



# Spirit

DENTAL & VISION

## Classic High & Classic Low

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Choose Your Own Dentist | Three Cleanings Per Year | Up to \$5,000 Annual Max



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	Classic Network
Class A	100%
Class B	90%
Class C	60%

## Class A – Preventive Services

- | Two exams per year
- | Three cleanings per year
- | One topical fluoride per year under age 16
- | One set of bitewing x-rays per year
- | One diagnostic X-ray, full or panoramic X-ray in any 5 year period

## Class B – Basic Services

- | Fillings (amalgam and composite)
- | Space maintainers
- | Sealants under age 16

## Class C – Major Services

- | Oral surgery
- | Simple extractions
- | Endodontic treatment
- | Periodontic services
- | Crowns, inlays and onlays
- | Bridges and dentures
- | Implants (implant maximum on \$3,000 and \$5,000 annual limit plans is \$2,500 annually)

## Annual Maximum Benefit – \$1,000

Per person for preventive, basic and major services combined (additional buy up options available)

## \$100 Lifetime Deductible

Applies to preventive, basic and major services per person, to a maximum of 3 individual deductibles per family.

## Participation Requirements

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## DENTAL REWARDS\*

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### How it works

1. Members submit at least one dental claim a year
2. Keep the total benefits received for that year at or below the annual threshold amount of \$750.
3. Earn rewards to use the following year.

We also offer an additional PPO Bonus of \$150 when you utilize an Ameritas Dental Network provider.

### Optional \$1,500, \$2,000, \$3,000, or \$5,000 Maximum Benefit

You may choose to increase the calendar year maximum benefit for this plan to \$1,500, \$2,000, \$3,000, or \$5,000. There is a 14% increase to the base rate for \$1,500, 20% for \$2,000, 36% for \$3,000, and 56% for \$5,000.

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**Optional Orthodontic Services** are available for an additional premium. Orthodontic care for the proper alignment of teeth is provided to children and adults. Coverage is 10% reimbursement for the first year, 25% reimbursement for the second year and 50% reimbursement for the third year, with a lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per person. Orthodontic Services are not available in CT, IL and NJ.

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### Optional \$50/\$150 Calendar Year Deductible

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## Member Savings

You may receive additional savings that can reduce the cost of out of pocket expenses:

- | Save up to 15% off eyewear frames and lenses purchased at any Walmart Vision Center nationwide (savings does not include contact lenses or vision care materials)
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## Dental Rewards Program Example

Annual Maximum for Preventive, Basic and Major Services	\$1,500
Total services used in the plan year	\$600
Annual Dental Reward	\$250
Bonus for using an in-network provider	\$150
Next year's annual maximum	\$1,500
PLUS Dental Rewards dollars	\$400
Total available next year	\$1,900

*Please note: The Dental Rewards program is available with a 2% increase in rates on annual maximum plans of \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,000. Dental Rewards option is not available when group selects an annual maximum plan of \$3,000 or \$5,000.*

*\*Dental Rewards are not available in the state of Texas.*

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You may choose to have Endodontics and Periodontics covered under Class B services for a 8% rate increase.

### Optional Teeth Bleaching Benefit

A group may elect to include teeth bleaching with a 50% coinsurance benefit for a 3% rate increase.

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## Annual Maximum Benefit – \$1,000

Per person for preventive, basic and major services combined (additional buy up options available)

## \$50 Lifetime Deductible per person for preventive services

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## Participation Requirements

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*\*\*The buy up is required for initial enrollees and new hires in the states of ME, NM & VT.*

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# Classic High Plan Rates – Effective 8/1/2023

Rates for: FL, KS, KY, MO, TX

2 – 4 lives						
	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6
Employee Only	\$27.31	\$29.98	\$31.64	\$33.31	\$34.98	\$36.64
Employee + Spouse	\$54.63	\$59.96	\$63.29	\$66.62	\$69.95	\$73.28
Employee + Child(ren)	\$62.82	\$68.95	\$72.78	\$76.61	\$80.44	\$84.27
Family	\$90.13	\$98.93	\$104.42	\$109.92	\$115.42	\$120.91

5 – 9 lives						
	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6
Employee Only	\$22.94	\$25.18	\$26.58	\$27.98	\$29.38	\$30.78
Employee + Spouse	\$45.89	\$50.36	\$53.16	\$55.96	\$58.76	\$61.56
Employee + Child(ren)	\$52.77	\$57.92	\$61.13	\$64.35	\$67.57	\$70.79
Family	\$75.71	\$83.10	\$87.71	\$92.33	\$96.95	\$101.56

10 – 199 lives						
	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6
Employee Only	\$21.85	\$23.99	\$25.32	\$26.65	\$27.98	\$29.32
Employee + Spouse	\$43.71	\$47.97	\$50.64	\$53.30	\$55.97	\$58.63
Employee + Child(ren)	\$50.27	\$55.17	\$58.24	\$61.30	\$64.37	\$67.43
Family	\$72.12	\$79.16	\$83.55	\$87.95	\$92.35	\$96.75

## Plan Options

### \$1,500 Max Benefit

Multiply rates by.....1.14

### \$2,000 Max Benefit

Multiply rates by.....1.20

### \$3,000 Max Benefit

Multiply rates by.....1.36

### \$5,000 Max Benefit

Multiply rates by.....1.56

### Endo/Perio to Class B

Multiply rates by.....1.08

### 100% Voluntary

Multiply rates by.....1.05

### Waive Participation Requirements

Multiply rates by.....1.05

\* This applies to Voluntary and Employer Paid groups

### Dental Rewards

Multiply rates by.....1.02

Dental Rewards not available when group selects maximum plans of \$3,000 or \$5,000

### Optional Teeth Bleaching

Multiply rates by.....1.03

### Optional \$50/\$150, \$25/\$75, \$0/\$0 Calendar Year Deductibles

\$50/\$150 Deductible – Multiply rates by.....1.03

\$25/\$75 Deductible – Multiply rates by.....1.08

\$0/\$0 Deductible – Multiply rates by.....1.15

### Optional 100% Family-Related Employees

Multiply rates by.....1.15

### For Groups Without Prior Coverage

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## Orthodontia Rates

(\$1,500 lifetime maximum for adults & children)

Orthodontia can be added to the Spirit Classic High Plan by adding these premiums to the selected rate above. Orthodontia is covered at 10% for the first year, 25% for the second year and 50% reimbursement for the third year. Lifetime maximum for orthodontia coverage is \$1,500 per person.

	Employee	Employee + Spouse	Employee + Child(ren)	Family
5 – 9 lives	\$1.60	\$3.20	\$15.00	\$16.60
10 – 199 lives	\$1.60	\$3.20	\$15.00	\$16.60

### Move from MAC to 80th percentile of Usual & Customary

Multiply rates by.....20%

### Move from MAC to 90th percentile of Usual & Customary

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### For Restricted Industries\*

Multiply rates by.....1.15

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Employee + Spouse	\$45.69	\$50.15	\$52.93	\$55.72	\$58.51	\$61.29
Employee + Child(ren)	\$52.55	\$57.67	\$60.88	\$64.08	\$67.28	\$70.49
Family	\$75.39	\$82.75	\$87.34	\$91.94	\$96.54	\$101.13

### 5 – 9 lives

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Employee Only	\$19.19	\$21.06	\$22.23	\$23.40	\$24.57	\$25.74
Employee + Spouse	\$38.38	\$42.12	\$44.46	\$46.80	\$49.14	\$51.48
Employee + Child(ren)	\$44.13	\$48.44	\$51.13	\$53.82	\$56.51	\$59.20
Family	\$63.32	\$69.50	\$73.36	\$77.22	\$81.08	\$84.94

### 10 – 199 lives

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6
Employee Only	\$18.28	\$20.06	\$21.18	\$22.29	\$23.40	\$24.52
Employee + Spouse	\$36.56	\$40.12	\$42.35	\$44.58	\$46.81	\$49.04
Employee + Child(ren)	\$42.04	\$46.14	\$48.71	\$51.27	\$53.83	\$56.40
Family	\$60.32	\$66.20	\$69.88	\$73.56	\$77.24	\$80.92

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# Area (State) Definitions

## FLORIDA

324-325, 335, 337	1
320, 322, 329, 339, 341, 349	3
330, 334	5
331-333	6
All Others	2

## KANSAS

673	1
660-661, 670-671	3
662	4
All Others	2

## KENTUCKY

410	2
All Others	1

## MISSOURI

635, 638-639, 653-655	1
631, 650-652, 658	3
630, 640, 649	4
633, 641	5
All Others	2

## TEXAS

754-759, 764-767	2
775, 778, 782, 786, 796	3
762-763, 773, 777	3
751, 760-761, 770, 774, 789,	4
791	4
752-753, 772, 787	5
750	6
All Others	1



## General Information

**ELIGIBILITY** | An individual employed by a participating employer working 20 hours or more per week and who is considered an employee for Social Security purposes. Partners and proprietors are also considered to be eligible employees.

**ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS** | Spouse or domestic partner and/or unmarried dependent children up to age 26.

**DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT** | The lifetime and calendar year Deductible, if any, is shown in the Coverage Schedule. The Deductible is an amount of charges You must incur for Yourself or on behalf of Your insured Dependent before We start paying benefits.

**CALENDAR YEAR MAXIMUM** | Calendar year maximums are shown on the Coverage Schedule and are calculated for each certificate (person covered) yearly from January 1st.

**OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFITS** | Out-of-network benefits are based upon the 80th percentile usual and customary fees charged in the area where service is rendered (percentile may be higher according to state requirements).

**PRETREATMENT REVIEW** | If the Course of Treatment will exceed \$300, We will request prior review. We must be given the dentist's treatment plan consisting of a description of the planned treatment with estimated charges and diagnostic x-rays. We will determine Eligible Expenses and state how much We will pay for the treatment. Our determination may suggest an alternate, less expensive Course of Treatment if it will produce professionally satisfactory results. If You do not request a pretreatment review, We will pay for the least expensive method of treatment regardless of the method actually used.

**COORDINATION OF BENEFITS** | This Plan will be coordinated with any other group, blanket or franchise plan under which an individual will receive benefits. This helps keep the cost of the Plan reasonable.

**TERMINATION OF COVERAGE** | Coverage terminates on the earliest of the following dates: the last day of the month in which you cease to be eligible for coverage; the last day of the month in which your dependent is no longer a dependent, as defined; subject to the Grace Period, the last day of the month for which a premium has been paid by You or on your behalf; or the date the policy ends.

**EFFECTIVE DATE** | Plan effective dates are always the First of the month. Enrollment cards received by Direct Benefits after the First of the month will become effective on the First of the following month. Incomplete enrollment cards or failure to submit the required initial premium amount may cause an initial delay in Issuance of insurance. Do not cancel any other Insurance or assume you are insured under the Plan until you have received written confirmation from Direct Benefits.

**ELIGIBLE EXPENSES** | Expenses must be incurred while the Policy is in force and the person is covered by the Policy. To become an Eligible Expense, the dental services must be performed by: a licensed Dentist/Physician performing dental services within the scope of his license; or a licensed dental hygienist acting under the supervision and direction of a Dentist/Physician.

**EXPENSES INCURRED** | An Eligible Expense is considered incurred on the following dates: for full and partial dentures – on the date the final impression is taken; for fixed bridges, crowns, inlays and onlays – on the date the teeth are first prepared; for root canal therapy – on the date the pulp chamber is opened; for periodontal surgery – on the date surgery is performed; for all other services – on the date the service is performed.

**EXPENSES NOT COVERED** | Covered expenses will not include, and no benefits will be payable for, expenses incurred:

- | For any procedure except exams, cleaning and fluoride applications for the first 12 months when an employee or dependent becomes classified as a late entrant. An employee or dependent who does not enroll within 31 days from the date the person qualifies for the insurance or who elects to become covered again after canceling a premium contribution agreement will be classified as a late entrant.
- | For any treatment which is for cosmetic purposes. Facings on crowns or pontics behind the second bicuspid are considered cosmetic.
- | To replace any prosthetic appliance, crown, inlay or onlay restoration, or fixed partial denture within eight years of the date of the last placement of these items. However, if a replacement is required because of an accidental bodily injury sustained while the person is covered, it will be a Covered Expense.
- | For any procedure begun before the plan member was covered under the dental expense benefit.
- | For any procedure begun after the member's insurance under the dental expense benefit terminates; or for any prosthetic dental appliance installed or delivered more than 90 days after the member's insurance under the dental expense benefit terminates.
- | To replace lost or stolen appliances.
- | For appliances, restorations, or procedures to: alter vertical dimension; restore or maintain occlusion; splint or replace tooth structure lost because of abrasion or attrition.
- | For any procedure not shown on the Table of Dental Procedures.
- | For which the plan member is entitled to benefits under any workers' compensation or similar law, or charges or services or supplies received as a result of any dental condition caused or contributed to by an injury or sickness arising out of or in the course of any employment or wage of profit.
- | For charges for which the plan member is not liable or which would not have been made have not insurance been in force.
- | For services that are not required for necessary care and treatment or not within the generally accepted parameters of care.
- | Because of war or any act of war, declared or not.
- | Applies to non-takeover business: in the first 12 months that a plan member is covered for initial placement of any dental prosthesis or prosthetic crown unless such placement is needed because of the extraction of one or more teeth while the plan member is covered under the dental expense benefit.

The extraction of a third molar (wisdom tooth) will not qualify under the above. Any such dental prosthesis or prosthetic crown must include the replacement of the extracted tooth or teeth.

- | Before the plan member has been covered under the orthodontic expenses benefits for at least 12 consecutive months, however, this is waived for initials who were previously covered by the prior plan's dental and orthodontia plan and have at least 5 enrolled lives on the initial effective date otherwise a 12 month waiting period applies.
- | After the member's insurance under the orthodontic expense benefits terminate.

**ALTERNATE BENEFIT** | If two or more procedures are considered adequate and appropriate treatment to correct a certain condition under generally accepted standards of dental care, the amount of the Covered Expense will be equal to the charge for the least expensive procedure. This provision is NOT intended to dictate a course of treatment. Instead, this provision is designed to determine the amount of the plan allowance for a submitted treatment when an adequate and appropriate procedure is available. Accordingly, the plan member may choose to apply the alternate benefit amount determined under this provision toward payment to the submitted treatment.

**MISSING TOOTH** | When covered under your plan, benefits are provided for placement of dentures, fixed bridgework, implants or the addition of teeth to existing dentures only when the service includes replacement of a natural tooth extracted or lost while covered under this plan.

# Why should you choose a network dental plan?

Network dental plans help reduce your out-of-pocket costs as the dentists have agreed to accept a set contracted amount for each service rendered as the basis for payment under the Spirit Dental plan. This amount is typically significantly less than the amount which could be charged by an out-of-network dentist. These network dentists are prohibited (by contract) from charging you the difference between their typical fee and the amount negotiated with the network.

Dentists not participating in the network are not subject to the negotiated amounts and are permitted to charge any fee for services they provide. This may lead to greater out-of-pocket costs for you and your family members. The sample comparison chart below will give you an idea of how you can save money by visiting an in-network dentist for services.

## Network Savings Example

*This hypothetical example shows how receiving services from a network provider could lower your out-of-pocket costs.\**

### Your Dentist says you need a Crown, which is a Type C Service...

Network Fee:	\$685.00
Usual & Customary Fee:	\$750.00
Dentist's Usual Fee:	\$985.00

In-Network	
When you receive care from a participating dentist	
Dentist's Usual Fee:	\$985.00
Network Reduced Fee:	\$685.00
Your Plan Pays:	
50% x \$685 Network Fee:	-\$342.50
Your Out-of-Pocket Cost:	\$342.50

Out-of-Network	
When you receive care from a non-participating dentist	
Dentist's Usual Fee:	\$985.00
Usual & Customary (U&C) Fee:	\$750.00
Your Plan Pays:	
50% x \$750 U&C:	-\$375.00
Your Out-of-Pocket Cost:	\$610.00

In this example, you save **\$267.50** (\$610.00 minus \$342.50) by using a participating network provider.

\*Please note: Savings from using a network provider will vary depending on factors including how often you see the dentist and costs for services rendered. These examples assume that your deductible, if any, has been met.



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