

Voluntary dental coverage from Blue Shield – protection when you need it most

Your employer has elected to offer you access to Blue Shield's group rates for dental care coverage. You can add this coverage whether or not you are enrolled in a Blue Shield health plan. You will be responsible for paying the full cost of the monthly dental dues, however these costs are competitive with plans you can get on your own.

Why enroll?

Taking care of your teeth can help you look and feel better. From cleanings to major services, dental coverage is an affordable way to protect against costly professional care while maintaining good overall health.

More good reasons to sign up:

- Choose from a growing network of more than 8,000 HMO dental providers and over 19,000 PPO dental provider listings in California! Look for a dentist in your area by using the *Find a Provider* tool at blueshieldca.com. Here you can search our extensive network of dental providers.
- No charge for a range of diagnostic and preventive services, such as oral exams, cleanings, X-rays when using network providers.
- No waiting period for diagnostic or preventive services.²
- Pay dues through convenient payroll deductions which, in some cases, is done with pre-tax dollars.³
- Enroll in our dental plan even if you don't want to enroll in our medical plan.
- Orthodontic benefits are available for adults and children with our voluntary dental HMO plan.

From cleanings to crowns, dental coverage is the best way to protect yourself and your family against disease and extraordinary dental costs.

Pick the plan that's right for you!

Choose the Blue Shield dental PPO SmileSM Basic Voluntary plan, and you'll have access to any dentist you want. However, you'll pay lower out-of-pocket costs for covered services when you use a network dentist. Or, select the Blue Shield dental HMO Voluntary plan and choose from the many dentists in our dental HMO provider network with affordable fixed copayments for covered services. Plan benefit details are included in your enrollment package.

Service to smile about

When you become a dental member, you'll have support through our toll-free Member Services telephone number and our easy-to-use Web site, blueshieldca.com. You can inquire about coverage options, make changes, download forms, find a dentist, and more.

¹ Dental providers outside California are available through a contracted plan administrator.

² The voluntary dental PPO Smile Basic plan has a 12 month waiting period for major services.

³ We recommend you contact your employer and tax adviser to determine the impact, if any, on your income taxes.