

Your Summary of Benefits
Fedcap Rehabilitation Services
Empire Dental Complete



An Anthem Company

WELCOME TO YOUR DENTAL PLAN!

This benefit summary outlines how your dental plan works and provides you with a quick reference of your dental plan benefits. For complete coverage details, please refer to your certificate of coverage.

Dental coverage you can count on

Your Empire dental plan lets you visit any licensed dentist or specialist you want - with costs that are normally lower when you choose one within our large network.

Savings beyond your dental plan benefits - you get more for your money.

You pay our negotiated rate for covered services from in-network dentists even if you exceed your annual benefit maximum.

YOUR DENTAL PLAN AT A GLANCE		In-Network		Out-of-Network
Annual Benefit Maximum • Per insured person		Calendar Year		\$1,000
Annual Maximum Carryover		No		No
Orthodontic Lifetime Benefit Maximum • Per eligible insured person		\$1,000		\$1,000
Annual Deductible (The Deductible does not apply to Orthodontic Services) • Per insured person • Family maximum		Calendar Year		\$100
		3X Individual		3X Individual
Deductible Waived for Diagnostic/Preventive Services		Yes		Yes
Out-of-Network Reimbursement Options:		Prime (MAC)		
Dental Services		In-Network Empire Pays:	Out-of-Network Empire Pays:	Waiting Period
Diagnostic and Preventive Services • Periodic oral exam • Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) • Bitewing X-rays: 1X per 12 months • Intraoral X-rays		100% Coinsurance	100% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Basic Services • Amalgam (silver-colored) Filling • Front composite (tooth-colored) Filling • Back composite Filling, Alternated to Amalgam Benefit • Simple Extractions		60% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Endodontics • Root Canal		60% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Periodontics • Scaling and root planing		60% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Oral Surgery • Surgical Extractions		60% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Major Services • Crowns		50% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Prosthodontics • Dentures • Bridges • Dental implants Not Covered		50% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Prosthetic Repairs/Adjustments		50% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Period
Orthodontic Services • Adults & Dependent Children		50% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	No Waiting Periods

This is not a contract; it is a partial listing of benefits and services. All covered services are subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions, terms and provisions of your certificate of coverage. In the event of a discrepancy between the information in this summary and the certificate of coverage, the certificate will prevail.

*Child orthodontic coverage begins at age eight and runs through age 18. This means that the child must have been banded between the ages of 8 and 19 in order to receive coverage. If children are dependents until age 19, they can continue to receive coverage, but they must have been banded before age 19.

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Emergency dental treatment for the international traveler

As an Empire dental member, you and your eligible, covered dependents automatically have access to the International Emergency Dental Program.** With this program, you may receive emergency dental care from our listing of credentialed dentists while traveling or working nearly anywhere in the world.

** The International Emergency Dental Program is managed by DeCare Dental, which is an independent company offering dental-management services to Empire Blue Cross Insurance Company.



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Finding a dentist is easy.

To select a dentist by name or location:

- Go to empireblue.com or the website listed on the back of your ID card.
- Call the toll-free customer service number listed on the back of your ID card.

TO CONTACT US:

Call	Write
Refer to the toll-free number indicated on the back of your plan ID card to speak with a U.S.-based customer service representative during normal business hours. Calling after hours? We may still be able to assist you with our interactive voice-response system.	your plan ID card for the address.

Limitations & Exclusions

Limitations – Below is a partial listing of dental plan limitations when these services are covered under your plan. Please see your certificate of coverage for a full list.

Diagnostic and Preventive Services

Oral evaluations (exam) Limited to two per Calendar Year

Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) Limited to two per Calendar Year

Intraoral X-rays, single film Limited to four films per 12-month period

Complete series X-rays (panoramic or full-mouth) Coverage Every 3 Years

Topical fluoride application Limited to once every 12 months for members through age 18

Sealants Limited to first and second molars once every 24 months per tooth for members through age 15; sealants may be covered under Diagnostic and Preventive or Basic Services.

Basic and/or Major Services***

Fillings Limited to once per surface per tooth in any 24 months

Space Maintainers Limited to extracted primary posterior teeth once per lifetime per tooth for members through age 16; Space Maintainers may be covered under Diagnostic and Preventive or Basic Services.

Crowns Limited to once per tooth in a seven-year period

Fixed or removable prosthodontics – dentures, partials, bridges

Covered once in any seven-year period; benefits are provided for the replacement of an existing bridge, denture or partial for members age 16 or older if the appliance is seven years old or older and cannot be made serviceable.

Root canal therapy Limited to once per lifetime per tooth; coverage is for permanent teeth only.

Periodontal surgery Limited to one complex service per single tooth or quadrant in any 36 months, and only if the pocket depth of the tooth is five millimeters or greater

Periodontal scaling and root planing Limited to once per quadrant in 36 months when the tooth pocket has a depth of four millimeters or greater

Brush Biopsy Not Covered

***Waiting periods for endodontic, periodontic and oral surgery services may differ from other Basic Services or Major Services under the same dental plan.

There is a 12-month waiting period for replacement of congenitally missing teeth or teeth extracted prior to coverage under this plan.

ADDITIONAL LIMITATION FOR ORTHODONTIC SERVICES

Orthodontia Limited to one course of treatment per member per lifetime

Exclusions – Below is a partial listing of noncovered services under your dental plan. Please see your certificate of coverage for a full list.

Services provided before or after the term of coverage

Services received before your effective date or after your coverage ends, unless otherwise specified in the dental plan certificate

Orthodontics (unless included as part of your dental plan benefits)
Orthodontic braces, appliances and all related services

Cosmetic dentistry Services provided by dentists solely for the purpose of improving the appearance of the tooth when tooth structure and function are satisfactory and no pathologic conditions (cavities) exist

Drugs and medications Intravenous conscious sedation, IV sedation and general anesthesia when performed with nonsurgical dental care

Analgesia, analgesic agents, anxiolysis nitrous oxide, therapeutic drug injections, medicines or drugs for nonsurgical or surgical dental care except that intravenous conscious sedation is eligible as a separate benefit when performed in conjunction with complex surgical services.

Extractions - Surgical removal of third molars (wisdom teeth) that do not exhibit symptoms or impact the oral health of the member

The in-network dental providers mentioned in this communication are independently contracted providers who exercise independent professional judgment. They are not agents or employees of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Company.

Choice of dentists

While your dental plan lets you choose any dentist, you may end up paying more for a service if you visit an out-of-network dentist.

Here's why:

In-network dentists have agreed to payment rates for various services and cannot charge you more. On the other hand, out-of-network dentists don't have a contract with us and are able to bill you for the difference between the total amount we allow to be paid for a service – called the “maximum allowed amount” – and the amount they usually charge for a service. When they bill you for this difference, it's called “balance billing.”

How Empire dental decides on maximum allowed amounts

For services from an out-of-network dentist, the maximum allowed amount is determined in one of the following ways:

- Out-of-network dental fee schedule/rate developed by Anthem, which may be updated based on such things as reimbursement amounts accepted by dentists contracted with our dental plans, or other industry cost and usage data
- Information provided by a third-party vendor that shows comparable costs for dental services
- In-network dentist fee schedule

Here's an example of higher costs for out-of-network dental services

This is an example only. Your experience may be different, depending on your insurance plan, the services you receive and the dentist who provides the services.

Ted gets a crown from an out-of-network dentist, who charges \$1,200 for the service and bills Empire for that amount.

Empire's maximum allowed amount for this dental service is \$800. That means there will be a \$400 difference, which the dentist can “balance bill” Ted.

Since Ted will also need to pay \$400 coinsurance, the total he'll pay the out-of-network dentist is \$800.

Here's the math:

- Dentist's charge: \$1,200
- Empire's maximum allowed amount: \$800
- Empire pays 50%: \$400
- Ted pays 50% (coinsurance): \$400
- Balance Ted owes the provider: $\$1,200 - \$800 = \$400$
- Ted's total cost: $\$400 \text{ coinsurance} + \$400 \text{ provider balance} = \800

In the example, if Ted had gone to an in-network dentist, his cost would be only \$400 for the coinsurance because he would not have been “balance billed” the \$400 difference.