

MARYLAND
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NORTHERN VIRGINIA

BlueDental Preferred

Welcome

Your smile says a lot about you. It's the first thing people see when they meet you. A healthy smile can make you more appealing, even more youthful. But did you know your smile also says a lot about your overall health?

That's why it's so important to protect your smile. Good dental care has been significantly shown to reduce your risk of heart disease. It helps control diabetes and some studies show it prevents premature births.

We're pleased to introduce you to BlueDental Preferred.

As a member, you'll enjoy:

- Freedom of choice
- Two different options to suit your budget
- Coverage for numerous dental services
- No referrals
- More than 5,000 dentists throughout Maryland, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia, and access to a national network of 123,000 dentists and specialists
- No charge for oral exams, cleanings and X-rays when you visit an in-network provider
- No claim forms to file in-network
- Medically necessary orthodontia benefit for children up to age 19
- Guaranteed acceptance
- No charge for in-network covered services for members age 19 and under after they reach their \$350 maximum out-of-pocket.
- Protect your smile, your health and your budget from serious dental issues.



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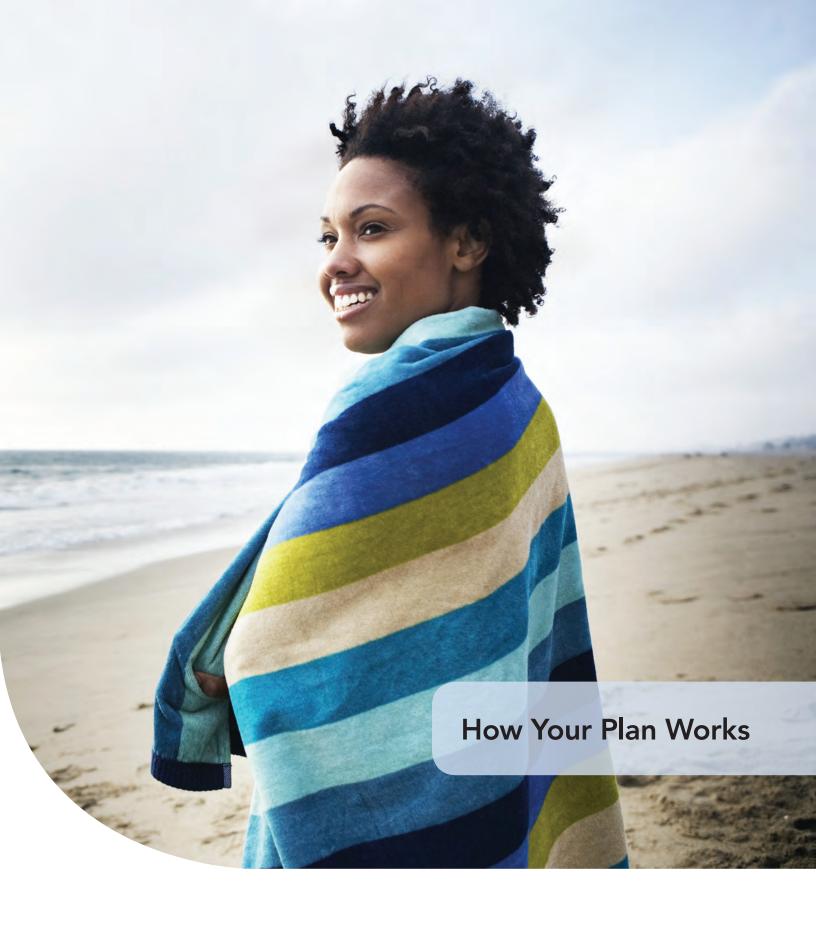
- People with periodontal disease are 2-4 times more likely to have a heart attack.¹
- Diabetic patients with periodontal disease have more difficulty controlling blood glucose levels.²
- Women less than 35 weeks pregnant who receive treatment for gum disease have 84% fewer premature births.3
- Pregnancy can cause swelling, bleeding, redness, or tenderness in the gum tissue due to hormonal changes.

Read on to learn about **BlueDental Preferred**, offered by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst). Or, contact our product specialists at 410-356-8000 or toll-free at 800-544-8703, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.

¹ Andriankaia, OM, et al. The use of different measurements and definitions of periodontal disease in the study of the association between periodontal disease and risk of myocardial infarction. J Periodontol 2006 Jun;77(6):1067-73.

² Faria-Almeida R, Navarro A, Bascones A. Clinical and metabolic changes after conventional treatment of type 2 diabetic patients with chronic periodontitis. J Periodontol. 2006 Apr;77(4)591-8.

³ Lopez NJ, et al. Periodontal therapy reduces the rate of preterm low birth weight in women with pregnancy-associated gingivitis. J Periodontol. 2005 Nov;76(11 Suppl):2144-53.





Manage your care and save

Preventive & Diagnostic Services (Class I)

If you pick the High Option, there is no deductible for the following services, which are covered in full when visiting an in-network provider:

- Oral examinations
- Cleanings
- X-rays
- Fluoride treatments for children

Basic & Major Services (Classes II, III, IV)

After meeting a deductible, your plan includes fillings, simple extractions, periodontal scaling, root planing, root canals, oral surgery, dentures, crowns and more!

Orthodontia (Class V)

BlueDental Preferred offers benefits for braces when medically necessary for children up to age 19.

Visiting non-participating providers

You also have the option to seek treatment from non-participating providers. If you visit a non-participating provider, CareFirst will pay a percentage of the allowed benefit*, but you may be responsible for the difference in cost between the CareFirst allowed benefit and your dental provider's full charge in addition to any applicable deductibles and coinsurance. You may also be required to pay all costs at the time of service and submit a claim form to be reimbursed for covered services.

*Allowed benefit—the fee that providers in the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield network have agreed to accept for a particular service. For example: Dr. Smith charges \$100 to see a patient. To be included in a CareFirst network, he has agreed to accept \$50 for the visit. After the member pays their copay or deductible, CareFirst will pay what's left of the \$50 charge. A participating provider cannot charge a member more than the allowed benefit (in this example \$50) for any covered service.





To locate a participating provider, go to www.carefirst.com/findadoc, click on the Dental tab, select how you would like to search, enter your Zip Code and select Preferred Dental (PPO).

A plan for you



Meet the Smiths High Option

Mary and Charles Smith are active retirees who recently took up golf. They have Medicare and have purchased a supplemental Medicare plan and Medicare prescription drug coverage to protect themselves against medical costs. They didn't think about how their budget might be impacted by major dental expenses until Mary needed a root canal and Charles needed a bridge.

| Common Dental Procedure | No Coverage ¹ | BlueDental Preferred— High Option (In-Network) ² | Savings on Services ³ |
|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 6 month check-ups, including routine exams, cleanings and X-rays (4 visits, 2 per person) | \$760 (\$190 per visit) | \$0 | \$760 |
| Root Canal (bicuspid) | \$875 | \$97 (deductible applies) | \$718 |
| Bridge (3-unit) | \$3,000 | \$985 (after \$60 deductible) | \$2,015 |
| Total | \$4,635 | \$1,142 | \$3,493 |

¹ Based on National Dental Advisory Service Fee Report (2015).

With no dental coverage, the Smiths paid \$4,635 for these services. They decided to purchase dental coverage to protect themselves against further unexpected dental costs. With **BlueDental Preferred High Option** coverage, the Smiths would have spent only \$1,142, a savings of nearly \$3,500 on these dental services. Now they're covered and ready for whatever lies ahead!

² Approximate amount. Pricing may vary depending upon dental provider's negotiated rate with CareFirst.

³ Savings do not include premium costs.



Meet the Johnsons

Low Option

Anna and Jeff Johnson are an energetic couple with two children. They own a catering business and have purchased a family health insurance plan that doesn't include benefits for dental services. They didn't think about dental coverage until their daughter needed braces and their son needed a filling. The costs quickly started to add up.

| Common Dental Procedure | No Coverage ¹ | BlueDental Preferred Low Option (In-Network) ² | Savings on Services ³ |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 6 month check-ups, including routine exams, cleanings and X-rays (8 visits, 2 per person) | \$1,520 (\$190 per visit) | \$0 MD/VA after \$225 deductible DC after \$195 deductible | MD/VA \$1,295 DC \$1,325 |
| Filling (1 filling) | \$146 | \$10 (deductible applies) | \$136 |
| Medically Necessary Orthodontic Services (1 child to age 19) | \$5,355 | \$350 | \$5,005 |
| Total | \$7,021 | MD/VA \$585 DC \$555 | MD/VA \$6,436 DC \$6,466 |

¹ Based on National Dental Advisory Service Fee Report (2015).

With no dental coverage, the Johnsons paid \$7,021 for these services. With **BlueDental Preferred Low Option** coverage, the Johnsons would have saved more than \$6,400 for these services. The Johnsons decided to purchase **BlueDental Preferred Low Option** coverage to protect themselves against future dental costs.

 $^{^{2}}$ Approximate amount. Pricing may vary depending upon dental provider's negotiated rate with CareFirst.

³ Savings do not include premium costs.

Frequently used benefits

| Common Dental Procedures | Regular Cost ¹ | In-Network You Pay ² |
|---|--|--|
| Preventive check-ups, including routine exams, cleanings and X-rays | \$190 per visit (2 visits per year) | \$0 after deductible for Low Option Plan |
| Fillings and simple extractions | \$146-\$179 | \$10–\$16 after deductible |
| Periodontal scaling and root planing (4 or more teeth per section of the mouth) | \$261 | \$26 after deductible |
| Porcelain crown (high noble metal) | \$1,156 | \$328 after deductible |
| Root canal therapy (molar, excluding final restoration) | \$1,057 | \$126 after deductible |
| Complete upper dentures | \$1,750 | \$355 after deductible |
| Medically necessary orthodontia (child up to age 19) | \$5,355 | \$350 |

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This is a partial listing of services. For specific questions, please contact CareFirst Dental Services toll-free at 866-891-2802.

 $^{^{2}\ \}textit{Approximate amount. Pricing may vary depending upon dental provider's negotiated rate with Care First.}$

BlueDental Preferred High Option

| Summary of Benefits | | In-Network Member Pays | Out-of-Network Member Pays |
|--|---|---|---|
| DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO CLASS | ES II, III, IV | | |
| family member will be charged mo | alculated in the aggregate. However, no re than the individual deductible amount. k deductible will be a separate amount. | \$60 Individual deductible \$180 Family deductible | \$120 Individual deductible \$360 Family deductible |
| | ASSES I–V) FOR MEMBERS UP TO AGE 19 | One member pays up to \$350; Two or more members pay up to \$700 | No limit |
| ANNUAL MAXIMUM (CLASSES I- | IV) FOR MEMBERS OVER AGE 19 | | |
| ■ The in-network and out-of-network | k annual maximum is a combined amount. | Plan pays up to \$3 | 1,000 per member |
| PREVENTIVE & DIAGNOSTIC SER | RVICES (CLASS I) | | |
| Oral exams (one per six months) Prophylaxis (one cleaning per six months) Bitewing X-rays (one per six months) Fluoride treatments¹ until the end of the year in which member reaches age 19 | Full mouth X-ray or panograph and bitewing X-ray combination and one cephalometric X-ray¹ Sealants on permanent molars¹ until the end of the year in which member reaches age 19 Space maintainers¹ Palliative treatments Emergency oral exam | No charge | 20% of Allowed Benefit ² |
| BASIC SERVICES (CLASS II) | | | |
| Direct placement fillings using approved materials¹ Simple extractions | Periodontal scaling and root planing (once per 24 months, one full mouth treatment) | 20% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible | 40% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible |
| MAJOR SERVICES – SURGICAL (C | CLASS III) | | |
| Surgical periodontic services including osseous surgery, and occlusal adjustments¹ Endodontics (treatment as required involving the root and pulp of the tooth, such as root canal therapy) | Oral surgery (surgical extractions, treatment for cysts, tumor and abscesses, vestibuloplasty and hemisection) General anesthesia required for oral surgery | 20% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible | 40% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible |
| MAJOR SERVICES – RESTORATIVE (CLASS IV) | | | |
| Full and/or partial dentures (once per 60 months) Fixed bridges³, crowns, inlays and onlays (once per 60 months) Recementation of crowns, inlays and/or bridges (once per 12 months) | Denture adjustments and relining¹ Repair of prosthetic appliances as required (once in any 12 month period per specific area of appliance for members over age 19) Dental implants³, subject to medical necessity review (once per 60 months) | 50% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible | 65% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible |
| ORTHODONTIC SERVICES (CLASS V) | | | |
| | rthodontic services are available for the calendar year in which a member | 50% of Allowed Benefit ² | 65% of Allowed Benefit ² |

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BlueDental Preferred Low Option

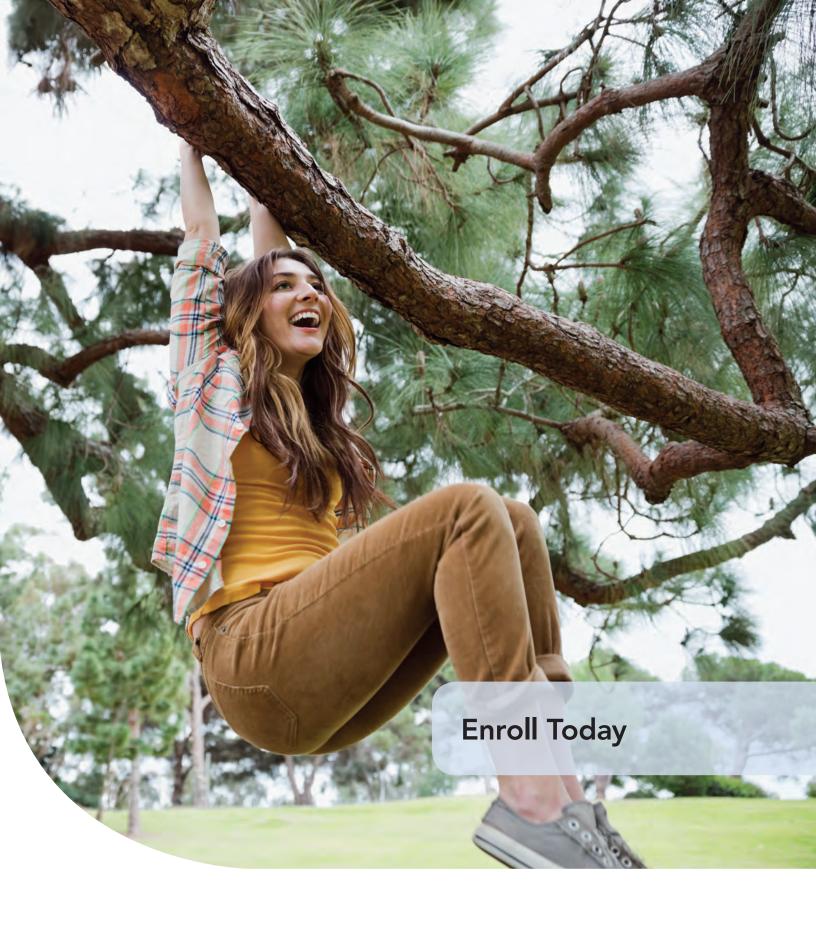
| Summary of Benefits | | In-Network Member Pays | Out-of-Network Member Pays |
|---|---|---|---|
| DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO CLASS | ES I–IV | | |
| The family deductible amount is calculated in the aggregate. However, no family member will be charged more than the individual deductible amount. The in-network and out-of-network deductible will be a separate amount. | | \$75 Individual deductible MD/VA; \$65 Individual deductible DC \$225 Family deductible MD/VA; \$195 Family | \$150 Individual deductible MD/VA; \$130 Individual deductible DC \$450 Family deductible MD/VA; \$585 Family |
| | | deductible DC | deductible DC |
| OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM (CL | ASSES I–V) FOR MEMBERS UP TO AGE 19 | One member pays up to \$350; Two or more members pay up to \$700 | No limit |
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| BASIC SERVICES (CLASS II) | | | |
| Direct placement fillings using approved materials¹ Simple extractions | Periodontal scaling and root planing (once per 24 months, one full mouth treatment) | 20% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible | 40% of Allowed Benefit ² after deductible |
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Exclusions and Limitations

For Maryland and District of Columbia residents:

Please refer to your dental contract for your Exclusions and Limitations.

For Virginia residents:

3.1 Limitations.

- A. Covered Dental Services must be performed by or under the supervision of a Dentist with an active and unrestricted license, within the scope of practice for which licensure or certification has been obtained.
- B. Benefits will be limited to standard procedures and will not be provided for personalized restorations or specialized techniques in the construction of dentures or bridges, including precision attachments, custom denture teeth and implant supported fixed or removable prostheses.
- C. If a Member switches from one Dentist to another during a course of treatment, or if more than one Dentist renders services for one dental procedure, CareFirst shall pay as if only one Dentist rendered the service.
- D. CareFirst will reimburse only after all dental procedures for the condition being treated have been completed (this provision does not apply to orthodontic services).
- E. In the event there are alternative dental procedures that meet generally accepted standards of professional dental care for a Member's condition, benefits will be based upon the lowest cost alternative procedure.

3.2 Exclusions. Benefits will not be provided for:

- A. Replacement of a denture, bridge, or crown as a result of loss or theft.
- B. Replacement of an existing denture, bridge, or crown that is determined by CareFirst to be satisfactory or repairable.
- C. Replacement of dentures, bridges, metal and/or porcelain crowns, inlays, onlays and crown build-ups within 60 months from the date of placement or replacement for which benefits were paid in whole or in part under the terms of the dental benefits Agreement and are judged by CareFirst to be adequate and functional.
- D. Treatment or services for temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders including but not limited to radiographs and/or tomographic surveys.
- E. Gold foil fillings.
- F. Periodontal appliances.
- G. Prescription drugs, including, but not limited to antibiotics administered by the Member, inhalation of nitrous oxide (except for Members under age 19), injected or applied medications that are not part of the dental service being rendered, and localized delivery of chemotherapeutic agents for the treatment of a medical condition, unless specifically listed as a Covered Dental Service in the dental benefits Agreement.
- H. Nightguards for Members over age 19, or other oral orthotic appliances, unless specifically listed as a Covered Dental Service in the dental benefits Agreement.

- I. Bacteriologic studies, histopathologic exams, accession of tissue, caries susceptibility tests, diagnostic radiographs, and other pathology procedures, unless specifically listed as a Covered Dental Service in the dental benefits Agreement.
- Intentional tooth reimplantation or transplantation for Members over age 19.
- K. Interim prosthetic devices, fixed or removable and not part of a permanent or restorative prosthetic service.
- L. Additional fees charged for visits by a Dentist to the Member's home, to a hospital, to a nursing home, or for office visits after the Dentist's standard office hours. CareFirst shall provide the benefits for the dental service as if the visit was rendered in the Dentist's office during normal office hours.
- M. Transseptal fiberotomy.
- N. Orthognathic Surgery.
- O. The repair or replacement of any orthodontic appliance, unless specifically listed as a Covered Dental Service in the dental benefits Agreement.
- P. Any orthodontic services after the last day of the month in which Covered Dental Services ended.
- Q. Services or supplies that are not Medically Necessary as determined by CareFirst.
- R. Services not specifically listed in the dental benefits Agreement as a Covered Dental Service, even if Medically Necessary, except as required to be covered under state or federal laws and regulations.
- S. Services or supplies that are related to an excluded service (even if those services or supplies would otherwise be covered services).
- T. Separate billings for dental care services or supplies furnished by an employee of a Dentist which are normally included in the Dentist's charges and billed for by them.
- U. Telephone consultations, failure to keep a scheduled visit, completion of forms, or administrative services.
- V. Services or supplies that are Experimental or Investigational in nature.
- W. Orthodontic or any other services for Cosmetic purposes.
- X. Transitional orthodontic appliance, including a lower lingual holding arch placed where there is not premature loss of the primary molar.
- Y. Limited or complete occlusal adjustments in connection with periodontal surgical treatment when received in conjunction with restorative service on the same date of service.
- Z. Local anesthesia services are included in the benefit for restorative services and surgical services and are not separately reimbursed.

Policy form numbers

Maryland

CFMI - MD Individual Dental—On Exchange 2016

BlueDental Preferred HIGH Option: CFMI/EXC/DEN/IEA (1/14); CFMI/DB/PREF DENT DOCS-SOB (R. 1/15); CFMI/EXC/2016 DENTAL AMEND (1/16); CFMI/DOL APPEAL (R. 9/11); and any amendments

BlueDental Preferred LOW Option: CFMI/EXC/DEN/IEA (1/14); CFMI/DB/PREF DENT DOCS-SOB LOW (1/15); CFMI/EXC/2016 DENTAL AMEND LOW (1/16); CFMI/DOL APPEAL (R. 9/11); and any amendments

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GHMSI - MD Individual Dental—ON Exch 2016

BlueDental Preferred HIGH Option:; MD/CF/EXC/DEN/IEA (1/14); MD/CF/DB/PREF DENT DOCS-SOB (R. 1/15); MD/CF/EXC/2016 DENTAL AMEND (1/16); MD/GHMSI/DOL APPEAL (R. 9/11); and any amendments

BlueDental Preferred LOW Option: MD/CF/EXC/DEN/IEA (1/14); MD/CF/DB/PREF DENT DOCS-SOB LOW (1/15); MD/CF/EXC/2016 DENTAL AMEND LOW (1/16); MD/GHMSI/DOL APPEAL (R. 9/11); and any amendments

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District of Columbia

DC GHMSI CD ON Exchange:

BlueDental Preferred HIGH Option: DC/CF/DB/EXC/DENTAL/IEA (1/14); DC/CF/DB/PREF DENT DOCS-SOB (R. 1/15); DC/CF/EXC/2015 DENTAL AMEND (REV 1/15); DC/CF/EXC/2016 DENTAL AMEND (1/16); DC/GHMSI/DOL APPEAL (R. 11/11); and any amendments

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DC GHMSI CD OFF Exchange:

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Virginia

Virginia GHMSI CD ON EXCH:

BlueDental Preferred HIGH Option: VA/CF/DB/PREF DENT (R. 1/15)-HIX; VA/CF/DB/2016 DENTAL AMD HIGH (1/16)-HIX; and any amendments

BlueDental Preferred LOW Option: VA/CF/DB/PREF DENT LOW (1/15)-HIX; VA/CF/DB/2016 DENTAL AMD LOW (1/16)-HIX; and any amendments

Virginia GHMSI CD OFF EXCH:

BlueDental Preferred HIGH Option: VA/CF/DB/PREF DENT (R. 1/15); VA/CF/DB/2016 DENTAL AMD HIGH (1/16)

BlueDental Preferred LOW Option: VA/CF/DB/PREF DENT LOW (1/15); VA/CF/DB/2016 DENTAL AMD LOW (1/16)

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