



Policyholder: Downers Grove Sanitary District

# Dental PPO Benefit Summary

Effective Date: 06/01/2018

**Predetermination of Benefits:** Before treatment begins for inlays, onlays, single crowns, prosthetics, periodontics and oral surgery, you may file a dental treatment plan with Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal Life will provide a written response indicating benefits that may be payable for the proposed treatment.

This chart provides you a brief summary of the key benefits of the dental coverage available from Principal Life Insurance Company. Following the chart, you will find additional information to answer questions you may have. For a complete list of all your dental coverage benefits and restrictions, please refer to your booklet or contact your employer.

Eligibility				
Job Class	All Members			
Benefits Payable				
Network	Dental Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)			
Network Service Area	Illinois			
	Calendar Year Deductible		Coinsurance (Policy Pays)	
	In-Network	Non-Network	In-Network	Non-Network
Unit 1 – Preventive	\$0	\$0	100%	80%
Unit 2 – Basic	\$50	\$50	80%	60%
Unit 3 – Major	\$50	\$50	50%	50%
Family Deductible Maximum	3 times the per person deductible amount			
Combined Deductible	In-network deductibles for basic and major procedures are combined. Non-network deductibles for basic and major procedures are combined.			
Combined Maximums	Maximums for preventive, basic, and major procedures are combined. In-network Calendar year maximums are \$1,500 per person. Non-network Calendar year maximums are \$1,500 per person.			
Prevailing Charge	When using non-network providers, you pay any amount over the allowable charge.			
Maximum Accumulation	This allows for a portion of unused maximum benefit to carry over to next year's maximum benefit amount. To qualify, you must have had a dental service performed within the Calendar year and used less than the maximum threshold. The threshold is equal to the lesser of 50% of the maximum benefit or \$1000. If qualification is met, 50% of the threshold is carried over to next year's maximum benefit. Individuals with fourth quarter effectives will start qualifying for rollover at the beginning of the next calendar year. You can accumulate no more than four times the carry over amount. The entire accumulation amount will be forfeited if no dental service is submitted within a calendar year.			
Emergency Services	If a member requires treatment or service for an emergency dental condition and cannot reach a preferred dental provider without unreasonable delay, benefits for such treatment or service received from a non-preferred dental provider will be paid as if the treatment or service had been provided by a preferred dental provider. The member must provide information either with the claim or during an appeal that identifies the situation as an emergency.			
Participating Provider Services	If a member requires treatment or service and cannot reasonably reach a preferred dental provider and the member receives such treatment or service from a non-preferred dental provider, benefits for such treatment or service received will be paid as if the treatment or service had been provided by a preferred dental provider. The member must provide information either with the claim or during an appeal that informs Principal Life there was no participating provider reasonably available.			

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Additional Benefits				
	Lifetime Deductible		Coinsurance (Policy Pays)	
	In-Network	Non-Network	In-Network	Non-Network
<b>Unit 4 - Orthodontia</b> • Child Lifetime Maximum: In-Network: \$1,000 Non-Network: \$1,000	\$0	\$0	50%	50%

**How Are Dental Procedures Covered?**

The list of common procedures shows what unit the procedure is included in and how often they are covered.

<p><b>Unit 1 – Preventive Procedures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine exams - two per calendar year</li> <li>• Routine cleaning (prophylaxis) - two per calendar year (Expectant mothers, diabetics and those with heart disease receive one additional routine or periodontal cleaning within a calendar year.)</li> <li>• Second Opinion Consultation</li> <li>• Fluoride – one treatment each calendar year (covered only for dependent children under age 14)</li> <li>• Space maintainers - covered only for dependent children under age 14; repairs not covered</li> <li>• Sealants – on first and second permanent molars for dependent children under age 14; one each tooth each 36 months</li> <li>• X-rays - Bitewing (one set every calendar year), occlusal, periapical</li> <li>• X-rays – Full mouth survey (one every 60 months), extraoral</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unit 2 – Basic Procedures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodontal prophylaxis - if three months have elapsed after active surgical periodontal treatment; subject to Routine cleaning frequency limit (Expectant mothers, diabetics and those with heart disease receive one additional routine or periodontal cleaning within a calendar year.)</li> <li>• Emergency exams – subject to Routine exam frequency limit</li> <li>• Harmful Habit Appliance - covered only for dependent children under age 14</li> <li>• Fillings and stainless steel crowns</li> <li>• Simple Oral Surgery</li> <li>• Complex Oral Surgical Procedures</li> <li>• Non-surgical Periodontics, including scaling and root planing - once each quadrant each 24 months (For expectant mothers, diabetics and those with heart disease, this procedure is provided with no deductible and 100% coinsurance.)</li> <li>• Periodontal Surgical Procedures – one each quadrant each 36 months</li> <li>• Simple Endodontics (root canal therapy for anterior teeth)</li> <li>• Complex Endodontics (root canal therapy for molar teeth)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unit 3 – Major Procedures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Anesthesia (covered only for specific procedures)/IV Sedation</li> <li>• Repairs to Partial Denture, Bridge, Crown, Relines, Rebasing, Tissue Conditioning and Adjustment to Bridge/Denture, within policy limitations</li> <li>• Crowns – each 120 months per tooth if tooth cannot be restored by a filling.</li> <li>• Inlays, Onlays, Cast Post and Core, Core Buildup - each 120 months per tooth</li> <li>• Bridges - Initial placement / Replacement of bridges 120 months old.</li> <li>• Dentures - Initial placement of complete or partial dentures / Replacement of complete or partial dentures over 60 months old</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unit 4 - Orthodontic Procedures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X-rays and other diagnostic procedures, fixed and removable appliances</li> </ul>

There is Coordination of Benefits, which is a procedure for limiting benefits from two or more carriers to 100% of the claimant's covered expenses.

## Understanding Your Dental Benefits

### Am I Eligible For Coverage?

To be eligible for coverage, you must qualify as an eligible member and be considered actively at work.

You must be enrolled for dental coverage before it can be offered to your dependents. Eligible dependents include your spouse, qualified domestic partner and children, including those of your qualified domestic partner. Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

An annual enrollment applies. Members can enroll for dental coverage during the annual enrollment period and not be subject to the late entrant waiting period. Certain restrictions apply.

### How Do I Find A Participating Provider?

Use the Provider Directory on [www.principal.com](http://www.principal.com) to locate nearby dentists or see if your dentist participates in your network.

1	Visit <a href="http://www.principal.com/dentist">www.principal.com/dentist</a> .
2	Begin your search by picking the <b>state</b> where you would like to find a provider. Next, specify a <b>network</b> . Depending on the network chosen, you may be transferred to a partner site.
3	Enter the <b>name of the provider</b> you are looking for (if known). If you are looking for a nearby dentist, enter the <b>city and state and/or ZIP code</b> . Be sure to indicate <b>how far you are willing to travel</b> .
4	Select the <b>desired specialty</b> or use the No Specialty Preference default. Click <b>Continue</b> .
5	Select a <b>language</b> if your preference is other than English. Click <b>Continue</b> .

You may nominate your dentist for inclusion in our network. Please submit the dentist's name, address, phone and specialty by calling 1-800-832-4450, or submit through [www.principal.com/refer-dental-provider](http://www.principal.com/refer-dental-provider).

### How Are Complaints Handled?

A "complaint" is a written communication primarily expressing a grievance and is filed by a consumer, a healthcare provider, or your representative either directly with Principal Life Insurance Company or via the Illinois Insurance Department. Complaints may be handwritten or typed and may be transmitted electronically, by facsimile, or by U.S. Mail.

Regulator complaints are first recorded by the corporate complaint register and forwarded to Group Life and Health Compliance for assignment to a complaint handler. Non-regulator complaints are handled by the Group Life & Health compliance department, the local claim service center, or the administration or underwriting department assigned to the consumer's account.

Once a complaint is received, an acknowledgement letter is immediately sent identifying the name, address, and phone number of the person handling the complaint. An investigation is then made of the complaint. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date of the Illinois Insurance Department’s letter (or earlier, if specified by the Insurance Department), a substantive response is provided pursuant to instruction in the Illinois Insurance Department’s cover letter. Within fifteen (15) working days from the receipt of a non-regulator complaint, a substantive response is provided to the complainant.

The response includes a description of how and when the consumer was covered with Principal Life, the policy provisions that govern the issues in question, what has transpired on the account, and an explanation of the decision either to uphold the original handling of the account or to take corrective action, why, and within what timing.

Principal Life maintains a complaint register that allows individual reconstruction of complaints as well as summary data.

**What Are The Restrictions Of My Coverage?**

This Benefit Summary is a summary only. For a complete list of benefit restrictions, please refer to your booklet.

Limitations & Exclusions	
<b>Late Entrant Provision</b>	Those members enrolling more than 31 days after becoming eligible will be subject to an individual benefit waiting period, subject to policy guidelines.
<b>Missing Tooth</b>	Benefits for the initial placement of bridges, partials and dentures are not covered if those teeth were missing prior to becoming insured under the Principal Life policy. When the policy replaces coverage under a prior plan, continuous coverage under the prior plan may be applied to the missing tooth provision requirement.
<b>Orthodontia</b>	<p>If there is orthodontia (ortho) treatment in progress on the coverage effective date and you are covered under any prior group coverage for ortho, there will be immediate coverage for treatment if proof is submitted that shows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The lifetime maximum under any prior group coverage has not been exceeded,</li> <li>2) Ortho treatment was started and bands or appliances were inserted while insured under any prior group coverage, and</li> <li>3) Ortho treatment has been continued while insured under this policy.</li> </ol> <p>Principal Life will credit payments made by the prior carrier toward the Principal Life lifetime ortho payment limit.</p> <p>You will not be covered if ortho treatment is in progress prior to the effective date with Principal Life and you are not covered under any prior group coverage for ortho.</p>
<b>Other Limitations</b>	There are additional limitations to your coverage. A complete list is included in your booklet.



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