Coverage.**

**2.3.1 Member.**

a. The Member must submit an enrollment application within 31 days after the Member attains eligibility, or the prospective Member must wait until the Contract’s next open enrollment period to enroll.

b. If the prospective Member becomes eligible for Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) premium assistance or Medicaid, the Member must submit an enrollment application and additional Premiums within 60 days of the date eligibility is determined.

- c. Coverage begins on the date the Member satisfies applicable eligibility and enrollment requirements.

### **2.3.2 Dependents.**

- a. Dependents must be listed on the Member's enrollment application or Dependents must wait until the Contract's next open enrollment period to enroll.
- b. If a Dependent is not eligible when the Member enrolls, and later becomes eligible, the Member should submit an enrollment application and the applicable Premiums within 31 days after the Dependent becomes eligible or the Dependent must wait until the Contract's next open enrollment period to enroll.
- c. A Dependent newly eligible due to marriage may enroll. The Member must submit an enrollment application and the applicable Premiums within 60 days following the date of marriage.
- d. If the Dependent becomes eligible for CHIP assistance or Medicaid, the Member must submit an enrollment application and additional Premiums within 60 days of the date eligibility is determined.
- e. Coverage begins on the first day of the next calendar month after the Dependent satisfies the applicable eligibility and enrollment requirements. A Dependent's coverage will not be effective prior to the effective date of the Member's coverage.
- f. A Member may request coverage for an eligible newborn child by submitting an enrollment application. If additional Premiums are due to provide coverage for such child, the additional Premiums must be paid within 60 days after such child's birth. Coverage will begin on the date of birth.
- g. A Member may request coverage for an eligible adopted child by submitting an enrollment application. If additional Premiums are due to provide coverage for such child, the additional Premiums must be paid within 60 days of the date of placement for adoption or following assumption of a legal obligation for the child's support. Coverage will begin on the date of placement for adoption or the date of assumption of a legal obligation for the child's support in anticipation of adoption of the child.
- h. If a Member drops a Dependent from coverage, he or she cannot re-enroll until the Contract's next open enrollment period.

**2.3.3 Enrollment Due to Loss of Coverage.** A prospective Enrollee may enroll following a documented involuntary loss of coverage under another employer health plan. Involuntary loss includes termination of Dependent's employment, divorce or legal separation from the spouse, dissolution of the domestic partnership with the domestic partner, death of spouse or domestic partner, spouse's or domestic partner's leave of absence or loss of CHIP assistance or Medicaid. To enroll, the Company must receive the enrollment application and applicable Premiums within 60 days of the involuntary loss of coverage.

## Article 3 Premium Provisions

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- Section 3.1 Payment of Premiums.** The Due Date for payment of Premiums for each Enrollee is due on the first day of each month. The Plan Administrator must submit payment of Premiums for all Enrollees to the Company in a single lump sum. A 30-day grace period is granted for the payment of Premiums. The Company may provide written notice if payment of Premiums is past due. If Premiums remain unpaid at the end of the grace period, the Company shall be released from all further obligations under the Contract. No person is entitled to Benefits for any period during which Premiums are unpaid.
- Section 3.2 Payment of Premiums when Coverage is Continued** If the Enrollee is eligible for continuation rights and elects to continue coverage, the Enrollee must submit timely payment of Premiums through the Plan Administrator.
- Section 3.3 Return of Advance Payment of Premiums.** If the Plan Administrator submits early payment of Premiums prior to the termination of the Contract, the Company will return the unearned Premiums to the Plan Administrator. Prior written notice of the intent to terminate in accordance with the Contract must be provided. The Plan Administrator must promptly notify all Enrollees of the termination of the Contract. If an Enrollee receives Benefits after termination or for any period for which Premiums remain unpaid, the Company is entitled to recover the Reasonable Cash Value of the Benefits provided in the form of services for that period.

## Article 4 Dental Coverage

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- Section 4.1 Agreement to Provide Benefits.** The Company agrees to provide Benefits for prescribed services that are listed in the appendices. Services must be provided by a Participating Provider to receive Benefits, unless specified otherwise. All Benefits are expressly subject to the Co-payments stated in the appendices and to all other provisions of the Contract.
- Section 4.2 Referral to a Specialist.** If a Participating Dentist cannot provide a covered service, the Participating Dentist may refer an Enrollee to a Specialist or non-participating Dentist. The Company agrees to provide Benefits for services and supplies provided by a Specialist or non-participating Dentist only if:
- a. The Participating Dentist refers the Enrollee;
  - b. The services and supplies are authorized by the referral; and
  - c. The services and supplies are listed as covered in the appendices.
- Section 4.3 Office Visit Co-payment.** The Enrollee is responsible for payment of an office visit Co-payment for each visit to a Participating Dentist, Specialist, or authorized referral Dentist. Office visit Co-payments are payable at each visit.
- Section 4.4 Service or Supply Co-payment.** Some services or supplies may require a service Co-payment as described in the appendices. Service Co-payments are payable at the time of service.
- Section 4.5 Member Coverage.** A Member may not be simultaneously covered more than once as a Member under the Contract.
- Section 4.6 Rights Not Transferable.** Benefits are offered personally to the Enrollee and are not transferable.

## Article 5 Exclusions and Limitations

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**Section 5.1 Exclusions.** The Company does not provide Benefits for any of the following conditions, treatments, services, supplies, or for any direct complications or consequences thereof. The Company does not provide Benefits for an excluded service or supply even if approved, prescribed, or recommended by a Dentist.

**5.1.1** Bridges, crowns, dentures or any prosthetic devices requiring multiple treatment dates or fittings if the prosthetic item is installed or delivered more than 60 days after termination of coverage.

**5.1.2** The completion or delivery of treatments, services, or supplies initiated prior to the effective date of coverage under the Contract, including the following:

- a. An appliance or modification of one, if an impression for it was made prior to the effective date of coverage under the Contract; or
- b. A crown, bridge, or cast or processed restoration, if the tooth was prepared prior to the effective date of coverage under the Contract.

**5.1.3** Dental implants, including attachment devices and their maintenance.

**5.1.4** Endodontic services, prosthetic services, and implants that are defective, were not provided in accordance with the professional standard of care, or were provided prior to the effective date of coverage. Such services or supplies are the liability of the Enrollee, prior dental insurance carrier, and/or Dentist.

**5.1.5** Endodontic therapy completed more than 60 days after termination of coverage.

**5.1.6** Experimental or investigational services or supplies and related exams or consultations. In determining whether services or supplies are experimental or investigational, the Company will consider the following:

- a. Whether the services or supplies are in general use in the dental community in the State of Washington;
- b. Whether the services or supplies are under continued scientific testing and research;
- c. Whether the services or supplies show a demonstrable benefit for a particular illness, disease, or condition; and
- d. Whether the services or supplies are proven safe and efficacious.

**5.1.7** Exams or consultations needed solely in connection with a service or supply not listed as covered in the appendices.

**5.1.8** Full mouth reconstruction, including the extensive restoration of the mouth with crowns, bridges, or implants; and occlusal rehabilitation, including crowns, bridges, or implants used for the purpose of splinting, altering vertical dimension, restoring occlusions or correcting attrition, abrasion, or erosion.

**5.1.9** Hospital care or other care outside of a dental office for dental procedures, physician services, or facility fees.

**5.1.10** Maxillofacial prosthetic services.

**5.1.11** Nightguards.

- 5.1.12 Personalized restorations.
- 5.1.13 Plastic, reconstructive, or cosmetic surgery and other services or supplies, which are primarily intended to improve, alter, or enhance appearance.
- 5.1.14 Prescription and over-the-counter drugs and pre-medications.
- 5.1.15 Provider charges for a missed appointment or appointment cancelled without 24 hours prior notice are not a Benefit.
- 5.1.16 Replacement of lost, missing, or stolen dental appliances; replacement of dental appliances that are damaged due to abuse, misuse, or neglect.
- 5.1.17 Replacement of sound restorations.
- 5.1.18 Services or supplies and related exams or consultations that are not within the prescribed treatment plan and/or are not recommended and approved by a Participating Dentist.
- 5.1.19 Services or supplies and related exams or consultations to the extent they are not necessary for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of the condition involved.
- 5.1.20 Services or supplies by any person other than a Dentist, licensed denturist, hygienist, or dental assistant within the scope of his or her lawful authority.
- 5.1.21 Services or supplies for the treatment of an occupational injury or disease, including an injury or disease arising out of self-employment or for which benefits are available under workers' compensation or similar law.
- 5.1.22 Services or supplies for treatment of injuries sustained while practicing for or competing in a paid athletic contest of any kind.
- 5.1.23 Services or supplies for treatment of intentionally self-inflicted injuries.
- 5.1.24 Services or supplies for which coverage is available under any federal, state, or other governmental program, unless required by law.
- 5.1.25 Services or supplies that are not listed as covered in the appendices.
- 5.1.26 Services or supplies where there is no evidence of pathology, dysfunction, or disease other than covered preventive services.

## **Section 5.2 Limitations.**

- 5.2.1 **Alternate Services.** If alternative services can be used to treat a condition, the service recommended by the Participating Dentist is covered. In the event the Enrollee elects a service that is more costly than the service the Participating Dentist has approved, the Enrollee is responsible for the Co-payment for the recommended covered service plus the cost differential between Reasonable Cash Value of the recommended service and Reasonable Cash Value of the more costly requested service.

- 5.2.2 Congenital Malformations.** Services or supplies listed in Appendix A which are provided to correct congenital or developmental malformations which impair functions of the teeth and supporting structures will be covered for Dependent children if dental necessity has been established. Dental necessity means that treatment is primarily for the purpose of controlling or eliminating infection, controlling or eliminating pain, or restoring function. Orthognathic surgery is covered as specified in Appendix A, when the Participating Dentist determines it is dentally necessary and authorizes the orthognathic surgery for treatment of an Enrollee, under age 19, with congenital or developmental malformations.
- 5.2.3** Crowns, casts, or other indirect fabricated restorations are covered only if dentally necessary and if recommended by the Participating Dentist. Crowns, casts, or other indirect fabricated restorations are dentally necessary if provided for treatment for decay, traumatic injury or substantial loss of tooth structure undermining one or more cusps and the tooth cannot be restored with a direct restorative material or the tooth is an abutment to a covered partial denture or fixed bridge.
- 5.2.4 Endodontic Retreatment.**
- a. When initial root canal therapy was performed by a Participating Dentist, the retreatment of such root canal therapy will be covered as part of the initial treatment for the first 24 months. After that time, the applicable Co-payments will apply.
  - b. When the initial root canal therapy was performed by a non-participating Dentist, the retreatment of such root canal therapy by a Participating Dentist will be subject to the applicable Co-payments.
- 5.2.5 General Anesthesia.** General anesthesia is covered with the Co-payments specified in Appendix A only if the following criteria are met:
- a. It is performed in a dental office;
  - b. It is provided in conjunction with a covered service; and
  - c. The Participating Dentist determines that it is necessary because the Enrollee is under age 7, developmentally disabled, or physically handicapped.
- 5.2.6 Hospital Setting.** The services provided by a dentist in a hospital setting are covered if the following criteria are met:
- a. A hospital or similar setting is medically necessary.
  - b. The services are pre-authorized in writing by a Participating Dentist.
  - c. The services provided are the same services that would be provided in a dental office.
  - d. The Hospital Call Co-payment and applicable Co-payments are paid.
- 5.2.7 Replacements.** The replacement of an existing denture, crown, inlay, onlay, or other prosthetic appliance or restoration denture is covered if the appliance is more than 5 years old and replacement is dentally necessary due to one of the following conditions:
- a. A tooth within an existing denture or bridge is extracted;
  - b. The existing denture, crown, inlay, onlay, or other prosthetic appliance or restoration cannot be made serviceable; or
  - c. The existing denture was an immediate denture to replace one or more natural teeth extracted while covered under the Contract, and replacement by a permanent denture is necessary.

## Article 6 Termination of Coverage

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**Section 6.1 Termination of Coverage.** Coverage shall terminate on the earliest of the following:

- 6.1.1** On the date of termination of the Contract.
- 6.1.2** At the end of the last month for which Premiums are paid, if the Premiums are not received by the Due Date or within the grace period as specified in Article 3.
- 6.1.3** At the end of the month during which eligibility ceases.
- 6.1.4** At the end of the month, following at least 30 days advance written notice of good cause for termination. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, a documented inability to establish or maintain an appropriate provider-patient relationship with a Participating Dentist, physical or verbal abuse towards a Participating Dentist, office staff, or other patients, or non-payment of Co-payments.
- 6.1.5** At the end of the month during which the armed forces of the United States of America calls the Member to active duty.
- 6.1.6** If coverage terminates for a Member, it will terminate for Dependents.

**Section 6.2 False Statements.** False statements or withholding information, with intent to affect eligibility or enrollment, affect the risks assumed by the Company or mislead the Company into providing Benefits it would not have provided, is a material breach of the Contract. Any ineligible person mistakenly enrolled will not be entitled to Benefits. The Company is entitled to repayment for the Reasonable Cash Value of the Benefits provided in the form of services during the period of ineligibility from the ineligible person and any person responsible for making false statements.

**Section 6.3 Cessation of Benefits.** No person shall have or acquire a vested right to receive Benefits after termination of the Contract. Termination of the Contract completely ends all obligations of the Company to provide Benefits, even if the Enrollee was receiving treatment while the Contract was in force or needs treatment for any existing condition, unless specified otherwise.

**Section 6.4 Continuation Rights.** The Plan Administrator may postpone the termination of coverage for any Enrollee as described below. The Plan Administrator agrees to administer continuation of coverage in accordance with state and federal laws and notify all Enrollees of their right to continuation of coverage.

**6.4.1 Federal or State Mandated Continuation Coverage.** Coverage may continue in accordance with any federally-mandated or state-mandated leave act or law. For complete information regarding rights under the state-mandated continuation of coverage, please contact the Plan Administrator.

**6.4.2 COBRA.** If the plan is subject to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), as amended, certain circumstances, called qualifying events, give Members and some Dependents the right to continue coverage beyond the time it would ordinarily end. Federal law governs COBRA continuation rights and obligations. The Plan Administrator is responsible for

administering COBRA continuation coverage. For complete information regarding rights under the COBRA, please contact the Plan Administrator.

**6.4.3 During a Labor Dispute.** If a Member ceases to satisfy the minimum working requirement due to a strike, lockout, or other general work stoppage caused by a labor dispute, coverage may continue for up to 6 months.

- a. The following rules will apply:
  1. If a Member's compensation is suspended or terminated because of a work stoppage caused by a labor dispute, the Plan Administrator will notify the Member in writing of the right to continue coverage.
  2. The Member must pay Premiums through the Plan Administrator, including the Policyholder's portion.
  3. Premium rates during a work stoppage are equal to the Premium rates in place before the work stoppage. The Company may change Premium rates according to the provisions of the Contract.
- b. Coverage will terminate on the earlier of:
  1. The last day of the month following any Premium Due Date, if Premiums are unpaid;
  2. The last day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month following the date the work stoppage began;
  3. The last day of the month after the Member begins full-time employment with another employer; or
  4. The date of termination of the Contract.

**6.4.4 Leave of Absence.** For 3 months during a temporary, employer approved leave of absence. For complete information regarding rights during a leave of absence, please contact the Plan Administrator.

**6.4.5 6-Month Extension.** Coverage may continue for a period of up to 6 months for any Enrollee who is no longer eligible for coverage, except for termination of employment due to misconduct. This provision shall run concurrently with COBRA if the Enrollee is eligible for COBRA. For complete information, please contact the Plan Administrator.

## **Section 6.5 Reinstatement.**

**6.5.1** If coverage terminates because the Member ceases to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Article 2 and becomes eligible again within 90 days, the Enrollees may re-enroll. Re-enrollment must occur within 31 days from the date of re-eligibility or wait until the Contract's next open enrollment period. Coverage will begin on the first day of the calendar month following or coinciding with the date of re-eligibility for coverage, if the Enrollee satisfies the applicable eligibility and enrollment requirements.

**6.5.2** If coverage ends because continuation rights expire, coverage may reinstate pursuant to applicable federal or state law, if the Enrollee satisfies the applicable eligibility and enrollment requirements.

**Section 6.6 Extension of Benefits.** Benefits for the following services that require multiple appointments may extend after coverage ends. Enrollees terminated for good cause or failure to pay Premiums are not eligible for an extension of Benefits.

- 6.6.1 Crowns or Bridges.** Adjustments for crowns or bridges will be covered for up to 6 months after placement if the final impressions are taken prior to termination and the crown or bridge is placed within 60 days of termination.
- 6.6.2 Removable Prosthetic Devices.** Adjustments for removable prosthetic devices will be covered for up to 6 months after placement if final impressions are taken prior to termination and the prosthesis is delivered within 60 days after termination. Laboratory relines are not covered after termination.
- 6.6.3 Immediate Dentures.** Benefits for dentures may be extended if final impressions are taken prior to termination and the dentures are delivered within 60 days after termination. If coverage terminates prior to the extraction of teeth, the extractions will not be covered.
- 6.6.4 Root Canal Therapy.** Benefits for root canal therapy will be extended if the root canal is started prior to termination and treatment is completed within 60 days after termination. Pulpal debridement is not a root canal start. If after 60 days from termination of coverage the root canal requires re-treatment, re-treatment will not be covered. Restorative work following root canal treatment is a separate procedure and not covered after termination.
- 6.6.5 Extractions.** Post-operative checks are covered for 60 days from the date of the extraction for extractions performed prior to termination. If teeth are extracted in preparation for a prosthetic device and coverage terminates prior to the final impressions, coverage for the prosthetic device will not be extended. Extractions are a separate procedure from prosthetic procedures.

## Article 7 General Provisions

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### Section 7.1 Emergency Care.

- 7.1.1** The Emergency Office Visit Charge Co-payment, specified in Appendix A, is charged at each visit to seek treatment for a Dental Emergency. If Participating Provider's offices are closed, Enrollee may access after-hours clinical assistance by calling the Appointment Center at 800.359.6019.
- 7.1.2** The Enrollee may seek treatment from any Dentist for a Dental Emergency that occurs while traveling outside of a 50-mile radius of any Participating Provider office. The Enrollee may seek reimbursement for the cost of the covered services rendered up to the Out of Area Emergency Reimbursement amount less any Co-payment specified in Appendix A. A written request for reimbursement must be submitted to the Company within 6 months of the date of service. The written request should include the Enrollee's signature, the attending Dentist's signature, and the attending Dentist's itemized statement. Additional information, including X-rays and other data, may be requested by the Company to process the request. The Out of Area Emergency Reimbursement will not be provided if the requested information is not received.

### Section 7.2 Coordination of Benefits. This coordination of benefits (COB) provision applies when a person has dental coverage under more than one plan. Plan is defined below.

- 7.2.1** 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 according to 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.

#### 7.2.2 Definitions

- a. A plan is any of the following that provides benefits or services for 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. However, if COB rules do not apply to all contracts, or to all benefits in the same contract, the contract or benefit to which COB does not apply is treated as a separate plan.
1. Plan includes: Group, individual or blanket disability insurance contracts, and group or individual contracts issued by health care service contractors or health maintenance organizations (HMO), closed panel plans or other forms of group coverage; medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law.
  2. Plan does not include: Hospital indemnity or fixed payment coverage or other fixed indemnity or fixed payment coverage; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage, as defined by state law; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-dental components of long-term care policies; automobile insurance

policies required by statute to provide medical benefits; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid coverage; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

3. 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 dental 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 dental 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 dental 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 must make payment in an 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 equal 100% of the total allowable expense for that claim. This means that when this plan is secondary, it must pay the amount which, when combined with what the primary plan paid, totals 100% of the highest allowable expense. In addition, if this plan is secondary, it must calculate its savings (its amount paid subtracted from the amount it would have paid had it been the primary plan) and record these savings as a benefit reserve for the covered person. This reserve must be used to pay any expenses during that calendar year, whether or not they are an allowable expense under this plan. If this plan is secondary, it will not be required to pay an amount in excess of its maximum benefit plus any accrued savings.
- d. Allowable expense is a dental care expense, including deductibles, coinsurance and copayments, 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.
- e. The following are examples of expenses that are not allowable expenses:
  1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room is not an allowable expense, unless one of the plans provides coverage for private hospital room expenses.
  2. If a person is covered by two or more plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement method, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an allowable expense.
  3. If a person is covered by two 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.

- f. Closed panel plan is a plan that provides dental care benefits to covered persons in the form of services through a panel of providers who are primarily 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.
- g. 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.

**7.2.3 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 under any other plan.
- b. Except as provided in subsection 2, a plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this chapter is always primary unless the provisions of both plans state that the complying plan is primary.
- c. 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 is excess to any other parts of the plan provided by the contract holder. Examples include major medical coverages that are superimposed over hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.
- d. 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.
- e. Each plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:
  - 1. Nondependent 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 dental care expenses or dental care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. This rule applies to claim determination periods commencing after the plan is given notice of the court decree;
  - (ii) If a court decree states one parent is to assume primary financial responsibility for the dependent child but does not mention responsibility for dental care expenses, the plan of the parent assuming financial responsibility is primary;
  - (iii) If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the dependent child's dental care expenses or dental care coverage, the provisions of subparagraph (a) above determine the order of benefits;
  - (iv) If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the dental care expenses or dental care coverage of the dependent child, the provisions of subsection (a) above determine the order of benefits; or
  - (v) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the dependent child's dental care expenses or dental care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
    - The plan covering the custodial parent, first;
    - The plan covering the spouse of the custodial parent, second;
    - The plan covering the noncustodial parent, third; and then
    - The plan covering the spouse of the noncustodial parent, last.
- (c) For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) above 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 under section e.1. can determine the order of benefits.

4. COBRA or state continuation coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided under 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 under section e.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 must 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.

**7.2.4 Effect on the Benefits of this Plan.** When this plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all plans during a claim determination period are not more than the total allowable expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the secondary plan must make payment in an 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 equal one hundred percent of the total allowable expense for that claim total allowable expense is the highest allowable expense of the primary plan or the secondary plan. In addition, the secondary plan must credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other dental care coverage.

**7.2.5 Right to Receive and Release Needed Information.** Certain facts about dental care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this plan and other plans. The Participating Provider 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 Participating Provider need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this plan must give the Participating Provider any facts it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

**7.2.6 Facility of Payment.** If payments that should have been made under this plan are made by another plan, the issuer has the right, at its discretion, to remit to the other plan the amount it determines appropriate to satisfy the intent of this provision. The amounts paid to the other plan are considered benefits paid under this plan. To the extent of such payments, the issuer is fully discharged from liability under this plan.

**7.2.7 Right of Recovery.** The issuer has the right to recover excess payment whenever it has paid allowable expenses in excess of the maximum amount of payment necessary to satisfy the intent of this provision. The issuer may recover

excess payment from any person to whom or for whom payment was made or from any other issuers or plans.

- 7.2.8** If an Enrollee is covered by more than one plan, and the Enrollee does not know which is the primary plan, the Enrollee may contact any one of the plans to verify which plan is primary. The plan the Enrollee contacts is responsible for working with the other plan to determine which is primary and will let the Enrollee know within 30 days. Plans may have timely claim filing requirements. If the Enrollee or provider fails to submit a claim to a secondary health plan within that plan's claim filing time limit, the plan can deny the claim. If the Enrollee experience delays in the processing of a claim by the primary plan, the Enrollee or provider will need to submit a claim to the secondary plan within its claim filing time limit to prevent a denial of the claim. To avoid delays in claims processing, if an Enrollee is covered by more than one plan, the Enrollee should promptly report to providers and plans any changes in coverage.

**Section 7.3 Subrogation.** Benefits may be available for an injury or disease, which is allegedly the liability of a third party. Such services provided by Participating Provider are solely to assist the Enrollee. By incurring the Reasonable Cash Value of the Benefits provided in the form of services, the Participating Provider is not acting as a volunteer and is not waiving any right to reimbursement or subrogation.

- 7.3.1.** If the Participating Provider provides services for the treatment of an injury or disease, which is allegedly the liability of a third party, it shall:
- a. Be subrogated to the rights of the Enrollee to recover the Reasonable Cash Value of the Benefits provided in the form of services; and
  - b. Have security interests in any damage recoveries to the extent of all payments made or the Reasonable Cash Value of the Benefits provided in the form of services, subject to the limitations specified below.
- 7.3.2** As a condition of receiving Benefits, the Enrollee shall:
- a. Provide the Participating Provider with the name and address of the parties liable, all facts known concerning the injury, and other information as reasonably requested;
  - b. Hold in trust any damage recoveries until the final determination or settlement is made and to execute a trust agreement guaranteeing the Participating Provider's subrogation rights; and
  - c. Take all necessary action to seek and obtain recovery to reimburse the Participating Provider.
- 7.3.3** The Participating Provider shall be reimbursed with any amounts received from the third party or third party's insurer(s). The amount shall not exceed the Reasonable Cash Value of the services or supplies provided for treatment of the injury or disease.
- 7.3.4** The Contract does not provide Benefits for services or supplies payable under any motor vehicle medical, motor vehicle no-fault, underinsured or uninsured motorist, personal injury protection, homeowner's, commercial premises coverage, workers' compensation, or other similar contract or insurance.
- 7.3.5** The refusal or failure, without good cause, to cooperate with the Company or Participating Provider are grounds for recovery by the Participating Provider

from the Enrollee for the Reasonable Cash Value of the Benefits provided in the form of services.

## **Section 7.4 Complaints, Grievances, and Appeals Procedures.**

### **7.4.1 Complaints.**

- a. Enrollees are encouraged to discuss matters regarding service, care, or treatment with the Participating Provider's staff. Most matters can be resolved with the Participating Provider's staff.
- b. If the Enrollee requests a specific service, the Participating Dentist will use his or her judgment to determine if the service is dentally necessary. The Participating Dentist will recommend the most appropriate course of treatment.
- c. Enrollees may also contact the Company's Patient Relations Department with questions or complaints.  
Willamette Dental of Washington, Inc.  
Attn: Patient Relations  
6950 NE Campus Way  
Hillsboro, OR 97124-5611  
800.360.1909
- d. If the Enrollee remains unsatisfied after discussion with the Participating Dentist or the Patient Relations Department, grievance and appeal procedures are available for complaints pertaining to a denied Benefit or service.

### **7.4.2 Grievances.**

- a. A grievance is a written complaint expressing dissatisfaction with the denial of a requested Benefit or service. The Enrollee should outline his/her concerns and specific request in writing. The Enrollee may submit comments, documents, and other relevant information. Grievances must be submitted to the Patient Relations Department within 180 days after the denial of Benefits or services.
- b. The Company will review the grievance and all information submitted. The Company will provide a written reply within 30 days of receipt. If additional time is needed, the Company will provide written notification of the reason for the delay and the extension of time allowed, per applicable state and federal laws. If the Benefit request involves:
  1. A preauthorization, the Company will provide a written reply within 15 days of the receipt a written grievance.
  2. Services deemed experimental or investigational, the Company will provide a written reply within 20 working days of the receipt a written grievance.
  3. Services not yet rendered for an alleged Dental Emergency, the Company will provide a reply within 72 hours of the receipt a written grievance.
- c. If the grievance is denied, the written reply will include information about the basis for the decision; how to appeal; and other disclosures as required under state and federal laws.

### **7.4.3 Appeals.**

- a. An appeal is the process for requesting reconsideration of a denied grievance. A request for an appeal must be submitted, in writing, to the Patient Relations Department within 180 days of the date on the written

reply to the grievance. The Enrollee should indicate the reason for the appeal and may include written comments, documents, records, or any relevant information.

- b. The Company will review the appeal and all information submitted. The Company will provide a written reply within 60 days of the receipt of a written request for an appeal. If the appeal involves:
  - 1. A preauthorization, the Company will provide a written reply within 30 days of the receipt of a written request for an appeal.
  - 2. Services deemed experimental or investigational, the Company will provide a written reply within 20 working days of the receipt of a written request for an appeal.
  - 3. Services not yet rendered for an alleged Dental Emergency, the Company will provide a reply within 72 hours of the receipt of a written request for an appeal.
- c. If the appeal is denied, the written reply will include the basis for the decision and other disclosures as required under state and federal laws.

**Section 7.5 Force Majeure.** If, due to circumstances not within the Company's reasonable control, including but not limited to, major disaster, labor dispute, complete or partial destruction of facilities, disability of a material number of the Participating Dentists, or similar causes, the provision of Benefits available under the Contract is delayed or rendered impractical, the Company and its affiliates shall not have any liability or obligation on account of such delay or failure to provide Benefits, except to refund the amount of the unearned advanced Premiums held by the Company on the date such event occurs. The Company is required to make a good-faith effort to provide Benefits, taking into account the impact of the event.

**Section 7.6 State Law and Forum.** The Contract is entered into and delivered in the State of Washington, and Washington law will govern the interpretation of provisions of the Contract unless federal law supersedes.

**Section 7.7 Severability.** If any provision of the Contract is deemed invalid or illegal, that provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 7.8 Clerical Error.** Clerical error shall not invalidate coverage or extend coverage. Upon discovery of an error, the Premiums, Co-payments, and/or fees shall be adjusted. The Company may revise any contractual document issued in error.

**Section 7.9 Statements.** All statements made by applicants, the Policyholder, Participating Employer Group, or an insured person are representations which the Company may rely upon. Statements made for the purpose of acquiring insurance shall not void the insurance or reduce Benefits, unless contained in a written instrument signed by the Policyholder, Participating Employer Group, or the insured person.

## Appendix A - Schedule of Covered Services and Co-payments

Code	Procedure	Co-payment
<b>1.</b>	<b>Office Visit Charges</b>	
	General Office Visit Charge	\$15
	Specialist Office Visit Charge	\$30
	Emergency Office Visit Charge During Office Hours	\$50
	Emergency Office Visit Charge After Office Hours	\$70
<b>2.</b>	<b>Diagnostic and Preventative Services</b>	
D0120	Periodic oral evaluation	None
D0140	Limited oral evaluation-emergency	None
D0145	Oral evaluation for patient under three	None
D0150	Comprehensive oral evaluation	None
D0160	Detailed & extensive oral evaluation	None
D0170	Re-evaluation - limited	None
D0180	Comprehensive periodontal exam	None
D0210	Complete series x-rays	None
D0220	Periapical-first film	None
D0230	Intraoral - each additional film	None
D0240	Intraoral - occlusal film	None
D0250	Extraoral - first film	None
D0260	Extraoral - each additional	None
D0270	Bitewings - single film	None
D0272	Bitewings - two films	None
D0273	Bitewings - three films	None
D0274	Bitewings - four films	None
D0277	Vertical Bitewings	None
D0330	Panoramic x-rays	None
D0340	Cephalometric film	None
D0350	Oral / facial images	None
D0425	Caries Susceptibility Tests	None
D0460	Pulp vitality test	None
D0470	Diagnostic casts	None
D1110	Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) adult	None
D1120	Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) child	None
D1203	Topical fluoride-child	None
D1204	Topical fluoride-adult	None
D1206	Topical fluoride-varnish	None
D1310	Nutritional Counseling	None
D1320	Tobacco counseling	None
D1330	Oral Hygiene Instruction	None
D1351	Sealant/tooth	None
<b>3.</b>	<b>Space Maintainers</b>	
D1510	Space Maintainer – unilateral-fixed	None
D1515	Space Maintainer – bilateral-fixed	None
D1520	Space Maintainer – unilateral-removable	None
D1525	Space Maintainer – bilateral-removable	None
D1550	Space Maintainer – recement	None
D1555	Removal of fixed space maintainer	None

#### 4. Restorative Dentistry

a. Amalgam Restorations		
D2140	Fillings – 1 surface	None
D2150	Fillings – 2 surfaces	None
D2160	Fillings – 3 surfaces	None
D2161	Fillings – 4 or more surfaces	None
D2940	Sedative filling – temporary	None
D2951	Pin retention – per tooth, in addition to restoration	None
b. Resin Restorations		
D2330	Resin-1 surface (anterior only)	None
D2331	Resin-2 surfaces (anterior only)	None
D2332	Resin-3 surfaces (anterior only)	None
D2335	Resin-4 surfaces (anterior only)	None
D2390	Resin Based composite crown	None
D2391	Resin-one surface posterior primary	None
D2391	Resin-one surface posterior permanent	None
D2392	Resin-two surfaces posterior primary	None
D2392	Resin-two surfaces posterior permanent	\$52
D2393	Resin-three surfaces posterior primary	None
D2393	Resin-three surfaces posterior permanent	\$52
D2394	Resin-four or more surfaces posterior primary	None
D2394	Resin-four or more surfaces posterior permanent	\$52
c. Inlay/Onlay (cast restorations)		
D2510	Inlay-gold 1 surface	None
D2520	Inlay-gold 2 surfaces	None
D2530	Inlay-gold 3 or more surfaces	None
D2542	Onlay-gold 2 surfaces	None
D2543	Onlay-gold 3 surfaces	None
D2544	Onlay-gold 4 or more surfaces	None
D2610	Inlay-porcelain/ceramic 1 surface	None
D2620	Inlay-porcelain/ceramic 2 surfaces	None
D2630	Inlay-porcelain/ceramic 3 surfaces	None
D2642	Onlay-porcelain/ceramic 2 surfaces	None
D2643	Onlay-porcelain/ceramic 3 surfaces	None
D2644	Onlay-porcelain 4 or more surfaces	None
D2910	Recement inlay	None

#### 5. Crowns

D2710	Crown-resin laboratory	None
D2740	Crown-porcelain/ceramic	None
D2750	Crown-porcelain –noble	None
D2782	¾ crown – noble	None
D2792	Full cast crown – noble	None
D2920	Recement crown	None
D2930	Stainless Steel crown-primary	None
D2931	Stainless Steel crown-permanent	None
D2932	Crown-prefabricated resin	None
D2933	Crown-prefabricated stainless steel w/resin window	None
D2950	Core buildup, including any pins	None
D2954	Prefabricated dowel post & core	None
D2955	Post removal (no endo therapy)	None
D2957	Each additional prefabricated post - same tooth	None

D2970	Temporary crown for fractured tooth	None
D2980	Repair crown	None

## 6. Endodontics

D3110	Pulp cap-direct excluding final restoration	None
D3120	Pulp cap-indirect	None
D3220	Pulpotomy – A pulpotomy is not the first stage of a root canal. A pulpotomy is a separate procedure.	None
D3221	Gross pulpal debridement – primary & permanent teeth	None
D3230	Pulpal therapy – primary anterior	None
D3240	Pulpal therapy – primary posterior	None
D3310	Root canal therapy – anterior	None
D3320	Root canal therapy – bicuspid	None
D3330	Root canal therapy – molar	None
D3331	Treatment of root canal obstruction – non-surgical access	None
D3332	Incomplete endodontic therapy – inoperable or fractured tooth	None
D3333	Internal repair of perforation defects	None
D3346	Retreatment – anterior	None
D3347	Retreatment – bicuspid	None
D3348	Retreatment – molar	None
D3351	Apexification – initial visit	None
D3352	Apexification – interim visit	None
D3353	Apexification – final visit	None
D3410	Apicoectomy – anterior	None
D3421	Apicoectomy – bicuspid 1 <sup>st</sup> root	None
D3425	Apicoectomy – molar 1 <sup>st</sup> root	None
D3426	Apicoectomy – each additional root	None
D3430	Retrograde filling – per root	None
D3450	Root amputation per tooth	None
D3920	Hemisection	None
D3950	Canal prep-preform dowel/post	None

## 7. Periodontics

D4210	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – four or more teeth	None
D4211	Gingivectomy – one to three teeth	None
D4240	Gingival flap – four or more teeth	None
D4241	Gingival flap – one to three teeth	None
D4249	Crown lengthening hard tissue	None
D4260	Osseous surgery – four or more teeth	None
D4261	Osseous surgery – one to three teeth	None
D4263	Bone replacement graft – 1 <sup>st</sup> site in quadrant	None
D4264	Bone graft – each additional site in quadrant	None
D4270	Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure	None
D4271	Free soft tissue graft procedure	None
D4273	Subepithelial connective graft	None
D4274	Distal wedge procedure	None
D4341	Periodontic scale & root plane – four or more teeth	None
D4342	Periodontic scale & root plane – one to three teeth	None
D4355	Preliminary full-mouth debridement	None
D4381	Antimicrobial irrigation	None
D4910	Periodontic maintenance following therapy	None

## 8. Prosthodontics - Removable

D5110	Complete (upper denture)	None
D5120	Complete (lower denture)	None
D5130	Immediate (upper denture)	None
D5140	Immediate (lower denture)	None
D5211	Upper partial (resin base)	None
D5212	Lower partial (resin base)	None
D5213	Upper partial (cast metal frame)	None
D5214	Lower partial (cast metal frame)	None
D5281	Partial-removable unilateral	None
D5410	Adjustment – complete denture, upper	None
D5411	Adjustment – complete denture, lower	None
D5421	Adjustment – partial denture, upper	None
D5422	Adjustment – partial denture, lower	None
D5510	Repair broken denture no teeth damaged	None
D5520	Repair denture replace missing or broken teeth (each tooth)	None
D5610	Repair resin base	None
D5620	Repair partial cast framework	None
D5630	Repair or replace partial clasp	None
D5640	Replace teeth – partial per tooth	None
D5650	Add tooth to existing partial	None
D5660	Add clasp to existing partial	None
D5670	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework (maxillary)	None
D5671	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework (mandibular)	None
D5710	Rebase complete upper denture	None
D5711	Rebase complete lower denture	None
D5720	Rebase upper partial	None
D5721	Rebase lower partial	None
D5730	Reline complete upper denture (chairside)	None
D5731	Reline complete lower denture (chairside)	None
D5740	Reline upper partial (chairside)	None
D5741	Reline lower partial (chairside)	None
D5750	Reline upper denture - lab	None
D5751	Reline lower denture – lab	None
D5760	Reline upper partial – lab	None
D5761	Reline lower partial – lab	None
D5810	Interim denture – upper	None
D5811	Interim denture – lower	None
D5820	Interim partial – upper	None
D5821	Interim partial – lower	None
D5850	Tissue conditioning – upper	None
D5851	Tissue conditioning – lower	None
D5860	Overdenture – complete	None
D5861	Overdenture – partial	None
D5986	Fluoride gel custom trays	None

**9. Prosthodontics - Fixed**

D6210	Pontic, cast (per tooth) traditional fixed partial dentures only (bridges)	None
D6240	Pontic (per tooth); porcelain/metal traditional fixed partial dentures only (bridges)	None
D6241	Pontic – porcelain fused to base metal (per tooth)	None
D6545	Cast metal retainer	None
D6720	Crown-resin/metal abutment	None
D6750	Crown-porcelain metal abutment	None
D6780	Crown ¾ cast metal abutment	None

D6790	Crown – full gold abutment	None
D6930	Recement bridge	None
D6972	Prefabricated post/core in addition to bridge	None
D6973	Core build-up w/wo pins	None
D6975	Coping – metal	None
D6980	Bridge repair	None

**10. Oral Surgery**

D7111	Extraction – coronal remnants primary tooth	None
D7140	Extraction – erupted tooth	None
D7210	Surgical extraction – erupted	None
D7220	Removal of impacted tooth – soft tissue	None
D7230	Removal of impacted tooth – partial bony	None
D7240	Removal of impacted tooth – complete bony	None
D7241	Removal of impacted tooth – complete bony with complications	None
D7250	Surgical removal residual root	None
D7260	Oroantral fistula closure	None
D7270	Tooth re-implantation	None
D7280	Surgical access – unerupted tooth	None
D7283	Ortho bracket to aid eruption (if plan has Orthodontia coverage)	None
D7310	Alveoloplasty w/ extractions-four or more teeth, per quadrant	None
D7311	Alveoloplasty w/ extractions-one to three teeth, per quadrant	None
D7320	Alveoloplasty w/o extractions-four or more teeth, per quadrant	None
D7321	Alveoloplasty w/o extractions- one to three teeth, per quadrant	None
D7340	Vestibuloplasty	None
D7350	Vestibuloplasty – more complex	None
D7471	Removal of lateral exostosis – maxilla or mandible	None
D7510	I & D intraoral soft tissue	None
D7520	I & D extraoral soft tissue	None
D7530	Remove foreign body – soft tissue	None
D7540	Remove foreign body – hard tissue	None
D7550	Partial ostectomy/sequestrectomy for removal of non vital bone	None
D7670	Stabilization splint-alveolus	None
D7910	Suture small wound up to 5 cm	None
D7911	Complicated suture up to 5 cm	None
D7953	Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation – per site	None
D7960	Frenectomy	None
D7970	Excision hyperplastic tissue	None
D7971	Excision of pericoronal flap	None
D7999	Orthognathic surgery for treatment of congenital anomalies for Dependent children under age 19	Treatment will be paid at 25% with a lifetime maximum of \$3,000

**11. Anesthesia**

D9220	General Anesthesia – 1 <sup>st</sup> 30 minutes (When administered by a Participating Dentist in conjunction with covered Benefits when necessary because the Enrollee is under age 7, developmentally disabled, or physically handicapped.)	\$250
D9221	General Anesthesia – Each Additional 15 minutes (When administered by a Participating Dentist in conjunction with covered Benefits when necessary because the Enrollee is under age 7, developmentally disabled, or physically handicapped.)	None
D9230	Nitrous Oxide (per visit)	\$20

**12. Miscellaneous**

D9110	Palliative (emergency) minor	None
D9120	Fixed Partial Bridge Sectioning	None
D9310	Consultation – per session	None
D9420	Hospital call/Dental treatment provided in a hospital setting (Service co-payments still apply and facility fees not covered.)	\$125
D9430	Observation visit	None
D9910	Application of desensitizing medicaments	None
D9911	Application of desensitizing resin for cervical and/or root surface (per tooth)	None
D9951	Occlusal adjustment - simple	None
D9970	Enamel microabrasion	None
	Out of Area Emergency Reimbursement	\$100

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## Appendix B - Orthodontic Treatment

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### 1. General Provisions.

- a. Benefits for orthodontic treatment are provided only if a Participating Dentist prepares the treatment plan prior to rendering services. The treatment plan is based on an examination that must take place while the Enrollee is covered under the Contract. The examination must show a diagnosis of an abnormal occlusion that can be corrected by orthodontic treatment.
- b. The Enrollee must remain covered under the Contract for the entire length of treatment. The Enrollee must follow the post-treatment plan and keep all appointments after the Enrollee is de-banded to avoid additional Co-payments.
- c. For orthodontic treatment started prior to the effective date of coverage, Co-payments may be adjusted based upon the services necessary to complete the treatment.
- d. If Benefits for orthodontic services terminate prior to completion of orthodontic treatment, Benefits will continue through the end of the month. If coverage terminates prior to completion of treatment, the co-payment may be pro-rated. The services necessary to complete treatment will be based on the Reasonable Cash Value of services rendered.
- e. The Enrollee is responsible for payment of the Co-payments listed below for pre-orthodontic and orthodontic services rendered. The Pre-Orthodontic Service Co-payments will be deducted from the Comprehensive Orthodontic Service Co-payment if the Enrollee accepts the treatment plan. The co-payment for limited orthodontic services may be pro-rated based on the treatment plan.
- f. Services connected with orthodontic treatment are subject to the Co-payments listed in Appendix A.

### 2. Pre-Orthodontic Service Co-payment.

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| a. | Initial orthodontic exam: | \$ 25  |
| b. | Study models and x-rays:  | \$ 125 |
| c. | Case presentation:        | \$ 0   |

### 3. Orthodontic Service Co-payment.

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| a. | Comprehensive Orthodontic Service Co-payment: | \$1,800 |
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The following are procedures provided under the Benefits for orthodontic services:

- D8020 Limited orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
- D8030 Limited orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition
- D8040 Limited orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition
- D8060 Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
- D8070 Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
- D8080 Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition
- D8090 Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition

## **Appendix C - Temporomandibular Joint Disorder Treatment**

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Temporomandibular Joint Disorder means a disorder that has one or more of the following characteristics: pain in the musculature associated with the temporomandibular joint, internal derangements of the temporomandibular joint, arthritic problems with the temporomandibular joint, or an abnormal range of motion or limitation of motion of the temporomandibular joint.

- 1. Benefits.** Benefits for treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders (TMJ) are limited to a yearly maximum of \$1,000, not to exceed a lifetime maximum of \$5,000.
- 2. Limitations and Exclusions.**
  - a. The Company will provide Benefits for covered services provided in connection with TMJ treatment only if a Participating Dentist pre-authorizes and provides the treatment.
  - b. No Benefits will be provided for repair or replacement of lost, stolen, or broken TMJ appliances.
  - c. The covered services must be:
    - 1) Reasonable and appropriate for the treatment of TMJ;
    - 2) Effective for the control or elimination of pain, infection, disease, difficulty in speaking, or difficulty in chewing or swallowing food, which is caused by TMJ;
    - 3) Recognized as effective, in accordance with the professional standard of care;
    - 4) Not deemed experimental or investigational; and
    - 5) Not primarily intended to improve, alter, or enhance appearance.

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## WILLAMETTE DENTAL NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.**

**PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.  
THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.**

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### **OUR LEGAL DUTY**

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to give you this Notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This notice takes effect 4/14/2003, and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and make the new Notice available upon request.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice.

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### **USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

We use and disclose health information about you for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. For example:

**Treatment:** We may use and disclose your health information to a dentist, hygienist or other healthcare provider for treatment purposes.

**Payment:** We may use and disclose your health information to bill for and collect payment for services we provide to you.

**Healthcare Operations:** We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare providers, evaluating provider performance, conducting training programs, peer review, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

**Your Authorization:** In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described in this Notice.

**To Your Family and Friends:** We may disclose health information about you to your family members or friends if we obtain your verbal authorization to do so or if we give you an opportunity to object and you do not object. We also may disclose health information to your family or friends if we can infer from the circumstances, based on our reasonable judgment that you would not object, for example when you bring your spouse with you when treatment is discussed. We may use our professional judgment to infer that it is in your best interest to allow another person to pick-up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays or recommend that they take you to your physician or emergency room.

We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, of your location, or your general condition. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses or disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment, disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare.

**Marketing Health-Related Services:** We will not use your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization.

**Required by Law:** We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by federal, state or local law or legal process, for example, subpoena, court order, administrative order, warrant, or summons; and pursuant to workers' compensation laws.

**Abuse or Neglect:** We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.

**Governmental Officials and Law Enforcement:** We may disclose to authorized governmental officials health information required for lawful investigation, military authorities, the health information of Armed Forces personnel, and a correctional institution or law enforcement officials having lawful custody of health information of an inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

**Appointment Reminders:** We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as postcards, voicemail messages, or letters) or information about oral health care, and related benefits and services.

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## PATIENT RIGHTS

**Access:** You have the right to look at or get copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. You must request access by sending us a letter to the address at the end of this Notice. We will charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for expenses such as copies, postage and staff time. If you request an alternative format that we can practicably provide, we will charge a cost-based fee for providing your health information in that format. If you prefer, we will prepare a summary or an explanation of your health information for a fee. Contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice for a full explanation of our fee structure.

**Disclosure Accounting:** You have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our business associates disclosed your health information for purposes, other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations and certain other activities, for the last 6 years, but not before April 14, 2003. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

**Restriction:** You have the right to request in writing that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in an emergency).

**Alternative Communications:** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. You must make your request in writing. Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location you request.

**Amendment:** You have the right to request that we amend your health information. Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

**Electronic Notice:** If you receive this Notice on our Web site or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are entitled to receive this Notice in written form.

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## QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us.

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You also may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

**We support your right to the privacy of your health information. You will not be penalized in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**

Patient Rights  
Information: Willamette Dental Patient Relations  
6950 NE Campus Way  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124  
(503) 952-2000

Complaints: Willamette Dental Privacy Officer  
6950 NE Campus Way  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124  
(503) 952-2000