

A NEWSLETTER FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

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State of Idaho Selects Blue Cross of Idaho to Administer Dental Benefits

Beginning July 1, 2009 Blue Cross of Idaho will administer the dental benefits for State of Idaho employees. The benefits and covered services currently available to state employees will remain the same. Highlights of this coverage include:

- \$1,000 benefit period maximum (*July 1 – June 30*)**
- \$25 deductible per enrollee***
- \$1,000 orthodontia lifetime benefit for dependent children under age 19**
- Subject to credit for prior orthodontia benefits paid. Orthodontia treatment must begin prior to age 17.*

- Oral exams covered once every six months
- Cleanings (regular or periodontal maintenance) covered once every six months
- Fluoride treatment covered once every 12 months for dependent children under age 20
- Sealants covered on permanent posterior unrestored dentition once every three years for children under age 16
 - Same tooth-surface restoration covered once in 24 months
 - Seven-year replacement for prosthodontics
- Implant lifetime benefit of \$900 per tooth (includes crown) and applies to benefit period maximum
 - Predeterminations encouraged for all prosthodontics

Both PPO and Traditional providers are considered in-network

	<u>PPO</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Out-of-Network</u>
Preventive & Diagnostic Services <i>Includes periodontal maintenance and full mouth debridement</i>	80%*	70%	70%
Fillings and Sealants	80%	70%	70%
Oral Surgery & Anesthesia	80%	50%	50%
Endodontics	80%	50%	50%
Periodontics	80%	50%	50%
Prosthodontics	50%	50%	50%
Implants	50%	50%	50%
Orthodontia	50%	50%	50%

*deductible does not apply (percentage of applicable maximum allowance)

There is a 12-month waiting period for orthodontia and prosthodontics for new enrollees. Blue Cross of Idaho will credit waiting periods for existing enrollees.

Be sure and obtain a copy of your patients' new Blue Cross of Idaho identification card on their next visit. To expedite claims processing, consider submitting your claims electronically. For more information, please phone our EDI Help Desk at (208) 331-8817 or (888) 224-3341.