

# SUPERIOR DENTAL CARE

Schedule of Benefits – Plan #1309	In Network	Out of Network
Preventive	100%	100%
Basic	80%	80%
Major	50%	50%
Contract Maximum	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Deductible</b> (applies to Basic and Major services)	\$25/\$75	\$25/\$75
Orthodontia	50%	50%
Lifetime Ortho Max	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Copay (applies to eligible oral evaluations)	None	None

<u>Contract Period</u> – The defined time during which your benefits will apply. This is typically a 12 month period of time; however please check with your employer to be sure.

<u>Contract Maximum</u> – The amount of dental expenses allotted to each member per Contract Period. Typically includes all benefits paid under the Preventive, Basic, Major categories.

**Deductible** – The amount of dental expense, which you are responsible for before SDC begins calculations of benefits. Deductibles follow the contract period and have individual and family maximums.

<u>Lifetime Ortho Maximum</u> – The amount of orthodontia benefit, per member per lifetime, while enrolled with SDC. Any orthodontia payments made by SDC are applied toward the Lifetime Maximum. The orthodontia Lifetime Maximum is separate from the Contract Maximum and does not refresh. Timely submission of ortho claims is necessary for prompt consideration of benefit.

**Copay** - This amount is applied to eligible oral evaluations in the Preventive Category only and is to be paid per Covered Person per occurrence, at the time of the visit.

## PREVENTIVE SERVICES

ORAL EVALUATIONS 2x contract period; PROPHYLAXIS (cleaning) 2x contract period; TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE 1 treatment per contract period for children under 15; BITEWING X-RAYS up to 4 Bitewings per contract period; FULL MOUTH X-RAYS OR PANORAMIC SURVEY 1x 5 years; INTRAORAL PERIAPICAL X-RAYS 3 per contract period; MINOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT for the temporary relief of pain, bleeding or swelling

### **BASIC SERVICES**

**SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS** 1x per contract period for endodontics, periodontics, or oral surgery; **SPACE MAINTAINERS** 1x lifetime per area for children under 19; **SEALANTS** (posterior permanent teeth only) 1x lifetime per tooth for children under 15; **ORAL SURGERY** (includes local anesthesia/routine postop care); Extractions (Pre-orthodontics are included in the Major Category); Removal of Periapical and Follicular Cysts; Intraoral Incision and Drainage; Exposure of Tooth to Aid Eruption; Frenectomy; General Anesthesia or IV Sedation - in connection with oral surgery (excluding simple extractions); **ENDODONTICS** (includes local anesthesia, x-rays and routine postop care); Root Canal Treatment 1x 3 years per tooth; Surgical Endodontics 1x lifetime per tooth; **RESTORATIVE** (includes local anesthesia); Restorations (amalgam and composite) - to restore teeth damaged by decay or traumatic injury 1x 3 years per surface; Sedative Filling 1x 3 years per tooth; Prefabricated Crowns (replaceable after 3 years in place); Recementation (onlays, inlays, crowns and bridges) 1x 2 years; **REPAIRS** (includes repairs to crowns, bridges, and complete or partial dentures) 1x 2 years

## **MAJOR SERVICES**

PERIODONTICS/SURGICAL PERIODONTICS (includes local anesthesia and postop care); Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing 1x 2 years each quadrant; Periodontal Maintenance (root planing followed by osseous surgery - a single course of treatment) 2x 2 years during a course of full mouth periodontal treatment; Complete Occlusal Adjustment 1x 2 years following periodontal surgery; Gingivectomy each quadrant/area 1x 2 years; Gingival Grafts 1x 2 years each quadrant/area; Osseous Surgery 1x 2 years each quadrant/area; ORAL SURGERY Pre-Orthodontic Extractions of Permanent Teeth; Alveoplasty, Vestibuloplasty 1x 5 years; Removal of Exostosis or Tori; PROSTHODONTICS (replaceable after 5 years in place) Bridge Abutments (See Crowns Onlays and Inlays); Pontics (See Crowns Onlays and Inlays); Removable Partial Dentures; Complete Dentures; Rebasing; Relining 1x 3 years; CROWNS, ONLAYS AND INLAYS (replaceable after 5 years in place); (treatment for decay or traumatic injury and when teeth cannot be restored with a filling material or when the tooth is an abutment. Applies interchangeably to onlays, inlays, crowns, abutments, and pontics for the same tooth); Crowns, Onlays, Inlays, Post and Core

## **ORTHODONTIC SERVICES**

Coverage includes orthodontic procedures under a "Treatment Plan" that has been evaluated through a pre-determination of benefits by SDC. The dentist providing this service must supply SDC with films and study models upon request. The one-time Record/Diagnosis fee consists of initial exam, diagnosis and consultation, x-rays, and study models. This fee can be submitted for payment separately and will apply to the member's lifetime maximum. Ortho payments for members will be made monthly beginning after the first month of treatment, and continue for the estimated duration of the treatment plan, as long as the patient is in active treatment. Retention is not covered. For treatment in progress at the time of eligibility, SDC will review the initial treatment months and total cost to determine benefit eligibility. All calculations are based on the appropriate plan percentage, up to the plan's allowable orthodontic lifetime maximum, and for the remaining months of estimated treatment. Benefits will automatically terminate when the patient ceases to be eligible.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

The following items are not covered under SDC dental plans unless your plan indicates otherwise on the reverse side of this document.

1. Services performed for cosmetic reasons, including personalization or characterization of dentures 2. Services or supplies that are considered experimental according to standard dental practice 3. Services or procedures started prior to the effective date of coverage. Prosthetic devices and crowns will not be covered if impressions are taken before the effective date of coverage 4. Services or procedures completed after the date of termination, unless stated elsewhere in this Evidence of Coverage 5. Missed appointment charge 6. Replacement of lost or stolen prosthetic devices unless it is after the limitation date 7. Analgesics or other drugs and prescriptions 8. Hospital related charges 9. Appliances or restorations, other than full dentures, for the primary purpose of increasing vertical dimension or restoring occlusion 10. Any restoration done for reasons of erosion, abrasion, and/or wear 11. Veneers 12. Inlays and related services 13. Crown lengthening 14. Services for educational purposes 15. Splinting 16. Services covered under Workers Compensation, Federal or State agencies 17. Services performed by other than a licensed dentist, except for legally delegated services to a licensed dental hygienist or licensed expanded functions auxiliary 18. Surgery, treatment and x-rays for Craniomandibular disorders (TMJ) 19. Orthognathic surgery 20. Crowns or Onlays for teeth where there is no opposing tooth 21. Laboratory charges 22. Services performed on a tooth with poor prognosis 23. Coverage for permanent crowns and prosthetics for members under the age of 17 24. Services performed for which no payment would normally be required 25. Temporary/Provisional Services 26. Pre-Orthodontic extractions; but, only when the selected plan includes no orthodontic benefits 27. Implants and related services 28. Appliances or devices such as occlusal guards, bite planes, tongue thrust, etc. used for the primary purpose of correcting harmful habits such as: grinding or clenching of teeth, tongue thrust, or thumb sucking, etc.

## **NATIONAL NETWORK**

While SDC is licensed to sell to groups domiciled in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, our network of participating dentists and specialists offers coverage across the country with **over half a million access points nationwide**. SDC members are encouraged to seek service from a Participating Dentist or Specialist. **You may access our directory of Participating Dentists on our website <u>superiordental.com</u>. <b>Participating dentists are prohibited from collecting any amount beyond the assigned member responsibility and SDC's reimbursement**. Unless otherwise contracted, SDC's payments for out of network services will be directed to the Enrollee. Members receiving SDC payment for services performed by a non-participating dentist will be responsible for the full payment to that dentist. Any out of network service may be subject to a "balance bill" for any amount that the dentist's charge exceeds SDC's then current allowable amount for an eligible service.

## **PLAN SPECIFICS**

### **Pre-determination of Benefits**

Pre-determination of Benefits is necessary for services \$400.00 or more and for periodontal services. Alternate benefits may be received when there is more than one acceptable course of treatment.

#### **Coordination of Benefits**

SDC coordinates benefits with other carriers and with other SDC plans. SDC follows the rules established by state law for Coordination of Benefits to decide which plan pays first. The birthday rule applies for covered dependents – the parent's birthday first in the calendar year is considered the primary carrier. If a divorce has occurred, the plan follows the divorce decree.

#### **Evidence of Coverage**

Your Evidence of Coverage is on file with your employer or you may call our office to request a copy. Additional access is provided on our website at: <a href="mailto:superiordental.com">superiordental.com</a>. Important information addressed in the Evidence of Coverage includes: claims appeal procedures, exclusions, coordination of benefit rules, contact information for SDC's Member Services Team, for State Departments of Insurance, for State Dental Associations and more.

### **Claim Submission**

All claims must be submitted and resolved within one year from the date of service to be considered for payment, regardless of enrollment status.

### **VALUE-ADDED BENEFITS**

# SMILERIDER®

Dentists who participate in our Smilerider program offer a 15% discount for elective services such as teeth whitening, veneers, bonding and porcelain facings. This discount comes with the SDC dental plan at no additional charge.

## **EyeMed Vision Care® Discount Plan**

SDC offers a vision discount plan through EyeMed Vision Care at <u>evemed.com</u>. This program offers significant savings and there are no limitations on the frequency of use. Please contact your employer to confirm this benefit is available to you. After confirming this benefit, be sure to mention to your eyecare provider that you are a member of Superior Dental Care. This plan is not vision insurance.

### Free Second Opinion

SDC will provide a Free Second Opinion by a participating dentist for extensive treatment plans. This is provided at no cost and without utilizing any portion of the individual's Contract Maximum. This benefit is required to be coordinated, in advance, through SDC's Dentist and Member Services team.

# **General SDC Information**

Warning: If you or your family members are covered by more than one healthcare plan, you may not be able to collect benefits from both plans. Each plan may require you to follow its rules or use specific doctors and hospitals, and it may be impossible to comply with both plans at the same time. Before you enroll in this plan, read all of the rules very carefully and compare them with the rules of any other plan that covers you or your family.