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SECTION 1. WELCOME

Oregon Dental Service (ODS), part of the Moda Health organization, is pleased to have been chosen by the Group as its dental plan. This handbook is designed to provide members with important information about the Plan's benefits, limitations and procedures.

Members may direct questions to one of the numbers listed below or access tools and resources on ODS personalized member website, myModa, at www.modahealth.com. myModa is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week allowing members to access plan information whenever it's convenient.

ODS reserves the right to monitor telephone conversations and e-mail communications between its employees and its members for legitimate business purposes as determined by ODS. The monitoring is to ensure the quality and accuracy of the service provided by employees of ODS.

This handbook may be changed or replaced at any time, by the Group or ODS, without the consent of any member. The most current handbook is available on myModa, accessed through the Moda Health website. All plan provisions are governed by the Group's policy with ODS. This handbook may not contain every plan provision.

1.1 MEMBER RESOURCES

Moda Health Website (log in to myModa) www.modahealth.com

Willamette Dental Group Website

www.willamettedental.com

Making Appointments

Toll-free 855-433-6825, Option 1

Selecting a Dentist

Toll-free 855-433-6825, Option 1

Eligibility Inquiries

Portland 503-265-2965; Toll-free 888-217-2365 En Español 503-265-2963; Llamado gratis 877-299-9063

Appeals

Toll-free 855-433-6825, Option 3

Patient Relations Department

Toll-free 855-433-6825, Option 3

ODS' Dental Customer Service Department Portland 503-265-2965; Toll-free 888-217-2365 En Español 503-265-2963; Llamado gratis 877-299-9063

Telecommunications Relay Service for the hearing impaired 711

ODS P.O. Box 40384 Portland, Oregon 97240

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SECTION 2. USING THE PLAN

ODS dental plans are easy to use. All of the paperwork takes place at the dentist's office, and members do not submit claims for reimbursement (except for dental emergencies). Benefits are provided for services rendered by network dentists selected from the network named below. Services must be performed by a network dentist unless members are referred to an outside dentist or specialist by a network dentist. The amount members pay for a covered service is listed in Section 15.

A member may choose any general dentist from the Willamette Dental Group Directory, which is available by visiting the Willamette Dental Group website or by calling the "Selecting a Dentist" phone number listed in section 1.1 for assistance. A list of dental offices is found in Section 3.

Members should remember to make an appointment in advance with a network dentist before accessing dental care. If necessary, a network dentist will refer a member to an outside dentist or specialist. Dental services that are not performed by a network dentist or dental care provider will not be covered by the Plan.

At an initial appointment, members should tell the dental provider that they have dental benefits through ODS. Members will need to provide their subscriber identification number and ODS group number to the dental office. These numbers are located on the I.D. card. Members are responsible for the member copayments at the time of dental service.

For guestions about the Plan, members should contact Customer Service.

This handbook describes the benefits of the Plan. It is the member's responsibility to review this handbook carefully and to be aware of the Plan's limitations and exclusions.

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SECTION 3. LIST OF DENTAL OFFICES

Oregon Office Locations



Albany

2225 Pacific Boulevard. SE, Suite 201 Albany, OR 97321

Beaverton

14425 SW Allen Boulevard Beaverton, OR 97005

Bend

Apple Tree Office Park, Building D 62968 O.B. Riley Road, Bend, OR 97701

Corvallis

2420 NW Professional Drive, Suite 150 Corvallis, OR 97330

Eastport

4104 SE 82nd Avenue, Suite 450 Portland, OR 97266

Eugene

2703 Delta Oaks Drive Eugene, OR 97408

Grants Pass

2166 NW Vine Street, Suite H Grants Pass, OR 97526

Gresham

1107 NE Burnside Street Gresham, OR 97030

Hillsboro

5935 SE Alexander Street Hillsboro, OR 97123 **Lincoln City**

1105 SE Jetty, Suite B Lincoln City, OR 97367

Medford

773 Golf View Drive Medford, OR 97504

Milwaukie

6902 SE Lake Road, Suite 200 Milwaukie, OR 97267

Tigard Multi-Specialty

7095 SW Gonzaga St Tigard, OR 97223

Roseburg

2365 NW Stewart Parkway Roseburg, OR 97470

Salem – Lancaster

3490 Lancaster Drive NE Salem, OR 97305

Salem – Liberty

4755 Liberty Road S Salem, OR 97302

Springfield

2510 Game Farm Road Springfield, OR 97477

Stark Street

13255 SE Stark Street Portland, OR 97233

Jefferson

1933 SW Jefferson Street Portland, OR 97201

Weidler Street

220 NE Weidler Street Portland, OR 97232

Washington Office Locations

Tillamook

800 Main Avenue, Suite B Tillamook, OR 97141

Tualatin

17130 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road Durham, OR 97224



Bellevue

Park 120 Office Complex 626 120th Avenue NE, Suite B210 Bellevue, WA 98005

Bellingham

Pacific Meridian Plaza 4164 Meridian Street Bellingham, WA 98226

Everett

4310 Colby Avenue, Suite 300 Everett, WA 98203

Federal Way

181 S. 333rd Street, Suite C-100 Federal Way, WA 98003

Kennewick

Westhaven Professional Park 602 N. Colorado Kennewick, WA 99336

Kent

24722 104th Avenue SE Kent, WA 98031

Lakewood

9307 Bridgeport Way SW Tacoma, WA 98499 Lynnwood

Scriber Lake Office Center 6101 200th Street SW, Suite 201 Lynnwood, WA 98036

Olympia

Columbia Commons 3773-C Martin Way, Suite 105 Olympia, WA 98506

Pullman

Wheatland Shopping Center 1646 S. Grand Avenue Pullman, WA 99163

Puyallup

702 South Hill Park Drive, Suite 201 Puyallup, WA 98373

Renton

1000 Oakesdale Avenue SW Renton, WA 98055

Richland

104 Columbia Point Drive Richland, WA 99352

Seattle – Dexter 133 Dexter Avenue N Seattle, WA 98109 Longview

1461 Broadway Street, Suite A Longview, WA 98632

Silverdale

3505 NW Anderson Hill Road Silverdale, WA 98383

Spokane - Northpointe

9717 N. Nevada Spokane, WA 99218

Spokane – South Hill

Fidelity Associates Building 501 S. Bernard, Suite 203 Spokane, WA 99204

Tumwater

6120 Capital Boulevard S Tumwater, WA 98501

Idaho Office Locations

Boise

8950 W. Emerald Street, Suite 108 Boise, ID 83704

Coeur d'Alene

943 W. Ironwood Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 **Seattle - Northgate**

2111 N. Northgate Way, Suite 100 Seattle, WA 98133

Vancouver - Hazel Dell

910 NE 82nd Street Vancouver, WA 98665

Vancouver - Mill Plain

9609 Mill Plain Boulevard Vancouver, WA 98664

Yakima

1200 Chesterley Drive, Suite 230 Yakima, WA 98908

West Tacoma

Sixth Avenue Plaza Shopping Center 5401 Sixth Avenue Tacoma, WA 98406



Idaho Falls

3411 Merlin Drive Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Meridian

Meridian Midvalley Professional Building 2365 Gala Street, Suite 1 Meridian, ID 83642

SECTION 4. **DEFINITIONS**

Adverse Benefit Determination means a written notice, in the form of a letter or an Explanation of Benefits (EOB), of any of the following: a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make a payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit including one based on a determination of a person's eligibility to participate in a plan and one resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be experimental or investigational or not necessary and customary by the standards of generally accepted dental practice for the prevention or treatment of oral disease or accidental injury.

Affidavit of Domestic Partnership means a signed document that attests the subscriber and one other eligible person meet the criteria in the definition of unregistered domestic partner.

Benefits means those covered services that are available under the terms of the Plan.

Bridge is also called a fixed partial denture. A bridge replaces one or more missing teeth using a pontic (false tooth or teeth) permanently attached to the adjacent teeth. Retainer crowns (crowns placed on adjacent teeth) are considered part of the bridge.

Copay and Copayment means the fixed dollar amount listed in the member copayment schedule (see Section 15) to be paid by a member. Other than service charges, this is the only amount members must pay a network dentist for a covered service.

Cost Sharing is the share of costs a member must pay when receiving a covered service, including deductible, copayments or coinsurance. Cost sharing does not include premiums, balance billing amounts for out-of-network emergencies or the cost of non-covered services.

Dental Emergency means the sudden and unexpected onset of a condition, or exacerbation of an existing condition, requiring necessary care to control pain, swelling or bleeding in or around the teeth and gums. Such emergency care must be provided within 48 hours following the onset of the emergency and includes treatment for acute infection, pain, swelling, bleeding, or injury to natural teeth and oral structures. The emergency care does not include follow-up care such as crowns, root canal therapy, or prosthetics.

Dentally Necessary means services that:

- a. are established as necessary for the treatment or prevention of a dental injury or disease otherwise covered under the Plan
- b. are appropriate with regard to standards of good dental practice in the service area
- c. have a good prognosis
- d. are the least costly of the alternative supplies or levels of service that can be safely provided. For example, coverage would not be allowed for a crown when a filling would be adequate to restore the tooth appropriately

The fact that a dentist may recommend or approve a service or supply does not, of itself, make the charge a covered expense.

DEFINITIONS 7 DirectOption Plan Denture Repair is a procedure done to fix a complete, immediate, or partial denture. This includes adding a tooth to a partial denture, replacing a broken tooth in a denture, or fixing broken framework and/or base.

Dependent means any person who is or may become eligible for coverage under the terms of the Plan because of a relationship to a subscriber.

Domestic Partner refers to a registered domestic partner and an unregistered domestic partner.

- a. Registered Domestic Partner means a person joined with the subscriber in a partnership that has been registered under the laws of any federal, state or local
- b. Unregistered Domestic Partner means a person who has entered into a partnership with the subscriber that meets the criteria in the Group's affidavit of domestic partnership

Eligible Employee means any employee or former employee who has met the eligibility requirements to be enrolled on the Plan.

The **Group** is the organization whose employees are covered by the Plan.

Group Health Plan means any plan, fund or program established and maintained by the Group for the purpose of providing healthcare for its employees or their dependents through insurance, reimbursement or otherwise. This dental plan is a group health plan.

Investigational Service or Supply means a service or supply (including but not limited to equipment, drugs, devices, and other items) that is determined by the network to meet any one of the following:

- a. is classified by the network as experimental or investigational
- b. are under continued scientific testing and research because it has not yet been proven to show a demonstrable benefit for a particular illness, disease or condition, or to be safe and efficacious
- c. is on an investigational protocol, unless approved in writing in advance by the network

Member means a subscriber, dependent of a subscriber or a person otherwise eligible for the Plan who has enrolled for coverage under the terms of the Plan.

Network is the exclusive provider group that provides dental care to members.

Network Dentist means a licensed dentist who is employed by or is under contract with the network or any of its affiliates to provide dental services.

Network Provider means a licensed dentist, certified denturist or registered hygienist who is employed by or is under contract with the network or any of its affiliates to provide dental services.

ODS refers to Oregon Dental Service, a not-for-profit dental healthcare service contractor.

DEFINITIONS 8 DirectOption Plan Outside Dentist or Specialist means a licensed dentist who is not employed by or under contract with the network.

Periodontal Maintenance is a periodontal procedure for members who have previously been treated for periodontal disease. In addition to cleaning the visible surfaces of the teeth (as in prophylaxis) surfaces below the gum-line are also cleaned. This is a more comprehensive service than a regular cleaning (prophylaxis).

The **Plan** is the dental benefit plan sponsored by the Group and insured under the terms of the policy between the Group and ODS.

Policy is the agreement between the Group and ODS for insuring the dental benefit plan sponsored by the Group. This handbook is a part of the policy.

Pontic is an artificial tooth that replaces a missing tooth and is part of a bridge.

Prophylaxis is cleaning and polishing of all teeth.

Reasonable Cash Value means the total fee for each service or supply that the network files with ODS.

Reline means the process of resurfacing the tissue side of a denture with new base material.

Restoration is the treatment that repairs a broken or decayed tooth. Restorations include, but are not limited to, fillings and crowns.

Service Charge means a charge for a late cancellation of an appointment, for failing to keep or cancel an appointment, a delinquent account charge, and/or non-covered benefit fees.

Subscriber means any employee or former employee who is enrolled in the Plan.

Waiting Period means the period that must pass before a person is eligible to enroll for benefits under the terms of the Plan.

Willamette Dental Dentist means a licensed dentist, to the extent that he or she is operating within the scope of his or her license as required under law within the state of practice.

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SECTION 5. BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

The Plan covers services when performed by a network provider. Details on specific services covered are available in Section 15. Some procedures require a copayment amount, and members must pay this amount directly to the network dentist. If a member obtains dental services from an outside dentist or dental care provider, no benefits are payable and he or she will be responsible for the expenses incurred. (See sections 5.5 and 5.7 for exceptions.)

Before visiting a network provider, members should call the network and make an appointment. Members who need to change a scheduled appointment should call in advance for cancellation and re-schedule for another day. There is a missed appointment fee if the appointment is canceled with less than 24 hours notice.

5.1 Member Copayment Schedule

Details on covered services and copayments can be found in Section 15.

5.2 Benefits and Limitations

5.2.1 Teeth Cleaning

Teeth cleaning frequency is determined at a member's first visit with a network dentist, who will make this determination based on what is dentally necessary. Frequency of other services is also determined by Willamette Dental dentist.

5.2.2 Endodontic Retreatment

When initial root canal therapy was performed by a network dentist, retreatment will be covered as part of the initial treatment for the first 24 months. After that time, standard cost sharing applies.

5.3 EXTENSION OF BENEFITS

Dental benefits will be extended to cover the following services and supplies if coverage ends for any reason other than nonpayment of premium or amendment or termination of the policy.

5.3.1 Crowns and Bridges

When the final impressions are taken prior to termination, seating of the crown or bridge is covered up to 60 days after termination and adjustments will be covered up to 6 months after seating.

5.3.2 Removable Prosthetic Devices

When final impressions are taken prior to termination, delivery of the prosthesis is covered up to 60 days after termination and adjustments will be covered up to 6 months after seating. Laboratory relines will not be covered after termination.

5.3.3 Immediate Dentures

When final impressions are taken prior to termination, the delivery of dentures will be covered up to 60 days after termination. However, if coverage for a member terminates prior to the actual extraction of teeth, the extractions will not be covered.

5.3.4 Root Canal Therapy and Root Canal Retreatment

When the root canal is started prior to termination, completion of treatment is covered up to 60 days after termination. A pulpotomy is considered definitive treatment and is not considered a root canal start. If the root canal fails after 60 days from the date of treatment and coverage has terminated, retreatment will not be covered. Restorative work is a separate procedure and is not covered after termination.

5.3.5 Extractions

Post-operative visit for extractions performed prior to termination will be covered for 60 days from the date of the extraction. Extractions are considered a separate procedure from prosthetic procedures. If a member has teeth extracted in preparation for a prosthetic device, but coverage terminates prior to the final impressions, the prosthetic device will not be covered.

5.4 HOSPITAL AND OTHER FACILITY CARE

Services may be provided in a hospital only when:

- a. A hospital setting is dentally necessary
- b. The services are authorized, in writing, in advance by the network

Hospital facility charges are not a covered benefit.

5.5 REFERRED DENTAL CARE

If a network dentist refers a member to an outside specialist to obtain services that are covered under the Plan, the member is only responsible to pay the member copayments as shown in Section 15 and any applicable service charges.

However, the Plan does not cover treatment that is not authorized by a Willamette Dental dentist. Members are responsible for any additional charges by the outside dentist or specialist for procedures other than those specifically authorized by a Willamette Dental dentist.

5.6 EMERGENCIES

If there is an emergency, members should call and schedule an emergency appointment. Members are responsible for the standard office visit copayment as shown in Section 15 if emergency services are received within network office hours. For after hour emergencies, members are subject to a separate after hour emergency care copayment in addition to the standard office visit copayment.

Network office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, (excluding all nationally recognized holidays). After-hours are all other hours and days in a calendar week.

5.7 Out of Area Emergencies

Members who are not able to get to a network provider while traveling at least 50 miles from a network office may go to any licensed dentist to obtain emergency treatment (relief from pain, bleeding, or swelling). The maximum amount of reimbursement is \$100 less any applicable copayments and service charges. In no event will the differential between cost sharing amounts for a member exceed \$50 for dental emergency services provided by an outside dentist and a Willamette Dental dentist. Claims by an outside dentist must be paid in full by the member and then be sent to the network for reimbursement (see section 10.1).

For after hours emergencies, members are also subject to a separate after hour emergency care copayment.

SECTION 6. ORTHODONTIC BENEFIT

6.1 ORTHODONTIC BENEFITS

Orthodontic treatment started prior to enrolling for coverage under the plan will be pro-rated according to the extent of orthodontic services provided by Willamette Dental Group to complete the treatment plan. No benefits will be paid for services provided before coverage begins under this plan.

Orthodontic services as described below will be provided by a Willamette Dental Dentist or a Specialist when a treatment plan is prepared by a Willamette Dental Dentist prior to rendering services. The treatment plan is based on an examination that must take place while you or your dependent are covered under the contract, and the examination must show a diagnosis of an abnormal occlusion that can be corrected by orthodontic care.

Services connected with orthodontic treatment will be provided subject to the co-payments listed below and the applicable co-payments listed in Appendix A to this plan. There are no limitations to the length of orthodontic treatment provided you or your dependent remain covered under the contract. Once active treatment ends, there will be no additional orthodontic service co-payments for 3 years provided that the post-treatment plan is followed and appointments are kept.

Appliances (including, but not limited to, headgear or retainers) for you or your dependents will not be covered under the contract unless some or all of the prior orthodontic treatment was provided under the contract. No benefits will be provided for appliances being replaced. If coverage under the contract ends before orthodontic treatment is completed, there may be additional charges for orthodontic services provided after the termination or change in your or your dependent's dental coverage. Continuing orthodontic treatment will be pro-rated based on fee-for-service rates. If orthodontic coverage terminates before the end of the prescribed treatment period, benefits will continue through the end of the month in which the orthodontic coverage was terminated.

6.2 Pre-orthodontic Service Copayment

You or your dependent will be responsible for paying the co-payment amounts listed below for pre-orthodontic services provided:

a. Initial orthodontic exam
 b. Study models and x-rays
 c. Case presentation
 \$25
 No Co-pay

The pre-orthodontic co-payments will be subtracted from Comprehensive orthodontia treatment Co-pay if member proceeds with treatment.

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6.3 ORTHODONTIC SERVICE COPAYMENT

You or your dependent will be responsible for paying the co-payment amount listed below for orthodontic services provided:

- a. Comprehensive orthodontic services all levels: \$1,500
- b. Limited orthodontic services: Co-payment will be pro-rated based on the treatment rendered, provided that such co-payment shall not exceed the co-payment for comprehensive orthodontic services shown above.

6.4 ORTHODONTIC SERVICES PROVIDED

The following are the orthodontic services provided under this plan:

ADA Code	Procedure
D8020	Limited orthodontic treatment
	– Transitional (Mixed dentition)
D8030	Limited orthodontic treatment
	 Adolescent (Permanent dentition – growing)
D8040	Limited orthodontic treatment
	 Adult (Permanent dentition – not growing)
D8060	Interceptive orthodontic treatment
	– Transitional
D8070	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment
	– Transitional (Mixed dentition)
D8080	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment
	 Adolescent (Permanent dentition – growing)
D8090	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment
	– Adult (Permanent dentition – not growing)
D8691	Repair of Orthodontic Appliance

Please see the Exclusions section of the handbook for additional exclusions.

SECTION 7. EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the limitations and exclusions described elsewhere in the Plan, the following services, procedures and conditions are not covered, even if otherwise dentally necessary, if they relate to a condition that is otherwise covered by the Plan, or if recommended, referred, or provided by a dentist or dental care provider.

Accidental Injury

Services that are provided for accidental injury to natural teeth more than 12 months after the date of the accident

Anesthesia or Sedation

General anesthesia, including moderate or deep sedation, unless it is determined at the sole discretion of the Willamette Dental Dentist to be medically necessary. Under no circumstances will general anesthesia, including moderate or deep sedation, be provided for comfort or due to psychological disorders.

Athletic Activities

Including any injuries sustained while practicing for or competing in a professional or semiprofessional athletic contest. Semiprofessional athletics means an athletic activity for gain or pay that requires an unusually high level of skill and substantial time commitment from the participants, who are nevertheless not engaged in the activity as a full-time occupation.

Benefits Not Stated

Services or supplies not specifically described in this handbook as covered services

Cast Dowel Posts

Claims Not Submitted Timely

Claims for out-of-area emergencies submitted more than 6 months after the date of service

Congenital or Developmental Malformations

Including treatment of cleft palate, maxillary and/or mandibular (upper and lower jaw) malformations, enamel hypoplasia, ectodental dysplasia, and fluorosis (discoloration of teeth).

Cosmetic Services

Including bleaching

Experimental or Investigational Procedures

Including expenses incidental to or incurred as a direct consequence of such procedures

Facility Fees

Including additional fees charged by the dentist for hospital, extended care facility or home care treatment (see section 5.4 for exceptions)

Federal, State or Governmental Program

Coverage provided by any federal, state or governmental program, except where required by law (e.g., cases of emergency or for coverage provided by Medicaid)

Full-Mouth Reconstruction

EXCLUSIONS 15

Habit-Breaking or Stress-Breaking Appliances

Illegal Acts, Riot or Rebellion

Services and supplies for treatment of an injury or condition caused by or arising out of a member's voluntary participation in a riot, armed invasion or aggression, insurrection or rebellion, or arising directly from an illegal act.

Implants (removal or placement)

Inmates

Services and supplies a member receives while in the custody of any state or federal law enforcement authorities or while in jail or prison

Intentionally Self-Inflicted Injuries

The fact that a member may be under the influence of any chemical substance shall not be considered a limitation on the ability to form the intent specified in this exclusion.

Materials Not Approved by the American Dental Association

Never Events

Services and supplies related to never events, which are events that should never happen while receiving services in a dental office, including removing a non-diseased tooth structure or performing a procedure on the wrong patient or wrong tooth.

Occupational Injury or Disease

Including any arising out of self-employment

OSHA Requirements

Charges incurred to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements

Orthognathic Surgery

Precision Attachments and Other Special Techniques

Rebuilding or Maintaining Chewing Surface; Stabilizing Teeth

Including splints, occlusal guards, nightguards, and other appliances used to increase vertical dimension and restore bite

Repair and Replacement

Of lost, stolen or broken items or replacement before frequency limit is met

Restorations on Posterior Teeth

Veneers on posterior teeth

Services Not Provided by a Dental Provider

Charges by any person other than a licensed dentist, licensed denturist, or licensed hygienist

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Service Related Conditions

Treatment of any condition caused by or arising out of a member's service in the armed forces of any country or as a military contractor or from an insurrection or war

Services Otherwise Available

Charges that would not have been made or that members would have had no obligation to pay in the absence of coverage under the Plan.

Supplies

Taxes

Third Party Liability Claims

Services and supplies for treatment of illness or injury for which a third party is or may be responsible, to the extent of any recovery received from or on behalf of the third party (see section 10.3.2)

TMJ

Treatment of any disturbance of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ)

Treatment Before Coverage Begins

Treatment Not Dentally Necessary

Including services:

- a. not established as necessary for the treatment or prevention of a dental injury or disease otherwise covered under the Plan
- b. that are inappropriate with regard to standards of good dental practice
- c. with poor prognosis

Treatment with Multiple Visits

If started or ordered before coverage effective date or installed or delivered more than 60 days after coverage has ended.

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SECTION 8. ELIGIBILITY

The date a person becomes eligible may be different than the date coverage begins (see section 9.5).

8.1 SUBSCRIBER

A person is eligible to enroll in the Plan if he or she:

- a. is a permanent documented full time employee, sole proprietor, owner, business partner, or corporate officer of the Group;
- b. is not a leased, seasonal, substitute, or temporary employee, or an agent, consultant, or independent contractor
- c. is paid on a regular basis through the payroll system, has federal taxes deducted from such pay, and is reported to Social Security
- d. works for the Group on a regularly scheduled basis the minimum of hours required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement
- e. has satisfied any orientation and/or eligibility waiting period

Subscribers are eligible to remain enrolled if they are on an approved leave of absence under state or federal family and medical leave laws.

8.2 DEPENDENTS

A subscriber's legal spouse or domestic partner is eligible for coverage. A subscriber's children are eligible until their 26th birthday.

Please Note:

The Group offers same gender and opposite gender domestic partner coverage.

For purposes of determining eligibility, the following are considered "children":

- a. The natural or adopted child of a subscriber or a subscriber's spouse or domestic partner
- b. Children placed for adoption with a subscriber. Adoption paperwork must be provided
- c. Children of a covered dependent child, until the dependent child is no longer eligible under the Plan
- d. Children related to a subscriber by blood or marriage for whom the subscriber is the legal guardian. A court order showing legal guardianship must be provided.

A subscriber's child who has sustained a disability rendering him or her physically or mentally incapable of self-support at even a sedentary level may be eligible for coverage even though he or she is over 26 years old. To be eligible, the child must be unmarried and principally dependent on the subscriber for support and have had continuous dental coverage. The incapacity must have arisen, and the information below must be received, before the child's 26th birthday. Social Security Disability status does not guarantee coverage under this provision. ODS will determine eligibility based on commonly accepted guidelines. To avoid a break in

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coverage, it is recommended that the following information be submitted to ODS at least 45 days before the child's 26th birthday:

- a. Recent medical or psychiatric progress notes and evaluations, referrals or consult notes
- b. Relevant test results (e.g., lab, imaging, neuro-psychiatric testing, etc.)
- c. Recent hospitalization records (e.g., history and physical, discharge summary) if applicable
- d. Disability information from prior carrier

ODS will make an eligibility determination based on documentation of the child's medical condition. Periodic review by ODS will be required on an ongoing basis except in cases where the disability is certified to be permanent.

8.3 QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER (QMCSO)

The Plan will cover a child of an eligible employee who has a right to enrollment due to a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO). The Plan has detailed procedures for determining whether an order qualifies as a QMCSO. A copy of such procedures is available from the Group without charge.

The child's coverage under the Plan will be effective as of the first day of the month following the date that the Group determines that the applicable order qualifies as a QMCSO and that the child is eligible for enrollment in the Plan.

8.4 New Dependents

If a subscriber marries or registers a domestic partnership, the spouse or domestic partner and his or her children are eligible to enroll as of the date of the marriage or registration. If a subscriber files an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership with the Group, the unregistered domestic partner and his or her children are eligible for coverage (see section 9.2).

A member's newborn child will automatically be enrolled for 31 days after birth. Adopted children are automatically enrolled for the first 31 days from the date of the adoption decree. If a child is placed with the subscriber pending the completion of adoption proceedings and the subscriber has assumed and retained a legal obligation for full or partial support of the child in anticipation of adoption, that child will be enrolled for the first 31 days from the date of placement. When a premium increase is required, an application and payment must be submitted within those 31 days. If payment is required but not received, the child will not be covered (see section 9.2).

A new dependent may cause a premium increase. Premiums will be adjusted accordingly and will apply during the first 31 days of coverage for newborn or adopted children.

8.5 ELIGIBILITY AUDIT

ODS reserves the right to conduct audits to verify a member's eligibility, and may request documentation including but not limited to employee timecards, member birth certificates,

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adoption paperwork, marriage certificates, domestic partnership registration and any other evidence necessary to document eligibility on the Plan.

8.6 RETIREMENT

8.6.1 Employee Eligibility

Those employees eligible for retirement under ORS 243.303 and the eligibility rules of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), will be allowed to continue the dental plan coverage after retirement as long as application for enrollment is made within 60 days of the effective date of retirement. Benefits and coverage will be the same as for active employees.

8.6.2 Dependent Eligibility

If a dependent is carried on a member's insurance immediately prior to the member's retirement, the dependent is allowed to continue on the member's insurance during retirement. If a dependent chooses not enroll at the time of the employee's retirement, the dependent's coverage will end and the dependent may not re-enroll at a later date. New dependent(s) acquired after an employee's retirement date are eligible to enroll on the plan as long as application for enrollment is made within 31 days of first becoming eligible for coverage. New dependent(s) who do not enroll upon initial eligibility will not be allowed to enroll at a future date.

8.6.3 When Retiree Eligibility Ends

Eligibility for a retiree will end on the last day of the month in which he or she:

- a. Dies;
- b. Reaches age 65;
- c. Voluntarily terminates enrollment for him or herself and all enrolled dependents;
- d. Or, just prior to the month in which the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare.

Eligibility for a spouse will end on the last day of the month in which:

- a. A decree of divorce is final (may then be eligible for COBRA continuation);
- b. He/she voluntarily terminates enrollment, either individually or through the retiree;

Eligibility for a dependent child will end on the last day of the month in which the child:

- a. Is no longer eligible according to the terms of the contract;
- b. Voluntarily terminates enrollment, either individually or through the retiree.

A retiree, his or her spouse, and/or dependent child(ren) who voluntarily terminate coverage may not re-enroll.

Refer to Continuation of Dental Coverage section of the Benefit Handbook for COBRA and portability information.

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SECTION 9. ENROLLMENT

9.1 ENROLLING ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

A complete and signed application for the eligible employee and any dependents to be enrolled must be filed with the Group within 31 days of becoming eligible to apply for coverage.

An employee who is also a dependent of another employee, still must be enrolled as an employee. No employee may be enrolled solely as a dependent of another employee.

The subscriber must notify the Group and ODS of any change of address.

9.2 ENROLLING NEW DEPENDENTS

To enroll a new dependent, a complete and signed application and, when applicable, a marriage certificate, domestic partnership documentation, or adoption or placement for adoption paperwork must be submitted within 31 days of eligibility. The subscriber must notify the Group and ODS if family members are added or dropped from coverage, even if it does not affect premiums.

9.3 OPEN ENROLLMENT

Eligible employees and/or any eligible dependents who are not enrolled within 31 days of first becoming eligible must wait for the next open enrollment period to enroll unless they meet one of the eligibility requirements described in section 9.4. Open enrollment occurs once a year at renewal.

9.4 SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

The special enrollment rights described in sections 9.4.1 and 9.4.2 apply:

- a. To an eligible employee who loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy
- b. To a subscriber's dependent who loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy
- c. To both an eligible employee and his or her dependent if neither is enrolled under the Plan, and either loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy

To enroll, an eligible employee must submit a complete and signed application within the required timeframe.

9.4.1 Loss of Other Coverage

If coverage is declined when initially eligible because of other dental coverage, an eligible employee or any dependents may enroll in the Plan outside of the open enrollment period if the following criteria are met:

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- a. He or she was covered under a group dental plan or had dental coverage at the time coverage was previously offered
- b. He or she stated in writing at such time that coverage under a group dental plan or dental coverage was the reason enrollment was declined
- c. He or she requests such enrollment not later than 31 days after the previous coverage ended (except for event iv. below, which allows up to 60 days)
- d. One of the following events has occurred:
 - i. His or her prior coverage was under a COBRA continuation provision and the coverage under such provision was exhausted
 - ii. His or her prior coverage was terminated as a result of loss of eligibility for the coverage. Examples of when coverage under a plan may be lost include:
 - A. legal separation or divorce
 - B. loss of dependent status per plan terms
 - C. death
 - D. termination of employment
 - E. reduction in the number of hours of employment
 - F. reaching the lifetime maximum on all benefits
 - G. the plan ceasing to offer coverage to a group of similarly situated persons
 - H. moving out of an HMO service area that results in termination of coverage and no other option is available under the plan
 - I. termination of the benefit packet option, and no substitute option is offered
 - iii. The employer contributions toward his or her other coverage were terminated. (If employer contributions cease, the eligible employee or dependent does not have to terminate coverage under the prior plan in order to be eligible for special enrollment.)
 - iv. His or her prior coverage was under Medicaid or a children's health insurance program (CHIP) and such coverage was terminated due to loss of eligibility. Special enrollment must be requested within 60 days of the termination.

9.4.2 Eligibility for Premium Subsidy

If an eligible employee or dependent covered under Medicaid or CHIP becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy, and special enrollment is requested within 60 days of the determination of eligibility, they may enroll in the Plan outside of the open enrollment period.

9.4.3 New Dependents

An eligible employee and spouse or domestic partner will also have special enrollment rights if they are not enrolled at the time of the event that caused the eligible employee to gain a new dependent (e.g., marriage, the registration of a domestic partnership or the filing of an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption); however, other existing dependents will not.

9.5 WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS

Coverage begins on the first day of the month following the date of hire. When the new dependent results from marriage, coverage is effective on the day of marriage. When the new dependent results from domestic partnership, coverage is effective on the date the Declaration of Domestic Partnership is registered, or the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership is filed. Newborn children are eligible to begin coverage on the date of their birth, adopted children or children placed for adoption are eligible to begin coverage on the date of adoption or placement, court

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ordered coverage is effective on the date specified by the court order, or if the subscriber is enrolled under a Collective Bargaining Agreement which states otherwise.

Coverage for those enrolling during open enrollment begins on the date the Plan renews. All other plan provisions will apply. Coverage under special enrollment will begin on the first day of the month following loss of coverage as defined in 9.4.1 or a loss of premium subsidy as defined in 9.4.2.

The necessary premium must also be paid for coverage to become effective.

9.6 WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

When the subscriber's coverage ends, coverage for all enrolled dependents also ends.

9.6.1 Termination of the Group Plan

If the Plan is terminated for any reason, coverage ends for the Group and members on the date the Plan ends.

9.6.2 Termination by Subscriber

A subscriber may terminate his or her coverage, or coverage for any enrolled dependent, by giving ODS written notice through the Group, unless the coverage election is considered irrevocable for the plan year (such as when employee share of premium is withheld from paycheck on pretax basis). Coverage ends on the last day of the month through which premiums are paid.

9.6.3 Death

If a subscriber dies, coverage for any enrolled dependents ends on the last day of the month in which the death occurs. Enrolled dependents may extend their coverage for up to 3 years if the requirements for continuation of coverage are met (see Section 13). The Group must notify ODS of any continuation of coverage and appropriate premiums must be paid along with the Group's regular monthly payment.

9.6.4 Loss of Eligibility, Layoff or Leave of Absence

Coverage will end on the last day of the month in which employment ends, unless a member chooses to continue coverage (see Section 13).

If a subscriber is laid off by the Group and returns to active work within 18 months of being laid off, he or she and any eligible dependents may enroll in the Plan on the first of the month following the date of rehire and coverage will begin on that date.

If a subscriber experiences a loss of eligibility due to a qualifying leave of absence, as defined by the specific working agreement, he or she and any previously enrolled dependents may reenroll in the group plan upon the subscriber's return to work in a qualifying position. Coverage will begin the first day of the month in which the subscriber returns to work in the qualifying position, as defined by the specific working agreement (see Section Error! Reference source not found. for coverage during a leave of absence).

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All plan provisions will resume at re-enrollment whether or not there was a lapse in coverage. Upon re-enrollment in the Plan, any waiting period required by the Plan will not have to be reserved.

The Group must notify ODS that the subscriber has been rehired following a layoff or that the subscriber's hours have been increased, and the necessary premiums for coverage must be paid.

9.6.5 Termination by the Network

Coverage may terminate if the network has documented good cause for termination, such as an inability to establish or maintain a patient/provider relationship between a member and a network dentist at locations reasonably accessible to the member. Coverage will end on the last day of the month following a 30-day written notice from ODS.

9.6.6 Loss of Eligibility by Dependent

Coverage ends for an enrolled spouse on the last day of the month in which a decree of divorce or annulment is entered (regardless of any appeal), and for an enrolled domestic partner on the last day of the month in which a judgment of dissolution or annulment of the domestic partnership has been entered or that the partnership no longer meets the requirements of the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership filed with the Group. Coverage ends for an enrolled child on the last day of the month in which the child reaches age 26.

Enrolled dependents other than unregistered domestic partners have the right to continue coverage in their own names when their coverage under the Plan ends.

9.6.7 Rescission

ODS may rescind a member's coverage back to the effective date, or deny claims at any time for fraud, material misrepresentation, or concealment by a member or the Group, which may include but is not limited to enrolling ineligible persons on the Plan, falsifying or withholding documentation or information that is the basis for eligibility or employment, and falsification or alteration of claims. ODS reserves the right to retain premium paid as liquidated damages, and the Group member shall be responsible for the full balance of any benefits paid. Should ODS terminate coverage under this section, ODS may, to the extent permitted by law, deny future enrollment of the members under any Oregon Dental Service policy or contract or the contract of our affiliates.

9.6.8 Continuing Coverage

Information is in Continuation of Dental Coverage (Section 13).

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SECTION 10. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION & PAYMENT

10.1 SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

When a member sees a Willamette Dental dentist, all of the paperwork takes place at the dentist's office and there is no need to submit claims.

Claims by an outside dentist must be paid in full by the member and then be sent to the following address for reimbursement.

Willamette Dental Group Attention: Administrative Application Specialist 6950 NE Campus Way Hillsboro, OR, 97124

If a claim form is submitted, it must be completely filled out and signed by the member and the outside dentist. An itemized statement from the outside dentist must also be included. The network has the right to request additional information from the outside dentist needed to process the claim. No reimbursement will be provided unless the requested information is received. All claims must be submitted within 6 months of the date of service. Claims submitted by Medicaid must be sent to ODS within 3 years after the date the expense was incurred.

10.2 APPEALS

A member with questions or concerns regarding a decision, action, or statement by a Willamette Dental dentist should discuss with the Willamette Dental dentist at the time of the appointment. If the member remains dissatisfied after the discussion, he or she may submit a first level appeal to the network's Member Services Department.

10.2.1 Time Limit for Submitting Appeals

Members have **180 days** from the date of an adverse benefit determination to submit an initial written appeal. If an appeal is not submitted within the timeframes outlined in this section, the rights to the appeal process will be lost. In addition, the right to file suit in court may be lost, as the member will have failed to exhaust his or her internal appeal rights, which is generally a prerequisite to bringing suit.

10.2.2 The Appeal Process

The Plan has a 2-level internal review process consisting of a first level appeal and a second level appeal. These 2 levels of review must be exhausted before a member can exercise the right to file a lawsuit in court under ERISA Section 502(a).

The timelines addressed in the paragraphs below do not apply when the member does not reasonably cooperate or circumstances beyond the control of either party prevents that party from complying with the standards set (but only if the party who is unable to comply gives notice of the specific circumstances to the other party when the circumstances arise).

Upon request, and free of charge, the member may have reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the request for benefits.

10.2.3 First Level Appeals

Before filing an appeal, it may be possible to resolve a dispute with a phone call to the Member Services Department. Otherwise, an appeal must be submitted in writing to the following address: Willamette Dental Group, 6950 NE Campus Way, Hillsboro, OR, 97124. If necessary, the Member Services Department can provide assistance filing an appeal. Written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the appeal may be submitted. The appeal will be reviewed by persons who were not previously involved in the original determination.

The investigation of an appeal of an adverse benefit determination will be completed within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

When an investigation has been completed, a written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, including the basis for the decision. If applicable, the written notice will include information on the right to a second level appeal.

10.2.4 Second Level Appeals

A member who disagrees with the decision regarding the first level appeal may request a review of the decision. A second level appeal must be submitted writing within 60 days of the date of the action on the first level appeal.

Investigations and responses to a second level appeal will be by persons who were not involved in the initial determinations. The member will have the option to submit written comments, documents, records and other information related to the case that was not previously submitted.

The member will be notified in writing of the decision within 30 days of receipt of the appeal, including the basis for the decision, and, if applicable, information on the right to file suit under ERISA Section 502(a).

10.3 Benefits Available from Other Sources

Sometimes dental expenses may be the responsibility of someone other than ODS.

10.3.1 Coordination of Benefits (COB)

This provision applies when a member has healthcare coverage under more than one plan. A complete explanation of COB is in Section 11.

10.3.2 Third Party Liability

A member may have a legal right to recover benefit or dental care costs from a third party as a result of an injury for which benefits were provided by a network provider

The Plan does not cover benefits for which a third party may be legally liable. Because recovery from a third party may be difficult and take a long time, as a service to the member, the network will provide benefits to a member based on the understanding and agreement the network is entitled to be reimbursed for any benefits that it provides that are associated with any injury and are or may be recoverable from a third party, as defined below.

The member agrees that the network has the rights described in section 10.3.2. The network may seek recovery under one or more of the procedures outlined in this section. The member agrees to do whatever is necessary to fully secure and protect, and to do nothing to prejudice, the network's right of recovery or subrogation as discussed in this section. The network has discretion to interpret and construe these recovery and subrogation provisions.

10.3.2.1 Definitions

For purposes of section 10.3.2, the following definitions apply:

Benefits means those covered services available under the terms of the Plan and provided by the network, or submitted to the network for payment to or on behalf of a member.

Recovery Funds means any amount recovered from a third party.

Third Party means any person or entity responsible for the injury, or the aggravation of an injury, of the member. Third party includes any insurer of such person or entity, including different forms of liability insurance, or any other form of insurance that may pay money to or on behalf of the member including uninsured motorist coverage, under-insured motorist coverage, premises med-pay coverage, personal injury protection (PIP) coverage, and workers' compensation insurance.

Third Party Claim means any claim, lawsuit, settlement, award, verdict, judgment, arbitration decision or other action against a third party (or any right to such an action) by or on behalf of a member.

10.3.2.2 Subrogation

Upon provision of services by the network, the network has the right to pursue the third party in its own name, or in the name of the member. The member shall do whatever is necessary to secure such rights and do nothing to prejudice them. The network is entitled to all subrogation rights and remedies under common and statutory law, as well as under the Plan.

10.3.2.3 Right of Recovery

In addition to its subrogation rights, the network may, at its sole discretion and option, require a member, and his or her attorney, if any, to protect its recovery rights. The following rules apply:

- a. The member holds any rights of recovery against the third party in trust for the network, but only for the amount of benefits provided for that injury.
- b. The network is entitled to receive the value of benefits it has provided for an injury out of any settlement or judgment that results from exercising the right of recovery against the third party. This is so whether or not the third party admits liability or claims that the member is also at fault. In addition, the network is entitled to receive the value of benefits it has paid whether the dental care expenses are itemized or expressly excluded in the third party recovery.
- c. The network is not responsible for and will not pay any fees or costs associated with the member pursuing a claim against a third party. The network is entitled to full reimbursement, without discount and without reduction for attorney fees and costs. Neither the "made-whole" rule nor the "common-fund doctrine" rule applies under the Plan.

- d. This right of recovery includes the full amount of the benefits provided by the network, out of any recovery made by the member from the third party, including, without limitation, any and all amounts from the first dollars paid or payable to the member (including his or her legal representatives, estate or heirs, or any trust established for the purpose of paying for the future income, care or dental expenses of the member), regardless of the characterization of the recovery, whether or not the member is made whole, or whether or not any amounts are paid or payable directly by the third party, an insurer or another source. The network's recovery rights will not be reduced due to the member's own negligence.
- e. If it is reasonable to expect that the member will incur future expenses for which benefits might be provided by the network, the member shall seek recovery of such future expenses in any third party claim.
- f. In third party claims involving the use or operation of a motor vehicle, the network, at its sole discretion and option, is entitled to seek reimbursement under the personal injury protection statutes of the state of Oregon, including ORS 742.534, ORS 742.536, or ORS 742.538, or under applicable state law.

10.3.2.4 Additional Provisions

Members comply with the following and agree that the network may do one or more of the following at its discretion:

- a. The member shall cooperate with the network to protect its recovery rights, including by:
 - i. Signing and delivering any documents the network reasonably requires to protect its rights, including a Third Party Questionnaire and Agreement. If the member has retained an attorney, then the attorney must also sign the agreement. The Plan will not be required to pay benefits until the agreement is properly signed and returned
 - ii. Providing any information to the network relevant to the application of the provisions of section 10.3.2, including all information available to the member, or any representative or attorney representing the member, relating to the potential third party claim. This may include dental information, settlement correspondence, copies of pleadings or demands, and settlement agreements, releases or judgments
 - iii. Notifying the network of the potential third party claim for which the network may provide benefits.
 - iv. Taking such actions as the network may reasonably request to assist it in enforcing its third party recovery rights
- b. The member and his or her representatives are obligated to notify the network in advance of any claim (written or oral) and/or any lawsuit made against a third party seeking recovery of any damages from the third party, whether or not the member is seeking recovery of benefits provided by the network from the third party
- c. By accepting benefits from the network, the member agrees that it has the right to intervene in any lawsuit or arbitration filed by or on behalf of a member seeking damages from a third party.

- d. The member agrees that the network may notify any third party, or third party's representatives or insurers, of its recovery rights described in section 10.3.2.
- e. Even without the member's written authorization, the network may release to, or obtain from, any other insurer, organization or person, any information it needs to carry out the provisions of section 10.3.2.
- f. Section 10.3.2 applies to any member for whom benefits are provided whether or not the event giving rise to the member's injuries occurred before the member became covered under the Plan.
- g. If the member continues to receive treatment for an injury after obtaining a settlement or recovery from a third party, the network will provide benefits for the continuing treatment of that injury only to the extent that the member can establish that any sums that may have been recovered from the third party have been exhausted.
- h. If the member or the member's representatives fail to do any of the above mentioned acts, then the network has the right to suspend benefits, or to recover any benefits it has advanced, for any injury or dental condition resulting from the event giving rise to, or the allegations in, the third party claim.
- i. Coordination of benefits (where the member has dental coverage under more than one plan or health insurance policy) is not considered a third party claim.

SECTION 11. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

Coordination of Benefits (COB) occurs when a member has dental coverage under more than one plan.

11.1 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of Section 11, the following definitions apply:

Plan means any of the following that provides benefits or services for dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for covered persons in a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

Plan includes:

- a. Group or individual insurance contracts and group-type contracts
- b. HMO (health maintenance organization) coverage
- c. Coverage under a labor-management trusteed plan, a union welfare plan, an employer organization plan or an employee benefits plan
- d. Medicare or other government programs, other than Medicaid, and any other coverage required or provided by law
- e. Other arrangements of insured or self-insured group or group-type coverage

Plan does not include:

- a. Fixed indemnity coverage
- b. Accident-only coverage
- c. Specified disease or specified accident coverage
- d. School accident coverage
- e. Medicare supplement policies
- f. Medicaid policies
- g. Coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law

Each contract or other arrangement for coverage described above is a separate plan. If a plan has 2 parts and COB rules apply to only one of the 2, each of the parts is treated as a separate plan.

Complying plan is a plan that complies with these COB rules.

Non-complying plan is a plan that does not comply with these COB rules.

Claim means a request that benefits of a plan be provided or paid.

Allowable expense means a dental expense, including cost sharing, that is covered at least in part by any plan covering the member. When a plan provides benefits in the form of a service rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of the service will also be considered an allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any plan covering the member is not an allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or in

accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a member is not an allowable expense.

The following are examples of expenses that are not allowable expenses:

- a. The amount of the reduction by the primary plan because a member has failed to comply with the plan provisions concerning second opinions or prior authorization, or because the member has a lower benefit due to not using an in-network provider
- b. Any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit, if a member is covered by 2 or more plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology
- c. Any amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees, if a member is covered by 2 or more plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees
- d. If a member is covered by one plan that calculates its benefits on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another plan that provides its benefits on the basis of negotiated fees, the primary plan's arrangement shall be the allowable expense for all plans. However, if the provider has contracted with the secondary plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the primary plan's payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the allowable expense used by the secondary plan to determine its benefits.

This Plan is the part of this group policy that provides benefits for dental expenses to which the COB provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the policy providing dental benefits is separate from this Plan. A policy may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

Closed panel plan is a plan that provides dental benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a network of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by an in-network provider. This Plan is a closed panel plan.

Custodial parent is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

11.2 How COB Works

If the member is covered by another plan or plans, the benefits under this Plan and the other plan(s) will be coordinated. This means one plan pays its full benefits first, then any other plans pay. The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each plan will pay a claim for benefits.

The **primary plan** (the plan that pays benefits first) pays the benefits that would be payable under its terms in the absence of this provision.

The **secondary plan** (the plans that pay benefits after the primary plan) will reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all plans do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense.

This Plan will coordinate with a plan that is "excess" or "always secondary" or that uses order of benefit determination rules that are inconsistent with those contained in OAR 836-020-0770 to 836-020-0805 (non-complying plan) on the following basis:

- a. If this Plan is primary, it will provide its benefits first.
- b. If this Plan is secondary and the non-complying plan does not provide its primary payment information within a reasonable time after it is requested to do so, this Plan will assume that the benefits of the non-complying plan are identical to this Plan's benefits. This Plan will provide its benefits first, but the amount of the benefits payable shall be determined as if this Plan were the secondary plan.
- c. If the non-complying plan reduces its benefits so that the member receives less in benefits than he or she would have received had this Plan provided its benefits as the secondary plan and the non-complying plan provided its benefits as the primary plan, then this Plan shall advance additional benefits equal to the difference between the amount that was actually paid and the amount that should have been paid if the non-complying plan had not improperly reduced its benefits. Additional payment will be limited so that this Plan will not pay any more than it would have paid if it had been the primary plan. In consideration of such an advance, this Plan shall be subrogated to all rights of the member against the non-complying plan.

11.3 ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION (WHICH PLAN PAYS FIRST?)

The first of the following rules that applies will govern:

- a. **Non-dependent/Dependent.** If a plan covers the member as other than a dependent, for example, an employee, member of an organization, primary insured, or retiree, then that plan will determine its benefits before a plan which covers the member as a dependent.
- b. **Dependent Child/Parents Married or Living Together.** If the member is a dependent child whose parents are married, domestic partners, or are living together whether or not they have ever been married or domestic partners, the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the primary plan. If both parents' birthdays are on the same day, the plan that has covered the parent the longest is the primary plan. (This is called the 'Birthday Rule'.)
- c. Dependent Child/Parents Separated or Divorced or Not Living Together. If the member is a dependent child of divorced or separated parents, or parents not living together whether or not they have ever been married or domestic partners, then the following rules apply:
 - i. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the plan is given notice of the court decree.
 - ii. If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, or that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent is responsible, the 'birthday rule' described above applies.

- iii. If there is not a court decree allocating responsibility for the child's healthcare expenses, the order of benefits is as follows: The plan covering the
 - A. Custodial parent
 - B. Spouse or domestic partner of the custodial parent
 - C. Non-custodial parent
 - D. Spouse or domestic partner of the non-custodial parent
- d. **Dependent Child Covered by Individual Other than Parent.** For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of persons who are not the parents of the child, the first applicable provision (b. or c.) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those persons were the parents of the child.
- e. **Dependent Child Covered by Parent and Spouse**. For a dependent child covered under the plans of both a parent and a spouse, the length of coverage provision below shall determine the order of benefits. If coverage under either or both parents' plans and the spouse's plans began on the same day, the birthday rule will apply.
- f. Active/Retired or Laid Off Employee. The plan that covers a member as an active employee, that is, one who is neither laid off nor retired (or as that employee's dependent) determines its benefits before those of a plan that covers the member as a laid off or retired employee (or as that employee's dependent). If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of the benefits, this rule is ignored.
- g. **COBRA** or **State Continuation Coverage**. If a member whose coverage is provided under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another plan, the plan covering that member as an employee, member of an organization, primary insured, or retiree or as a dependent of the same, is the primary plan and the COBRA or other continuation coverage is the secondary plan. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of the benefits, this rule is ignored.
- h. **Longer/Shorter Length of Coverage.** The plan that covered a member longer is the primary plan and the plan that covered the member for the shorter period of time is the secondary plan.
- i. **None of the Above.** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the plans. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the primary plan.

11.4 EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN

In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the secondary plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other dental coverage and apply that calculated amount to any allowable expense under its plan that is unpaid by the primary plan. The secondary plan shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other dental coverage.

If the primary plan is a closed panel plan and the member uses an out-of-network provider, the secondary plan shall provide benefits as if it were the primary plan, except for emergency services or authorized referrals that are paid or provided by the primary plan.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 RIGHT TO COLLECT AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION

In order to receive benefits, the member must give or authorize a provider to give Willamette Dental Group any information needed to pay benefits. ODS or Willamette Dental Group may release to or collect from any person or organization any needed information about the member.

12.2 CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEMBER INFORMATION

Keeping a member's protected health information confidential is very important to ODS. Protected health information includes enrollment, claims, and medical and dental information. ODS uses such information internally for claims payment, referrals and authorization of services, and business operations such as case management and quality management programs. ODS does not sell this information. The Notice of Privacy Practices provides more detail about how ODS uses members' information. A copy of the notice is available on the Moda Health website by following the HIPAA link or by calling 503-243-4492.

12.3 Transfer of Benefits

Only members are entitled to benefits under the Plan. These benefits are not assignable or transferable to anyone else. Any attempted assignment or transfer will not be binding on ODS.

12.4 CORRECTION OF PAYMENTS

If benefits that this Plan should have paid are instead paid by another plan, this Plan may reimburse the other plan. Amounts reimbursed are plan benefits and are treated like other plan benefits in satisfying the Plan's liabilities.

12.5 CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The policy with ODS and the Group and handbook plus any endorsements or amendments are the entire contract between the parties. No promises, terms, conditions or obligations exist other than those contained in the contract. This handbook and the policy plus any endorsements or amendments shall supersede all other communications, representations or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties. If any term, provision, agreement or condition is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

12.6 WARRANTIES

All statements made by the Group or a member, unless fraudulent, are considered representations and not warranties. No statement made for the purpose of obtaining coverage will void the coverage or reduce benefits unless contained in a written form and signed by the Group or the member, a copy of which has been given to the Group or member or the member's beneficiary.

12.7 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

ODS shall incur no liability whatsoever to any member concerning the selection of dentists to render services. In performing or contracting to perform dental service, such dentists shall be solely responsible and, in no case, shall ODS be liable for the negligence of any dentist rendering such services. Nothing contained in the Plan shall be construed as obligating ODS to render dental services.

12.8 PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS

Willamette Dental dentists agree that they will accept fees in the amount established by the network as full payment for their services, except for the member's copayment responsibility and charges for a late cancellation of an appointment, for failing to keep or cancel an appointment, a delinquent account charge, and/or non-covered benefit fees as provided for in the Plan. Willamette Dental dentists agree that their charges to members will not exceed the copayment amounts listed in Section 15.

12.9 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DISCLAIMER

ODS and Willamette Dental dentists are independent contractors. ODS and Willamette Dental dentists do not have a relationship of employer and employee nor of principal and agent. No relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of a Willamette Dental dentist's provision of dental care to ODS members may be deemed or construed to exist between ODS and Willamette Dental dentists. A Willamette Dental dentist is solely responsible for the dental care provided to any member, and ODS does not control the detail, manner or methods by which a Willamette Dental dentist provides care.

12.10 NO WAIVER

Any waiver of any provision of the Plan, or any performance under the Plan, must be in writing and signed by the waiving party. Any such waiver shall not operate as, or be deemed to be, a waiver of any prior or future performance or enforcement of that provision or any other provision. If ODS delays in or fails to exercise any right, power or remedy provided in the Plan, including a delay or omission in denying a claim, that shall not waive ODS rights to enforce the provisions of the Plan.

12.11 GROUP IS THE AGENT

The Group is the members' agent for all purposes under the Plan. The Group is not the agent of ODS.

12.12 GOVERNING LAW

To the extent the Plan is governed by state law, it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon.

12.13 WHERE ANY LEGAL ACTION MUST BE FILED

Any legal action arising out of this Plan must be filed in either state or federal court in the State of Oregon.

12.14 TIME LIMITS FOR FILING A LAWSUIT

Any legal action arising out of, or related to, the Plan and filed against ODS by a member or any third party must be filed in court no more than 3 years after the time the claim was filed (see section 10.1). All internal levels of appeal under the Plan must be exhausted before filing a legal action in court.

SECTION 13. CONTINUATION OF DENTAL COVERAGE

The following sections on continuation of coverage may apply. Members should check with the Group to find out whether they qualify for this coverage. Both subscribers and their dependents should read the following sections carefully.

13.1 OREGON CONTINUATION FOR SPOUSES & DOMESTIC PARTNERS AGE 55 AND OVER

13.1.1 Introduction

55+ Oregon Continuation only applies to employers with 20 or more employees. ODS will provide 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage to those members who elect it, subject to the following conditions:

- a. ODS will offer no greater rights than ORS 743.600 to 743.602 requires
- b. ODS will not provide 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage for members who do not comply with the requirements outlined below
- c. The Group or its designated third party administrator is responsible for providing the required notices within the statutory time periods, including the notice of death and the election notice. If the Group or its designated third party administrator fails to notify the eligible spouse or domestic partner, premiums shall be waived from the date the notice was required until the date notice is received by the spouse or domestic partner. The Group shall be responsible for such premiums.

Note: In section 13.1 the term "domestic partner" refers only to a registered domestic partner, as defined in Section 4.

13.1.2 Eligibility

The spouse or domestic partner of the subscriber may elect 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage for himself or herself and any enrolled dependents if the following requirements are met:

- a. Coverage is lost because of the death of the subscriber, dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership with the subscriber, or legal separation from the subscriber
- b. The spouse or domestic partner is 55 years of age or older at the time of such event
- c. The spouse or domestic partner is not eligible for Medicare

13.1.3 Notice and Election Requirements

Notice of Divorce, Dissolution, or Legal Separation. Within 60 days of legal separation or the entry of a judgment of dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, a legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner who is eligible for 55+ Oregon Continuation and seeks such coverage shall give the Group or its designated third party administrator written notice of the legal separation or dissolution. The notice shall include his or her mailing address.

Notice of Death. Within 30 days of the death of the subscriber whose surviving spouse or domestic partner is eligible for 55+ Oregon Continuation, the Group shall give the designated third party administrator, if any, written notice of the death and the mailing address of the surviving spouse or domestic partner.

Election Notice. Within 14 days of receipt of the above notice (or within 44 days of the death of the subscriber if there is no third party administrator), the Group or its designated third party administrator shall provide notice to the surviving, legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner that coverage can be continued, along with an election form. If the Group or its designated third party administrator fails to provide this election notice within the required timeframe, premiums shall be waived until the date notice is received.

Election. The surviving, legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner, must return the election form within 60 days after the form is mailed. Failure to exercise the election within 60 days of the notification shall terminate the right to continued benefits under this section.

13.1.4 Premiums

Monthly premiums for 55+ Oregon Continuation are limited to 102% of the premiums paid by a current subscriber. The first premium shall be paid by the surviving, legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner to the Group or its designated third party administrator within 45 days of the date of election. All remaining monthly premiums must be paid within 30 days of the premium due date.

13.1.5 When Coverage Ends

55+ Oregon Continuation will end on the earliest of any of the following events:

- a. Failure to pay premiums when due, including any grace period allowed by the Plan
- b. The date the Plan terminates unless a different group policy is made available to Group members
- c. The date the member becomes insured under any other group dental plan
- d. The date the member remarries or registers another domestic partnership and becomes covered under another group dental plan
- e. The date the member becomes eligible for Medicare

13.2 COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

13.2.1 Introduction

COBRA only applies to employers with 20 or more employees on 50% of the typical business days in the prior calendar year. Certain church plans are exempted from COBRA. ODS will provide COBRA continuation coverage to members who have experienced a qualifying event and who elect coverage under COBRA, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Other than the exception on domestic partner coverage, ODS will offer no greater COBRA rights than the COBRA statute requires
- b. ODS will not provide COBRA coverage for members who do not comply with the requirements outlined below
- c. ODS will not provide COBRA coverage if the COBRA Administrator fails to provide the required COBRA notices within the statutory time periods or if the COBRA Administrator otherwise fails to comply with any of the requirements outlined below
- d. ODS will not provide a disability extension if the COBRA Administrator fails to notify ODS within 60 days of its receipt of a disability extension notice from a member

For purposes of section 13.2, COBRA Administrator means either the Group or a third party administrator delegated by the Group to handle COBRA administration.

13.2.2 Qualifying Events

Subscriber. A subscriber may elect continuation coverage if coverage is lost because of termination of employment (other than termination for gross misconduct, which may include misrepresenting immigration status to obtain employment), or a reduction in hours.

Spouse. The spouse of a subscriber has the right to continuation coverage if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- a. Death of the subscriber
- b. Termination of the subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in the subscriber's hours of employment with the Group
- c. Divorce or legal separation from the subscriber
- d. The subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare

(Also, if a subscriber eliminates coverage for his or her spouse in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the later divorce or legal separation will be considered a qualifying event even though the ex-spouse lost coverage earlier. If the ex-spouse notifies the COBRA Administrator within 60 days of the later divorce or legal separation and can establish that the coverage was eliminated earlier in anticipation of the divorce or legal separation, then COBRA coverage may be available for the period after the divorce or legal separation.)

Children. A child of a subscriber has the right to continuation coverage if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- a. Death of the subscriber
- b. Termination of the subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in the subscriber's hours of employment with the Group
- c. Parents' divorce or legal separation
- d. The subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare
- e. The child ceases to be a "child" under the Plan

Opposite Sex Domestic Partners. A subscriber, who at the time of the qualifying event was covering his or her domestic partner under the Plan, can elect COBRA continuation coverage that includes continuing coverage for the domestic partner. A domestic partner who is covered under the Plan by the subscriber is not an eligible member and, therefore, does not have an independent election right under COBRA. This also means that the domestic partner's coverage ceases immediately when the subscriber's COBRA coverage terminates (for example, due to the subscriber's death or because the subscriber becomes covered under another plan).

Same Sex Domestic Partners. A domestic partner, who at the time of the qualifying event was covered under the Plan, can elect COBRA continuation coverage. Under the Plan, the domestic partner would have the same rights to COBRA continuation coverage as a spouse does, unless otherwise stated. Where this COBRA section refers to divorce or legal separation, termination of domestic partnership would apply for domestic partners.

Retirees. If the Plan provides retiree coverage and the subscriber's former employer files a chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, this may be a qualifying event for the retiree who loses coverage as a result, and for his or her covered dependents.

13.2.3 Other Coverage

The right to elect continuation coverage shall be available to persons who are covered under another group dental plan at the time of the election.

13.2.4 Notice and Election Requirements

Qualifying Event Notice. A dependent member's coverage terminates as of the last day of the month in which a divorce or legal separation occurs (spouse's coverage is lost) or a child loses dependent status under the Plan (child loses coverage). Under COBRA, the subscriber or a family member has the responsibility to notify the COBRA Administrator if one of these events occurs by mailing or hand-delivering a written notice to the COBRA Administrator. The notice must include the following: 1) the names of the Group; 2) the name and social security number of the affected members; 3) the event (e.g. divorce): and 4) the date the event occurred. Notice must be given no later than 60 days after the loss of coverage under the Plan. If notice of the event is not given on time, continuation coverage will not be available.

Election Notice. Members will be notified of their right to continuation coverage within 14 days after the COBRA Administrator receives a timely qualifying notice.

Otherwise, members will be notified by the COBRA Administrator of the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage within 44 days of any of the following events that result in a loss of coverage: the subscriber's termination of employment (other than for gross misconduct) or reduction in hours, death of the subscriber, the subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare, or the Group files for Chapter 11 reorganization.

Election. A member must elect continuation coverage within 60 days after plan coverage ends, or, if later, 60 days after the COBRA Administrator sends notice of the right to elect continuation coverage to the member. If continuation coverage is not elected, group dental coverage for all members will end.

A subscriber or the spouse may elect continuation coverage for eligible family members. However, each family member has an independent right to elect COBRA coverage. This means that a spouse or child may elect continuation coverage even if the subscriber does not.

If COBRA is elected, the Group will provide the same coverage as is available to similarly situated members under the Plan.

13.2.5 COBRA Premiums

Those eligible for continuation coverage do not have to show that they are insurable. However, they are responsible for all premiums for continuation coverage. The first payment for continuation coverage is due within 45 days after a member provides notice of electing coverage (this is the date the election notice is postmarked, if mailed, or the date the election notice is received by the COBRA Administrator if hand delivered). This payment must include the amount necessary to cover all months that have elapsed between the date regular coverage ended and the payment date. Subsequent payments are due on the first day of the month; however, there will be a grace period of 30 days to pay the premium. ODS will not send a bill for any payments due. The member is responsible for paying the applicable premium, in good funds, when due; otherwise continuation coverage will end and may not be reinstated. The premium rate may include a 2% add-on to cover administrative expenses.

13.2.6 Length of Continuation Coverage

18-Month Continuation Period. In the case of a loss of coverage due to end of employment or a reduction of hours of employment, coverage generally may be continued for up to a total of 18 months.

36-Month Continuation Period. In the case of losses of coverage due to a subscriber's death, divorce or legal separation, or a child ceasing to be a dependent under the terms of the Plan, coverage under the Plan may be continued for up to a total of 36 months.

When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the subscriber's hours of employment, and the subscriber became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA coverage under the Plan for members other than the subscriber who lose coverage as a result of the qualifying event can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement. This COBRA coverage period is available only if the subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare within 18 months before the termination or reduction of hours.

Extended Period. In the case of loss of coverage due to the bankruptcy of the Group, coverage for the retired subscriber may be continued up to his or her death; coverage for each dependent may be continued up to the dependent's death or 36 months after the retired subscriber's death, whichever is earlier.

13.2.7 Extending the Length of COBRA Coverage

If COBRA is elected, an extension of the maximum period of coverage may be available if a member is disabled or a second qualifying event occurs. The COBRA Administrator must be notified of a disability or a second qualifying event in order to extend the period of COBRA coverage. If the member fails to provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event, he or she will lose the right to extend the period of COBRA coverage.

Disability. If any of the members is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled, the maximum COBRA coverage period that results from a subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours may be extended to a total of up to 29 months. The disability must have started at some time before the 61st day after the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours and must last at least until the end of the period of COBRA coverage that would be available without the disability extension (generally 18 months). Each member who has elected COBRA coverage will be entitled to the disability extension if one of them qualifies.

The disability extension is available only if the COBRA Administrator is notified in writing of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability within 60 days after the latest of:

- a. the date of the Social Security Administration's disability determination
- b. the date of the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours
- c. the date on which the member loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the Plan as a result of the subscriber's termination or reduction of hours

A member must provide the COBRA Administrator a copy of the Social Security Administration's determination within the 18-month period following the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours, and not later than 60 days after the Social Security Administration's determination was made. If the notice is not provided within this timeframe,

then there will be no disability extension of COBRA coverage. The premiums for COBRA coverage may increase after the 18th month of coverage to 150% of the premiums.

If determined by the Social Security Administration to no longer be disabled, the member must notify the COBRA Administrator of that fact within 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination.

Second Qualifying Event. An extension of coverage will be available to spouses and children who are receiving COBRA coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the 18 months (or, in the case of a disability extension, the 29 months) following the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours. The maximum amount of COBRA coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months from the date of the first qualifying event. Such second qualifying events may include the death of a subscriber, divorce or legal separation from the subscriber, or a child's ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a dependent under the Plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the member to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. (This extension is not available under the Plan when a subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare after his or her termination of employment or reduction of hours.)

This extension due to a second qualifying event is available only if the COBRA Administrator is notified in writing of the second qualifying event within 60 days after the date of the second qualifying event. If this notice is not provided to the COBRA Administrator during the 60-day notice period, then there will be no extension of COBRA coverage due to a second qualifying event.

Note: Longer continuation coverage may be available under Oregon Law for a subscriber's spouse or domestic partner age 55 and older who loses coverage due to the subscriber's death, or due to legal separation or dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership (see section 13.1).

13.2.8 Newborn or Adopted Child

If, during continuation coverage, a child is born to or placed for adoption with the subscriber, the child is considered an eligible member. The subscriber may elect continuation coverage for the child provided the child satisfies the otherwise applicable Plan eligibility requirements (for example, age). The subscriber or a family member must notify the COBRA Administrator within 31 days of the birth or placement to obtain continuation coverage. If the subscriber or family member fails to notify the COBRA Administrator in a timely fashion, the child will not be eligible for continuation coverage.

13.2.9 Special Enrollment and Open Enrollment

Members under continuation coverage have the same rights as similarly situated members who are not enrolled in COBRA. A member may add children, spouses, or domestic partners as covered dependents in accordance with the Plan's eligibility and enrollment rules, including HIPAA special enrollment. If non-COBRA members can change plans at open enrollment, COBRA members may also change plans at open enrollment.

13.2.10 When Continuation Coverage Ends

COBRA coverage will automatically terminate before the end of the maximum period if:

- a. any required premiums are not paid in full on time
- b. a member becomes covered under another group dental plan

- c. a member becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both) after electing COBRA. (However, if the qualifying event is the Group's bankruptcy, the member will not lose COBRA because of entitlement to Medicare benefits)
- d. the Group ceases to provide any group dental plan for its employees
- e. during a disability extension period (section 13.2.7), the disabled member is determined by the Social Security Administration to be no longer disabled (COBRA coverage for all members, not just the disabled member, will end)

COBRA coverage may also be terminated for any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a member not receiving COBRA coverage (such as fraud).

Questions about COBRA should be directed to the COBRA Administrator. The COBRA Administrator should be informed of any address changes.

13.3 UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT & REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT (USERRA)

Coverage will terminate if a subscriber is called to active duty by any of the armed forces of the United States of America. However, if a subscriber requests to continue coverage under USERRA, coverage can be continued for up to 24 months or the period of uniformed service leave, whichever is shortest, if the subscriber pays any required contributions toward the cost of the coverage during the leave. If the leave is 30 days or less, the contribution rate will be the same as for active employees. If the leave is longer than 30 days, the required contribution will not exceed 102% of the cost of coverage.

If a subscriber does not elect continuation coverage under USERRA or if continuation coverage is terminated or exhausted, coverage will be reinstated on the first day he or she returns to active employment with the Group if released under honorable conditions, but only if he or she returns to active employment:

- a. On the first full business day following completion of his or her military service for a leave of 30 days or less
- b. Within 14 days of completing military service for a leave of 31 to 180 days
- c. Within 90 days of completing military service for a leave of more than 180 days

Regardless of the length of the leave, a reasonable amount of travel time or recovery time for an illness or injury determined by the Veteran's Administration (VA) to be service connected will be allowed.

When coverage under the Plan is reinstated, all plan provisions and limitations will apply to the extent that they would have applied if the subscriber had not taken military leave and coverage had been continuous under the Plan. There will be no additional eligibility waiting period. (This waiver of limitations does not provide coverage for any illness or injury caused or aggravated by military service, as determined by the VA. Complete information regarding rights under USERRA is available from the Group).

13.4 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

If the Group grants a leave of absence under state or federal family and medical leave laws, the following rules will apply:

- a. Affected members will remain eligible for coverage during a family and medical leave.
- b. A subscriber's rights under family and medical leave will be governed by applicable state or federal statute and regulations.
- c. If members elect not to remain enrolled during a family and medical leave, they will be eligible to re-enroll in the Plan on the date the subscriber returns from leave. To reenroll, a complete and signed application must be submitted within 60 days of the return to work. All of the terms and conditions of the plan will resume at the time of reenrollment as if there had been no lapse in coverage. Any group eligibility waiting period under the Plan will not have to be re-served.

13.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A leave of absence is a period off work granted by the Group at a subscriber's request during which he or she is still considered to be employed and is carried on the employment records of the Group. A leave can be granted for any reason acceptable to the Group.

If granted a leave of absence, a subscriber may continue coverage for up to 12 months. Premiums must be paid through the Group in order to maintain coverage during a leave of absence.

13.6 STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

If employed under a collective bargaining agreement and involved in a work stoppage because of a strike or lockout, a subscriber may continue coverage for up to 6 months. The subscriber must pay the full premiums, including any part usually paid by the Group, directly to the union or trust, and the union or trust must continue to pay ODS the premiums when due.

Continuation of coverage during a strike or lockout will not occur if:

- a. Fewer than 75% of those normally enrolled choose to continue their coverage
- b. A subscriber accepts full-time employment with another employer
- c. A subscriber otherwise loses eligibility under the Plan

SECTION 14. ERISA DUTIES

Subscribers are entitled to certain rights and protections if the Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Members should check with the Group to determine if this section is applicable.

14.1 PLAN ADMINISTRATOR AS DEFINED UNDER ERISA

ODS is not the plan administrator or the named fiduciary of the Plan, as defined under ERISA. Contact the Group for more information.

14.2 INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN AND BENEFITS

Subscribers may examine, without charge, at the Group's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance policies, collective bargaining agreements (if applicable), updated summary plan description, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration (if any). This information can be obtained by written request. The Group may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Subscribers are entitled to receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report, if any is required by ERISA. The Group is required by law to furnish each subscriber with a copy of this summary annual report.

14.3 CONTINUATION OF GROUP DENTAL PLAN COVERAGE

Subscribers are entitled to continue dental care coverage for themselves or their dependents if coverage under the Plan is lost as a result of a qualifying event. Members may have to pay for such coverage. Members should review this handbook and the documents governing the Plan regarding the rules governing continuation coverage rights.

14.4 PRUDENT ACTIONS BY PLAN FIDUCIARIES

In addition to creating rights for members, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate the Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of members. No one, including the employer or any other person, may fire or discriminate against a subscriber in any way to prevent him or her from obtaining a benefit or exercising rights under ERISA.

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14.5 **ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS**

If a claim for benefits is denied or no action is taken, in whole or in part, members have a right to receive an explanation, to obtain without charge copies of documents relating to the decision, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps members can take to enforce these rights. For instance, if a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report is requested by the Group and not received within 30 days, a member may file suit in federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Group to provide the materials and pay the member up to \$110 a day until he or she receives the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Group. If a claim for benefits is denied or no action is taken, in whole or in part, a member may file suit in state or federal court after exhausting the appeal process required by the Plan (see section 10.2). In addition, a member who disagrees with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order may file suit in federal court.

If plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if a member is discriminated against for asserting his or her rights, the member may seek assistance from U.S. Department of Labor or may file suit in federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If the member is successful, the court may order the person who has been sued to pay these costs and fees. If the member loses, the court may order him or her to pay these costs and fees, (e.g., if it finds the claim is frivolous).

14.6 **Assistance with Questions**

For questions about Section 14 or a member's rights under ERISA, or for assistance in obtaining documents from the Group, members should contact one of the following:

Employee Benefits Security Administration US Department of Labor 300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1110 Seattle, Washington 98104 206-757-6781

Office of Participant Assistance **Employee Benefits Security Administration US** Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington D.C., 20210 866-444-3272

Members may also obtain publications about their rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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SECTION 15. SCHEDULE OF COVERED SERVICES AND COPAYMENTS

	ADA Code	Procedure	Copayment
1.	Office Vic	it Charge	\$10
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2.	Diagnosti	ic and Preventative Services	
	Diagnosti		
	D0120	Periodic oral evaluation	No Copay
	D0140		No Copay
	D0145		No Copay
	D0150	Comprehensive oral evaluation	No Copay
	D0160	Detailed & extensive oral evaluation	No Copay
	D0170	Re-evaluation - limited	No Copay
	D0180	Comprehensive periodontal evaluation	No Copay
	D0210	Complete series x-rays	No Copay
	D0220	Periapical-first film	No Copay
	D0230	Intraoral - each additional film	No Copay
	D0240	Intraoral - occlusal film	No Copay
	D0250	Extraoral - first film	No Copay
	D0260	Extraoral - each additional	No Copay
	D0270	Bitewings - single film	No Copay
	D0272	Bitewings - two films	No Copay
	D0273	Bitewings –three films	No Copay
	D0274	Bitewings-four films	No Copay
	D0277	Vertical bitewings	No Copay
	D0330	Panoramic x-rays	No Copay
	D1110	Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) adult	No Copay
	D1120	Teeth cleaning (prophylaxis) child	No Copay
	D1203	Topical fluoride-child	No Copay
	D1204	Topical fluoride-adult	No Copay
	D1206	Topical fluoride-therapeutic application	No Copay
	D1310	Nutritional counseling	No Copay
	D1320	Tobacco counseling	No Copay
	D1330	Oral Hygiene Instruction	No Copay
	D0340	Cephalometric film	No Copay
	D0350	Oral / facial images	No Copay
	D1351	Sealant – per tooth	No Copay
	D0425	Caries susceptibility test	No Copay
	D0460	Pulp vitality test	No Copay
	D0470	Diagnostic casts	No Copay
3.	Space Ma	aintainers	
	D1510	Space Maintainer – unilateral-fixed	No Copay
	D1515	Space Maintainer – bilateral-fixed	No Copay
	D1520	Space Maintainer – unilateral-removable	No Copay
	D1525	Space Maintainer – bilateral removable	No Copay

	D1FF0	Chase Maintainer recoment	No Consu
		Space Maintainer – recement	No Copay
	D1555	Removal of fixed space maintainer	No Copay
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4.	Restorati	ve Dentistry	
	a Amala	l am Restorations –	
		Fillings – 1 surface	No Copay
	D2140 D2150	Fillings – 2 surfaces	No Copay
	D2130	Fillings – 2 surfaces Fillings – 3 surfaces	No Copay
	D2160 D2161	Fillings – 4 or more surfaces	No Copay
	D2101 D2951	Pin retention – per tooth, in addition to restoration	No Copay
	D2931 D2940	Sedative filling – temporary	No Copay
	D2340	Security mining — temporary	No Copay
	h Rosin I	l Restorations	
	D. Nesiii i	Nestorations	
	D2330	Resin-1 surface (anterior only)	No Copay
	D2331	Resin-2 surfaces (anterior only)	No Copay
	D2331	Resin-3 surfaces (anterior only)	No Copay
	D2332	Resin-4 surfaces (anterior only)	No Copay
	D2333	Resin Based composite crown	No Copay
	D2390 D2950	Core buildup, including any pins	No Copay
	D2391	Resin-one surface posterior (primary only)	No Copay
	D2391 D2392	Resin-two surfaces posterior (primary only)	No Copay
	D2392 D2393	Resin-three surfaces posterior (primary only)	No Copay
	D2393	Resin four or more surfaces posterior (primary only)	No Copay
	D2334	Posterior Composites on permanent teeth	Not covered
		rosterior composites on permanent teetin	NOT COVERED
	c Inlay/C	Onlay (cast restorations)	
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	D2510	Inlay-gold 1 surface	No Copay
	D2510	Inlay-gold 2 surfaces	No Copay
	D2530	Inlay-gold 3 or more surfaces	No Copay
	D2542	Onlay-gold 2 surfaces	No Copay
	D2542	Onlay-gold 3 surfaces	No Copay
	D2544	Onlay-gold 4 or more surfaces	No Copay
	D2610	Inlay-porcelain/ceramic 1 surface	No Copay
	D2620	Inlay-porcelain/ceramic 2 surfaces	No Copay
	D2630	Inlay-porcelain/ceramic 3 surfaces	No Copay
	D2642	Onlay-porcelain/ceramic 2 surfaces	No Copay
	D2643	Onlay-porcelain/ceramic 3 surfaces	No Copay
	D2644	Onlay-porcelain 4 or more surfaces	No Copay
	D2910	Recement inlay	No Copay
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5.	Crowns	L	
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	D2710	Crown-resin laboratory	No Copay
	D2740	Crown-porcelain/ceramic (anterior only)	No Copay
	D2752	Crown-porcelain/ceramic (anterior only) Crown-porcelain/noble	No Copay
	D2732	¾ crown – noble	No Copay
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	D2792 D2920 D2970 D2930 D2931	Full cast crown – noble Recement crown Temporary crown for fractured tooth	No Copay No Copay No Copay
	D2970 D2930	Temporary crown for fractured tooth	
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	D2931	Stainless Steel crown-primary	No Copay
		Stainless Steel crown-permanent	No Copay
	D2932	Crown-prefabricated resin	No Copay
	D2933	Crown-prefabricated stainless steel with resin	No Copay
		window	
	D2954	Prefabricated dowel post & core	No Copay
	D2955	Post removal (no endodontic therapy)	No Copay
	D2957	Each additional prefabricated post - same tooth	No Copay
	D2980	Repair crown	No Copay
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6.	Endodoni	tics	
	D3110	Pulp cap-direct excluding final restoration	No Copay
	D3120	Pulp cap-indirect	No Copay
	D3220	Pulpotomy – A pulpotomy is not the first stage of a	No Copay
		root canal. A pulpotomy is a separate procedure.	, ,
	D3221	Gross pulpal debridement – primary & permanent	No Copay
		teeth	, ,
	D3230	Pulpal therapy – primary anterior	No Copay
	D3240	Pulpal therapy – primary posterior	No Copay
	D3310	Root canal therapy – anterior	No Copay
	D3320	Root canal therapy – bicuspid	No Copay
	D3330	Root canal therapy – molar	No Copay
	D3331	Treatment of root canal obstruction – non-surgical	No Copay
		access	,
	D3332	Incomplete endodontic therapy – inoperable or	No Copay
		fractured tooth	, ,
	D3333	Internal repair of perforation defects	No Copay
	D3346	Retreatment – anterior	No Copay
	D3347	Retreatment – bicuspid	No Copay
	D3348	Retreatment – molar	No Copay
	D3351	Apexification – initial visit	No Copay
	D3352	Apexification – interim visit	No Copay
	D3353	Apexification – final visit	No Copay
	D3410	Apicoectomy – anterior	No Copay
	D3421	Apicoectomy – bicuspid 1 st root	No Copay
	D3425	Apicoectomy – molar 1 st root	No Copay
	D3426	Apicoectomy – each additional root	No Copay
	D3430	Retrograde filling – per root	No Copay
	D3450	Root amputation per tooth	No Copay
	D3920	Hemisection	No Copay
	D3950	Canal prep-preform dowel/post	No Copay
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		Note: When initial root canal therapy was	
		performed by a Willamette Dental dentist, the	
		retreatment of such root canal therapy will be	
		covered as part of the initial treatment for the first	
		24 months. After that time, the applicable Copays	
		will apply.	
7.	Periodon	tics	
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	D4210	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty 4 or more teeth	No Copay
	D4211	Gingivectomy – 1 to 3 teeth	No Copay
	D4240	Gingival flap 4 or more teeth	No Copay
	D4241	gingival flap 1 to 3 teeth	No Copay
	D4249	Crown lengthening hard tissue	No Copay
	D4260	Osseous surgery – 4 or more teeth	No Copay
	D4261	Osseous surgery 1 to 3 teeth	No Copay
	D4263	Bone replacement graft – 1 st site in quadrant	No Copay
	D4264	Bone graft – each additional site in quadrant	No Copay
	D4204 D4270		
		Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure	No Copay
	D4271	Free soft tissue graft procedure	No Copay
	D4273	Subepithelial connective graft	No Copay
	D4274	Distal wedge procedure	No Copay
	D4341	Periodontic scale & root plane – 4 or more teeth	No Copay
	D4342	Periodontic scale & root plane – 1 to 3 teeth	No Copay
	D4355	Preliminary full-mouth debridement	No Copay
	D4381	Antimicrobial irrigation	No Copay
	D4910	Periodontic maintenance following therapy	No Copay
8.	Drosthod	 ontics - Removable	
0.	Prostriou	ontics - Kemovable	
	D5110	Complete (upper denture)	No Copay
	D5110 D5120		No Copay
	D5120	Immediate (upper denture)	No Copay
		Immediate (lower denture)	No Copay
	D5140	Upper partial resin base	No Copay
	D5211	Lower partial resin base	No Copay
	D5212	Upper partial cast metal frame	No Copay
	D5213	Lower partial cast metal frame	No Copay
	D5214 D5281	Partial-removable unilateral	No Copay
	D5281	Upper partial flexible base	
	D5225	Lower partial flexible base	No Copay
			No Copay
	D5410	Adjustment – complete denture, upper	No Copay
	D5411	Adjustment – complete denture, lower	No Copay
	D5421	Adjustment – partial denture, upper	No Copay
	D5422	Adjustment – partial denture, lower	No Copay
	D5510	Repair broken denture no teeth damaged	No Copay
	D5520	Repair denture replace missing or broken teeth (each tooth)	No Copay
	D5610	Repair resin base	No Copay

D562		No Copay
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D582	20 Interim partial – upper	No Copay
D582		No Copay
D58!	Tissue conditioning – upper	No Copay
D58:		No Copay
D580		No Copay
D580	Overdenture – partial	No Copay
D598	36 Fluoride gel custom trays	No Copay
9. Prosth	odontics - Fixed	
D62:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	No Copay
	dentures only (bridges)	
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	partial dentures only (bridges)	
D62	,, ,	No Copay
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D693	<u> </u>	No Copay
D69		No Copay
D69		No Copay
D69	75 Coping – metal	No Copay
D698	Bridge repair	No Copay
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10. Oral S	urgery	
D71:	11 Extraction coronal remnants primary tooth	No Copay
D714	10 Extraction erupted tooth	No Copay

	D7210	Surgical extraction – erupted	No Copay
	D7220	Removal of impacted tooth – soft tissue	No Copay
	D7230	Removal of impacted tooth – partial bony	No Copay
	D7240	Removal of impacted tooth – complete bony	No Copay
	D7241	Removal of impacted tooth – complete bony with	No Copay
		complications	
	D7250	Surgical removal residual root	No Copay
	D7260	Oroantral fistula closure	No Copay
	D7270	Tooth re-implantation	No Copay
	D7280	Surgical access unerupted tooth	No Copay
	D7283	Ortho bracket to aid eruption if plan covers	No Copay
		orthodontia	
		Transseptal fiberotomy	No Copay
	D7310	Alveoloplasty w/extractions-4 or more teeth, per	No Copay
		quadrant	
	D7311	Alveoloplasty w/extractions- 1-3 teeth, per quadrant	No Copay
	D7320	Alveoloplasty w/o extractions-4 or more teeth, per	No Copay
		quadrant	
	D7321	Alveoloplasty w/o extractions- 1-3 teeth, per	No Copay
		quadrant	
	D7471	Removal of lateral exostosis	No Copay
	D7550	Remove non-vital bone segment	No Copay
	D7960	Frenectomy	No Copay
	D7510	I & D intraoral soft tissue	No Copay
	D7520	I & D extraoral soft tissue	No Copay
	D7530	Remove foreign body – soft tissue	No Copay
	D7540	Remove foreign body – hard tissue	No Copay
	D7670	Stabilization splint-alveolus	No Copay
	D7910	Suture small wound up to 5 cm	No Copay
	D7911	Complicated suture up to 5 cm	No Copay
	D7953	Bone Replacement Graft for Ridge Preservation – Per Site	No Copay
	D7970	Excision hyperplastic tissue	No Copay
	D7971	Excision of pericoronal flap	No Copay
11.	Anesthes	ia	
	D9215	Local anesthesia (Novocain)	No Copay
	D9230	Nitrous Oxide (per visit)	\$ 15
	D9220	General Anesthesia – 1 st 30 minutes*	Not Covered
	D9221	General Anesthesia – Each Additional 15 minutes*	Not Covered
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12.	Miscellan	neous	
	D9310	Consultation – per session	No Copay
	D9911	Application of desensitizing medicaments	No Copay
	D9430	Observation visit	No Copay
	D9440	Emergency treatment – after office hours	\$ 20
	D9951	Occlusal adjustment - simple	No Copay
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D9952	Occlusal adjustment - complete	No Copay
D9110	Palliative (emergency) minor	No Copay
D9420	Hospital call (dental treatment provided in a hospital setting in addition to any other applicable service copays; facility fees not covered) (service copays still apply)	\$ 125
	Out-of-area emergency reimbursement	Up to \$ 100
	Cancellation of appointment without 24 hour notice	\$20
13. Orthodontia		
	Comprehensive orthodontia treatment	\$1,500
	Initial orthodontic exam*	\$25
	Study models & x-rays*	\$125
	Case presentation	No Copay
	*Subtracted from Comprehensive orthodontia treatment Copay if enrollee proceeds with treatment.	
14. Exclusions		
	See Exclusions section of the Contract.	

Making Appointment or Selecting a Dentist

Toll-Free 855-433-6825, Option 1

Patient Relations Department

Toll-Free 855-433-6825, Option 3

Eligibility Inquiries

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Toll-Free 888-217-2365
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