



# Our Medicare Advantage Supplemental Dental Program

## Welcome,

Your Aspirus Health Plan Choice Dental Rider is administered by DentaQuest. Good oral health is a vital part of good overall health, and your DentaQuest plan is designed to promote regular dental visits. We encourage you to take advantage of this program by calling your dentist today for an appointment.

This Choice Dental Rider, along with your Summary of Dental Plan Benefits (page 2), describes the specific benefits of your DentaQuest plan and how to use them. If you have any questions about this program, please call our Customer Service team at 1-833-479-0200 (TTY users call 1-800-466-7566) or visit our website at dentaquest.com.

We look forward to serving you.

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Note: Please read this Choice Dental Rider together with the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits and Covered Code List. The Summary of Dental Plan Benefits and Covered Code List provides the specific provisions of your dental plan: Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage Plan Choice Dental.

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2026 Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage Dental Rider

# Summary of Dental Plan Benefits

For Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage Plan Benefit Year- January 1- December 31, 2026

This Summary of Dental Plan Benefits should be read along with your Choice Dental Rider. Your Choice Dental Rider provides additional information about your DentaQuest plan, including information about plan exclusions and limitations.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: If you receive services from a dentist that <u>DOES NOT</u> participate in the DentaQuest network <u>YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE</u> for the difference between DentaQuest's payment to you and the amount charged by the out-of-network dentist.

\*Services received from dentists who do <u>NOT</u> participate in the DentaQuest Medicare Advantage<sup>TM</sup> Network will result in your out-of-pocket costs being higher.

Plan Pays

For more details and specific cost-sharing information, please see the detailed list of services and procedure codes at the end of this document.

	Plan Pays For In-Network services	Plan Pays For Out-of-Network services
Diagnostic & P	reventive Services	
Diagnostic and Preventive Services – exams, cleanings, and fluoride	100%	100%
Radiographs- bitewings, periapical and full mouth x-rays	100%	100%
	nsive Services	
Restorative Services- Fillings, crowns, crown repair, post and core	70%-40%	70%-40%
Root canals, including pulpotomies, indirect pulp-cap, root canal retreatment	70%	70%
Periodontics  Gingivectomy- gingivoplasty, Gingival flap procedure  Osseous surgery  Scaling and root planning  Full mouth debridement	70%	70%
Removable Prosthodontic Services  Removable complete, partial, immediate and overdentures Adjustments Repairs and replacement Rebase	40%	40%

<ul> <li>Removable Prosthodontic Services</li> <li>Removable complete, partial, immediate and overdentures</li> <li>Adjustments</li> <li>Repairs and replacement</li> <li>Rebase</li> </ul>	40%	40%
<ul> <li>Implant Services</li> <li>Surgical placement of implant body</li> <li>Abutments and crowns</li> </ul>	40%	40%
<ul> <li>Fixed Prosthodontic Services</li> <li>Fixed dentures (bridges), pontics and retainers</li> <li>Re-cement, rebond or repair partial dentures</li> </ul>	40%	40%
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services	70%	70%
<ul> <li>Adjunctive General Services</li> <li>Palliative treatment of dental pain</li> <li>Fixed partial dental sectioning</li> <li>Deep sedation and IV moderation</li> <li>Consultation</li> <li>House/extended care facility</li> <li>Application of desensitizing medication</li> </ul>	70%	70%

Maximum Payment – \$2,000 per person total per calendar year on all services. If you are enrolled in a plan with embedded dental coverage, those diagnostic and preventive services do not count toward your annual maximum.

Deductible – \$75 per member total per benefit year on all services except diagnostic and preventive.

Waiting Period – Not applicable.

Eligible People – All Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage members who enroll in Aspirus Choice Dental.

You may end your optional supplemental dental benefits by giving Aspirus Health Plan written notice that you'd like to terminate your coverage.

## I. <u>Definitions</u>

## Adverse Benefit Determination

Any denial, reduction, or termination of the benefits for which you filed a claim. Or a failure to provide or to make payment (in whole or in part) of the benefits you sought, including any such determination based on eligibility, or that the service is not covered as part of the plan.

## Allowed Amount

The amount permitted under the Medicare Advantage Dentist Fee Schedule which DentaQuest will base its payment for a covered service.

## **Appeal**

The procedures that deal with the review of adverse initial determination for payment of services.

## **Benefits**

Payment for the covered services that have been selected under this plan. If a code is not listed, it is not covered.

## **Completion Dates**

The date that treatment is complete. Some procedures may require more than one appointment before they can be completed. Treatment is complete:

- For dentures and partial dentures, on the delivery dates.
- For crowns and bridgework, on the permanent cementation date.
- For root canals and periodontal treatment, on the date of the final procedure that completes treatment.

## Coinsurance

The percentage of the charge, if any, that you must pay for covered services.

### Copayment

A fixed amount of money that you must pay for covered services, if any.

## Covered Code List

The unique list of the American Dental Association (ADA) dental codes that are covered services under this plan.

## **Covered Services**

The unique dental services selected for coverage as described in the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits and subject to the terms of this Choice Dental Rider.

## Deductible

The amount a member must pay toward covered services before DentaQuest begins paying for those services under this Choice Dental Rider. The Summary of Dental Plan Benefits lists the deductible that applies to you, if any.

## Dental Emergency

A dental emergency is a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, with an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: serious jeopardy to the health of the individual or, in the case of a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

## **Dentist**

A person licensed to practice dentistry in the state or jurisdiction in which dental services are performed.

- DentaQuest Dentist a dentist who has signed an agreement with DentaQuest for this plan that is part of DentaQuest Medicare network.
- Non-participating (out-of-network) Dentist a
  dentist who has not signed an agreement
  with DentaQuest to become part of the
  DentaQuest. Services received from dentists
  who do NOT participate in DentaQuest's
  network will be processed as services
  received from an out-of-network dentist and
  your out-of-pocket costs may be higher.

IMPORTANT: If you receive services from a dentist that <u>DOES NOT</u> participate in DentaQuest network <u>YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE</u> for the difference between DentaQuest's payment to you and the amount charged by the out-of-network dentist.

The provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when required.

## Grievance

An expression of dissatisfaction with any aspect of the operations, activities, or behavior of DentaQuest or a dentist that has provided dental services under this plan.

## **Inquiry**

A verbal or written request for information that does not involve a grievance, coverage or appeal, such as a routine question about a benefit.

# Maximum Approved Fee

The maximum fee that DentaQuest approves for a given procedure in a given region and/or specialty, under normal circumstances, based upon applicable Medicare Advantage in-network dentist schedules and internal procedures.

## Maximum Payment

The maximum dollar amount DentaQuest will pay in any benefit year or lifetime for covered services. (See the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits.)

## Member

A person with coverage under this plan.

Non-participating (out-of-network) Dentist Fee The most DentaQuest will pay out-of-network dentists for a covered service.

## Post-Service Claims

Claims for benefits that are not conditioned on your seeking advance approval, certification, or authorization to receive the full amount for any covered services. In other words, postservice claims arise when you receive the dental service or treatment before you file a claim for benefits.

## Pre-Service Organization Determination

A determination that is made before receiving dental services based on your benefits and coverage. This decision will determine whether a dental service will be covered and will provide information on how much you may have to pay for this service. This is a request submitted by you or your dentist.

## Processina Policies

DentaQuest's policies and guidelines used for pre-service organization determinations and payment of claims. The processing policies may be amended from time to time.

## Submitted Amount

The amount a dentist bills to DentaQuest for a specific treatment or service. A DentaQuest participating dentist cannot charge you for the difference between this amount and the amount DentaQuest approves for the treatment.

## Summary of Dental Plan Benefits

A description of the specific provisions of your group dental coverage. The Summary of Dental Plan Benefits is and should be read as a part of this Choice Dental Rider and supersedes any contrary provision of this Choice Dental Rider.

## This Plan

The dental coverage established for you pursuant to this Choice Dental Rider.

## II. <u>Selecting a Dentist</u>

When selecting a dentist, you may choose any dentist. Your out-of-pocket costs are likely to be less if you go to a DentaQuest in-network dentist. In-network dentists agree to accept payment according to the applicable DentaQuest Participating Dentist Agreement and, in most cases, this results in a reduction of their fees. To verify that a dentist is a Medicare Advantage in-network dentist, you can use DentaQuest's online Find a Dentist Tool at <a href="https://www.dentaquest.com">www.dentaquest.com</a> or call 1-833-479-0200 (TTY users call -1-800-466-7566).

If the dentist you select is not a DentaQuest innetwork dentist, you will still be covered, but you may have to pay more.

If you choose an out-of-network dentist, you will be responsible for any difference between the out-of-network dentist fee and the dentist's submitted fee, in addition to any coinsurance, copayment or deductible, if applicable.

#### III. **Accessing Your Benefits**

To utilize your dental benefits, follow these steps:

- 1. Please read this Choice Dental Rider and the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits carefully so you are familiar with your benefits, payment methods, and terms of this plan.
- 2. Make an appointment with your dentist and tell them that you have dental benefits with DentaQuest Medicare Advantage dental plan. If your dentist is not familiar with this plan or has any questions, have them contact DentaQuest by writing to:

DentaQuest Customer Service P.O. Box 2906 Milwaukee WI 53201-2906

or calling the toll-free number at 1-833-479-0200 (TTY users call 1-800-466-7566).

- 3. After you receive your dental treatment, the dental office staff will file a claim form. completing the information portion with:
  - a. Your full name and address
  - b. Your member ID number
  - c. Your date of birth

## Notice of Claim Forms

Your dentist should submit your dental claims using the most recent American Dental Association ("ADA") approved Dental Claim Form. Participating dentists will fill out and submit your dental claims for you to:

DentaQuest Claims P.O. Box 2906 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2906

Pre-Service Organization Determination

Your dentist can submit a request for a coverage decision, to determine if you qualify for a dental service that is covered under this plan, through the Dental Office Toolkit ® (DOT). You can also request a coverage decision to determine if you qualify for a dental service that is covered under this plan by calling the Customer Service department toll-free at 1-833-479-0200 (TTY users call1-800-466-7566) or in writing at:

DentaQuest Customer Service P.O. Box 2906 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2906

For a standard coverage decision, DentaQuest will provide an answer within 14 calendar days after receiving your request. To qualify for an expedited coverage decision, the standard deadlines must potentially cause serious harm to your health or hurt your ability to function. If DentaQuest approves an expedited request, an answer will be provided within 72 hours. For both standard and expedited requests, DentaQuest may take up to 14 additional calendar days under certain circumstances. If additional time is taken, DentaQuest will notify you in writing and explain the reasons why more time is needed.

If DentaQuest does not approve your standard or expedited coverage request, you have the right to file an appeal. Please see the Appeal section for more information. Availability of dental benefits at the time your request is completed is dependent on several factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, medical necessity, your continued eligibility for benefits, your available annual or lifetime maximum payments, any coordination of benefits, the status of your dentist, this plan's limitations and any other provisions, together with any additional information or changes to your dental treatment. To determine whether a service may be covered under this plan, please review the benefits included in this document.

Written Notice of Claim and Time of Payment All claims for benefits must be filed with DentaQuest within one year of the date the services were completed. Once a claim is filed, DentaQuest will make a payment decision within 30 days of receiving it. If there is not enough information to make a decision about your claim, DentaQuest will notify you or your dentist within 30 days. The notice will (a) describe the information needed, (b) explain why it is needed, (c) request an extension of time in which to make a decision, and (d) inform you or your dentist that the information must be received within 60 days, or the claim will be denied. You will receive a copy of any notice sent to your dentist. Once DentaQuest receives the requested information, a claim decision will be made, and you will be sent a notice of that decision. If you or your dentist

does not supply the requested information, the claim will be denied. You will be notified within five days of a claims decision.

## Authorized Representative

You may also appoint an authorized representative to work with DentaQuest on your behalf with respect to any claim you file or any review of a denied claim (see the Grievance and Appeals Procedure section). Contact DentaQuest by calling the Customer Service department toll-free, at 1-833-479-0200 (TTY Users call -1-800-466-7566) or in writing at:

DentaQuest Customer Service P.O. Box 2906 Milwaukee WI 53201-2906

to request a form to designate an authorized representative. You may also use the Centers for Medicare a& Medicaid Services (CMS) Appointment of Representative Form (Form CMS-1696).

While in some circumstances your dentist is treated as your authorized representative, generally DentaQuest only recognizes the person whom you have authorized on the last dated form filed with DentaQuest. Once you have appointed an authorized representative, DentaQuest will communicate directly with your representative and will not inform you of the status of your claims. You will have to get that information from your representative. If you have not designated a representative, DentaQuest will communicate directly with you.

## Questions and Assistance

Questions regarding your coverage should be directed to DentaQuest Customer Service department, at 1--833-479-0200 (TTY Users call - 1-800-466-7566). You may also write to:

DentaQuest Customer Service P.O. Box. 2906 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2906

When writing to DentaQuest, please include your name, your member ID number, and your daytime telephone number.

## IV. How Payment is Made

If your dentist is an in-network dentist, DentaQuest will base payment on the maximum approved fee for covered services.

DentaQuest will send payment directly to the in-network dentist and you will be responsible for any applicable coinsurance, copayments or deductibles.

If your dentist is an out-of-network dentist, DentaQuest will base payment on the out-of-network dentist fee for covered services. For covered services rendered by an out-of-network dentist, DentaQuest will send payment to you unless otherwise required by law or contract, and you will be responsible for making full payment to the dentist. However, if the out-of-network dentist files directly with DentaQuest, payment will be made directly to the dentist. You will be responsible for any difference between DentaQuest's payment and the dentist's submitted amount.

# V. <u>Benefit Categories</u>

**Important** 

ONLY the dental services listed in your Summary of Dental Plan Benefits (see pg.2) are covered by this plan. Covered services are also subject to exclusions and limitations. You will want to review this section of this Choice Dental Rider carefully.

## VI. Exclusions and Limitations

**Exclusions** 

DentaQuest will make no payment for the following services or supplies, unless otherwise specified in the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits or Covered Code List. All charges for the following services will be your responsibility:

- Cosmetic surgery or dentistry for aesthetic reasons.
- Services started or appliances started before a person became eligible under this plan.
- Prescription drugs (except intramuscular injectable antibiotics), premedication,

- medicaments/ solutions, and relative analgesia.
- Charges for hospitalization, laboratory tests, and histopathological examinations.
- Charges for failure to keep a scheduled visit with the dentist.
- Treatment by other than a dentist, except for services performed by a licensed dental hygienist or other dental professional.
- Services or supplies covered under a hospital, surgical/medical, or prescription drug program.
- Preventive control programs (including oral hygiene instruction, caries susceptibility tests, dietary control, tobacco counseling, home care medicaments, etc.).
- Lost, missing, or stolen appliances of any type and replacement or repair of orthodontic appliances or space maintainers.
- Cosmetic dentistry, including repairs to facings posterior to the second bicuspid position.
- Veneers.
- Appliances, surgical procedures, and restorations for increasing vertical dimension; for altering, restoring, or maintaining occlusion; for replacing tooth structure loss resulting from attrition, abrasion, abfraction, or erosion; or for periodontal splinting.
- Replacement, repair, relines, or adjustments of occlusal guards.
- Chemical curettage.
- Metal bases on removable prostheses.
- The replacement of teeth beyond the normal complement of teeth.
- Personalization or characterization of any service or appliance.
- Temporary crowns used for temporization during crown or bridge fabrication.
- Precision attachments and stress breakers.
- Bone replacement grafts and specialized implant surgical techniques, including radiographic/surgical implant index.

- Appliances, restorations, or services for the diagnosis or treatment of
- disturbances of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ).
- Orthodontic services.
- Myofunctional therapy.
- Mounted case analyses.

## Limitations

The benefits for the following services or supplies are limited as follows, unless otherwise specified in the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits. All charges for services or supplies that exceed these limitations will be your responsibility. All time limitations are measured from the applicable prior dates of service in our records with any DentaQuest plan or, at the request of Aspirus Health Plan, any dental plan:

- Bitewing X-rays are payable once per 12 months, unless a full mouth X-ray which include bitewings has been paid in that same year.
- Panoramic or full mouth X-rays (which may include bitewing X-rays) are payable once in any five-year period.
- Oral examinations, including limited, problem focused examinations, are payable twice per calendar year.
- Cast restorations (including jackets and crowns) and associated procedures) are payable once in any five-year period per tooth.
- Crowns are payable only for extensive loss of tooth structure due to caries (decay) or fracture (lost or mobile tooth structure).
  - Individual crowns over implants are payable at the prosthodontic benefit level.
  - Substructures, porcelain, porcelain substrate, and cast restorations are not payable for people under age 12.
  - An interim partial denture is payable only for the replacement of permanent anterior teeth for people under age 17 or during the healing

period for people age 17 and over.

- Prosthodontic services limitations:
  - One complete upper and one complete lower denture, and any implant used to support a denture, are payable once in any five-year period.
  - A removable partial denture, endosteal implant (other than to support a denture), or fixed bridge is payable once in any five-year period unless the loss of additional teeth requires the construction of a new appliance.
  - Fixed bridges and removable partial dentures are not payable for people under age 16.
  - A reline or the complete replacement of denture base.
- DentaQuest's obligation for payment of benefits ends on the last day of coverage. This date is usually the first of the month following receipt of a valid, written request to dis-enroll that was accepted by Aspirus Health Plan during a valid Medicare election period. However, DentaQuest will make payment for covered services provided on or before the last day of coverage, if DentaQuest receives a claim for those services within one year of the date of service.
- When services in progress are interrupted and completed later by another dentist, DentaQuest will review the claim to determine the amount of payment, if any, to each dentist.
- Care terminated due to the death of a member will be paid to the limit of DentaQuest's liability for the services completed or in progress.
- Maximum Payment: All benefits available under this plan are subject to the maximum payment limitations set forth in your Summary of Dental Plan Benefits.
- If a deductible amount is stated in the Summary of Dental Plan Benefits, DentaQuest will not pay for any services or supplies, in whole or in part, to which the

- deductible applies until the deductible amount is met.
- Processing Policies may otherwise limit DentaQuest's payment for services or supplies.

DentaQuest will make no payment for services or supplies that exceed the following limitations. All charges are your responsibility. However, in-network dentists may not charge members for these services or supplies when performed by the same dentist or dental office. All time limitations are measured from the applicable prior dates of service in our records with any DentaQuest plan or, at the request of Aspirus Health Plan, any dental plan:

- Amalgam and composite resin restorations are payable once in any 24-month period, regardless of the number or combination of restorations placed on a surface.
- Core buildups and other substructures are payable only when needed to retain a crown on a tooth with excessive breakdown due to caries (decay) and/or fractures.
- Recommendation of a crown, onlay, inlay, space maintainer, or bridge within six months of the seating date.
- Retention pins are payable once in any two-year period. Only one substructure per tooth is a covered service.
  - Root planing is payable once in 36-month period.
  - Periodontal surgery is payable once in any 36-month period.
  - Tissue conditioning is payable once per arch in any 24 months.

## VII. Coordination of Benefits

The Coordination of Benefits ("COB") provision applies when a person has health care coverage under more than one plan. "Plan" is defined below.

The order of benefit determination rules governs the order in which each plan will pay a claim for benefits. The plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. The plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all plans does not exceed 100 percent of the total allowable expense.

## **Definitions**

<u>Plan</u> is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

- Plan includes group and non-group insurance contracts, medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law.
- 2. Plan does not include hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; school accident type coverage; benefits for nonmedical components of long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans that do not permit coordination.

Each contract for coverage under (1) or (2) above is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

<u>This Plan</u>, for purposes of this section, means the part of the contract providing the health care benefits to which the COB provision applies, and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other Plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from This Plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

# Order of Benefit Determination Rules determines whether This Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when the person has health care coverage under more than one Plan.

When This Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's Benefits. When This Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that the total benefits paid by all Plans do not exceed the submitted amount. In no event will This Plan's payments exceed the maximum approved fee.

When a person is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

- 1. This Plan will pay primary over any Medicaid or Retiree Plan that you may have.
- If This Plan is the Primary Plan, it will pay its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits under any other Plan.
- 3. Except as provided in the following paragraph, a Plan that does not contain a COB provision is always primary unless otherwise required by law.
- 4. Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder, shall be secondary regardless of whether or not it contains a COB provision.
- 5. The Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other plan.

## Effect on the Benefits of This Plan

When this Plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total submitted amount. In determining the amount to be paid, This Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage (maximum approved fee) and apply the remaining amount that you owe to the dentist following the Primary Plan's payment. The amount paid by this Plan will not exceed the maximum approved fee.

## Coordination Disputes

If you believe that we have not paid a claim properly, you should first attempt to resolve the problem by contacting us. You or your dentist should contact DentaQuest's Customer Service department and ask them to check the claim to make sure it was processed correctly. You may do this by calling the toll-free number, 1-833-479-0200 (TTY users call 1-800-466-7566) and speaking to a telephone advisor. You may also mail your inquiry to:

DentaQuest Customer Service PO Box 2906 Milwaukee WI 53201-2906

You may also follow the Grievance and Appeals Procedure below.

## VIII. Grievance and Appeal Procedure

If we make an adverse benefit determination, you will receive a Notice of Denial of Coverage. You, or your authorized representative, should seek a review as soon as possible, but you must file your request for review within 60 days of the date that you received that Notice of Denial of Coverage. DentaQuest may give you more time if you have a good reason for missing the deadline.

There are two types of appeals:

Standard Appeal – We will give you a written decision on a standard appeal within 30 days after we get your appeal for a pre-service organization determination. Our decision might take longer if you ask for an extension, or if we need more information about your case. We will tell you if we are taking extra time and will explain why more time is needed. If your appeal is for payment of a service you have already received, we will give you a written decision within 60 days.

Fast Appeal – We will give you a decision on a fast appeal within 72 hours after we get your appeal. You can ask for a fast appeal if you or your doctor believe your health could be seriously harmed by waiting up to 30 days for a decision. You cannot request a fast appeal if you are asking us to pay you back for a service you've already received. Send appeals to the following:

DentaQuest, LLC Attention: Utilization Management/Provider Appeals P.O. Box 2906 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2906

Or call: 1--833-479-0200 (TTY users call -1-800-466-7566)

Please include your name and address, your member ID number, the explanation of benefits, the reason why you believe your claim was wrongly denied, and any other information you believe supports your appeal. Indicate in your letter that you are requesting a formal appeal and if requesting a standard or fast appeal of your claim. You also have the right to review any documents related to your appeal. If you would like a record of your appeal request and proof that DentaQuest received it, mail your appeal request by certified mail, with a return receipt requested.

If you want someone else to act for you, you can name a relative, friend, attorney, dentist or someone else to act as your representative. You can do this by following the Authorized Representative section above. Both you and the person you want to act for you must sign and date a statement confirming this is what you want. You will need to mail or fax the statement to DentaQuest.

The Dental Director or any person reviewing your claim will not be the same as, nor subordinate to, the person(s) who initially decided your claim. The reviewer will grant no deference to the prior decision about your claim. The reviewer will assess the information, including any additional information that you have provided, as if he or she were deciding the claim for the first

time. The reviewer's decision will consider all comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim even if the information was not available when your claim was initially decided.

The notice of any adverse determination regarding your appeal will (a) inform you of the specific reason(s) for the denial, (b) list the pertinent plan provision(s) on which the denial is based, (c) contain a description of any additional information or material that is needed to decide the claim and an explanation of why such information is needed, (d) reference any internal rule, guideline, or protocol that was relied on in making the decision on review.

Adverse appeals will be automatically submitted to the CMS's contracted independent review entity within 60 calendar days from the date DentaQuest received the member's first level appeal. At the same time, the appeals staff will notify the member that the appeal is being forwarded to CMS's independent review entity.

If you have a complaint or dispute, other than a Notice of Denial of Coverage, expressing dissatisfaction with the manner in which DentaQuest or a dentist has provided dental services, you can contact DentaQuest at the address listed above in this section or call customer service at 1-833-479-0200 (TTY users call 1-800-466-7566) within 60 days of the event. DentaQuest will respond in writing to all grievances within 30 days of receipt, unless the issue is resolved by customer service on the call.

## IX. Termination of Coverage

Your DentaQuest coverage may automatically terminate:

- When Aspirus Health Plan advises
   DentaQuest to terminate your coverage.
- On the first day of the month for which Aspirus Health Plan has failed to pay DentaQuest.
- For fraud or misrepresentation in the submission of any claim.

• For any other reason stated in the contract between DentaQuest and Aspirus Health Plan.

DentaQuest will not continue eligibility for any person covered under this plan beyond the termination date requested by Aspirus Health Plan. A person whose eligibility is terminated may not continue coverage under this Choice Dental Rider.

## X. General Conditions

Subrogation and Right of Reimbursement If you are involved in an automobile accident or require covered services that may entitle you to recover from a third party and DentaQuest advances payment to prevent any financial hardship, you have an obligation to help DentaQuest obtain reimbursement for the amount of the payments advanced for which another source was also responsible for making payment. You are required to provide DentaQuest with any information about any other insurance coverage (including, but not limited to, automobile, home, and other liability insurance coverage, and coverage under another group health plan), and the identity of any other person or entity, and their insurers (if known), that may be obligated to provide payments or benefits for the same covered services that DentaQuest already paid.

## You must:

- 1. Cooperate fully in DentaQuest's exercise of its right to subrogation and reimbursement,
- Not do anything to prejudice those rights (such as settling a claim against another party without notifying DentaQuest, or not including DentaQuest as a co-payee of any settlement amount),
- Sign any document that DentaQuest determines is relevant to protect DentaQuest subrogation and reimbursement rights, and
- 4. Provide relevant information when requested.

The term "information" includes any documents, insurance policies, and police or other investigative reports, as well as any other facts that may reasonably be requested to help DentaQuest enforce its rights. Failure by you to cooperate with DentaQuest may result, at the discretion of DentaQuest, in a reduction of future benefit payments by this plan of an amount up to the aggregate amount paid by DentaQuest that was subject to DentaQuest's equitable lien, but for which DentaQuest was not reimbursed.

## Obtaining and Releasing Information

You agree to provide DentaQuest with any information it needs to process your claims and administer your benefits. This includes allowing DentaQuest access to your dental records.

## Dentist-Patient Relationship

You are free to choose any dentist. Each dentist maintains the dentist-patient relationship and is solely responsible to the patient for dental advice and treatment and any resulting liability.

## Loss of Eligibility During Treatment

If you lose eligibility while receiving dental treatment, only covered services received while you are covered under this plan will be payable.

## Late Claims Submission

DentaQuest will make no payment for services or supplies if a claim for such has not been received by DentaQuest within one year following the date the services or supplies were completed.

Change of Choice Dental Rider or Contract
No agent has the authority to change any
provisions in this Choice Dental Rider or the
provisions of the contract on which it is based.
No changes to this Choice Dental Rider or the
underlying contract are valid unless
DentaQuest approves them in writing.

## **Actions**

No action on a legal claim arising out of or related to this Choice Dental Rider will be brought within 60 days after notice of the legal claim has been given to DentaQuest unless prohibited by applicable state law. In addition, no action can be brought more than three years after the legal claim first arose or after expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, if longer. Any person seeking to do so will be deemed to have waived his or her right to bring suit on such legal claim. Except as set forth above, this provision does not preclude you from seeking a judicial decision or pursuing other available legal remedies.

## Governing Law

This Choice Dental Rider and the underlying group contract will be governed by and interpreted under Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

This section provides a list of dental procedures covered by Aspirus Health Plan. If a procedure is not on this list, it is not a standard covered benefit under Aspirus Health Plan. Standard benefit limitations under these programs are listed, where applicable, in the Benefit Limitations column. Some services share frequencies. Additional information on the frequency limitations can be found in Section VII of the DentaQuest Choice Dental Rider.

Code		Plan pays for DentaQuest	Plan pays for non-	Benefit Limitations
	Description	Dentist (In-Network)	participating Dentist (out-	
D0100-F	Description 00299 Diagnostic		of-network)	
D0100-L	Periodic, limited and			Two of (D0120, D0140,
D0140, D0150	comprehensive evaluation	100%	100%	D0150) every calendar year
D0210	Intraoral - complete series	100%	100%	One of (D0210 or D0330) every 5 calendar years
D0220	Intraoral- periapical first radiographic image	100%	100%	One per calendar year
D0230	Intraoral-periapical-each additional image	100%	100%	4 per calendar year
D0270, D0272, D0273, D0274	Bitewing- single, two, three or four x-rays	100%	100%	One of (D0270, D0272, D0273, D0274) every calendar year
D0330	Panoramic radiographic image	100%	100%	One of (D0210 or D0330) every 5 calendar years
D1110-D	1299 Preventive			,
D1110	Prophylaxis (Cleaning) - adult	100%	100%	Two per calendar year
D1206, D1208	Topical application of fluoride- excluding varnish	100%	100%	Two of (D1206 or D1208) per calendar year
D4910	Periodontal maintenance procedures	100%	100%	One per date of service

D2000-E	D2000-D2999 Restorative				
D2140, D2150, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394	Amalgam, composite resin and resin-based composite	70%	70%	One of (D2140, D2150, D2160, D2160, D2161, D2330, D2331, D2332, D2335, D2391, D2392, D2393, D2394), one restoration per tooth, per surface, once in 24 months per patient	
D2544	Onlay, metallic- four or more surfaces	40%	40%	One per tooth, per 60 months, per patient	
D2710, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2790, D2791, D2792	Crown - resin-based composite or porcelain ceramic and full cast	40%	40%	One of (D2710, D2740, D2750, D2751, D2752, D2753, D2790, D2791, D2792), once per tooth per 5 calendar years, per patient	
D2910	Re-cement or re-bond inlay, onlay, veneer or partial coverage restoration	40%	40%	Covered service	
D2920	Re-cement or re-bond crown	40%	40%	Covered service	
D2940	Protective restoration	70%	70%	Once per tooth per lifetime	

D3000-I	D3000-D3999 Endodontics				
D3220	Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) - removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament	70%	70%	Covered service	
D3310, D3320, D3330	Endodontic therapy (excluding final restoration)	70%	70%	Once per tooth per lifetime	
D3346, D3347, D3348	Retreatment of previous root canal therapy	70%	70%	Once per tooth per lifetime	
D3921	Decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth	70%	70%	Once per tooth per lifetime	
D3999	Unspecified endodontic procedure, by report	70%	70%	Covered Service	

D4000-	D4999 Periodontics			
D4210, D4211	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty	70%	70%	One of (D4210, D4211) once per quadrant per 36 months
D4240, D4241	Gingival flap procedure, including root planing	70%	70%	One of (D4240, D4241) once per quadrant per 36 months
D4260, D4261	Osseous surgery (including elevation of a full thickness flap and closure)	70%	70%	One of (D4260, D4261) once per quadrant per 36 months
D4263	Bone replacement graft - retained natural tooth	70%	70%	Once per 36 months
D4341, D4342	Periodontal scaling and root planing	70%	70%	One of (D4341 or D4342), once per quadrant per 36 months, per patient
D4346	Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth, after oral evaluation	70%	70%	Two per calendar year
D4355	Full mouth debridement to enable a comprehensive oral evaluation and diagnosis on a subsequent visit	70%	70%	Once every 36 months
D4381	Local delivery of antimicrobial agents	70%	70%	Covered service
D4999	Unspecified periodontal procedure, by report	70%	70%	Covered service

D5000-L	15999 Prostnoaontics (Re	emovable)		
D5110, D5130, D5211, D5213, D5221, D5223, D5225, D5227, D5863, D5864	Complete, immediate, partial and overdenture- upper arch	40%	40%	One of (D5110, D5130, D5211, D5213, D5221, D5223, D5225, D5227, D5863, D5864) once per 5 calendar years
D5120, D5140, D5212, D5214, D5222, D5224, D5226, D5228, D5865, D5866	Complete, immediate, partial and overdenture-lower arch	40%	40%	One of (D5120, D5140, D5212, D5214, D5222, D5224, D5226, D5228, D5865, D5864) once per 5 calendar years

D5282, D5283	Removal unilateral partial denture- one piece cast metal	40%	40%	Once per 5 calendar years, per arch
D5284	Removable unilateral partial denture- one-piece flexible base	40%	40%	Once per five-year period
D5286	Removable unilateral partial denture- one piece resin	40%	40%	Once per five-year period
D5410, D5411, D5421, D5422, D5511, D5512, D5520, D5611, D5612, D5621, D5622, D5630, D5640	Adjust, repair, replace- complete/partial denture, or teeth	40%	40%	Covered service, only covered after 6 months of initial placement
D5650 D5660	Add tooth or clasp to existing partial denture	40%	40%	Covered service
D5670, D5671	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework	40%	40%	Covered service
D5710, D5730, D5750	Rebase/reline complete maxillary denture	40%	40%	One of (D5710, D5730, D5750) per 24 months- after 6 months of initial placement
D5711, D5731, D5751	Rebase/reline complete mandibular denture	40%	40%	One of (D5711, D5731, D5751) per 24 months- after 6 months of initial placement
D5720, D5740, D5760	Rebase/Reline maxillary partial denture	40%	40%	One of (D5720, D5740, D5760) per 24 months- after 6 months of initial placement
D5721, D5741, D5761	Rebase/Reline mandibular partial denture	40%	40%	One of (D5721, D5741, D5761) per 24 months- after 6 months of initial placement
D5850, D5851	Tissue conditioning, maxillary and mandibular	40%	40%	One per 24 months, per arch
D5899	Unspecified removable prosthodontic procedure, by report	40%	40%	Covered service

D6000-D	D6000-D6999 Implant Services				
D6010	surgical placement of implant body; endosteal implant	40%	40%	Once per 5 calendar years, per tooth	
D6056, D6057	prefabricated or custom fabricated abutment - includes modification and placement	40%	40%	One of (D6056, D6057) per 5 calendar years, per tooth	
D6058, D6059, D6060, D6061, D6065, D6066	abutment supported crown or implant supported crown, any material	40%	40%	One of (D6058, D6059, D6060, D6061, D6065, D6066) per 5 calendar years, per tooth	
D6081*	scaling and debridement in the presence of inflammation or mucositis of a single implant, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure	40%	40%	Once per 24 months, per tooth	

D6200-D	D6200-D6999 Prosthodontics (Fixed)				
D6210, D6211, D6212, D6214 D6240, D6241, D6242, D6243, D6245	pontic	40%	40%	One of (D6210, D6211, D6212, D6214, D6240, D6241, D6242, D6243, D6245) per tooth per 5 calendar years	
D6549, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792	resin retainer and retainer crowns	40%	40%	One of (D6549, D6740, D6750, D6751, D6752, D6753, D6784, D6790, D6791, D6792) per tooth per 5 calendar years	
D6930	re-cement or re-bond fixed partial denture	40%	40%	Covered service- after 6 months since initial placement	

	07999 Oral and Maxillofaci			
D7140	extraction, erupted tooth	70%	70%	Once per tooth per
	or exposed root (elevation			lifetime
	and or forceps removal)	-		
D7210	extraction, erupted tooth	70%	70%	Once per tooth per
	requiring removal of bone			lifetime
	and/or sectioning of tooth,			
	and including elevation of			
	mucoperiosteal flap, if			
	indicated	7007	707	
D7220,	removal of impacted tooth	70%	70%	Once per tooth per
D7230,				lifetime
D7240		700	700	
D7241*	removal of impacted tooth	70%	70%	Once per tooth per lifetime
	- completely bony, with			llielime
	unusual surgical complications			
D7250	removal of residual tooth	70%	70%	Once per tooth per
D7230	roots (cutting procedure)	7078	7078	lifetime
D7310,	alveoloplasty in	70%	70%	One of (D7310 or D7311)
D7311	conjunction with	, 6,6	. 5,5	per quadrant, per
2,011	extractions - per quadrant			lifetime
D7320,	alveoloplasty not in	70%	70%	One of (D7320 or D7321)
D7321	conjunction with			per quadrant, per
_,,	extractions - per quadrant			lifetime
D7340	vestibuloplasty-ridge	70%	70%	One per arch, per
	extension (secondary			lifetime
	epithelialization)			
D7350	vestibuloplasty-ridge	70%	70%	One per arch, per
	extension			lifetime
D7953	bone placement graft for	70%	70%	One per arch, per
	ridge preservation			lifetime
	D9999 Adjunctive General			
D9110	palliative (emergency)	70%	70%	Not allowed with
	treatment of dental pain -			anything other than
	minor procedure			D0140 and x-rays
D9120	fixed partial denture	70%	70%	One per date of service
	sectioning	707	70~	
D9222	deep sedation/general	70%	70%	One per member, per
	anesthesia- first 15 minutes			date of service. Not
				allowed with (D9239,
D0333	doop sodation/gaparal	70%	70%	D9243) on the same day 3 per member per date
D9223	deep sedation/general anesthesia – each	/ 0/0	/ 0/0	of service. Not allowed
				with (D9239, D9243) on
	subsequent 15-minute increment			the same day
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D9239	intravenous moderate (conscious)	70%	70%	One per member per date of service. Not allowed with (D9222, D9223) on the same day
D9243	Intravenous moderation (conscious)- each subsequent 15-minute increment	70%	70%	3 per member, per date of service. Not allowed with (D9222, D9223) on the same day
D9310	consultation - diagnostic service provided by dentist or physician other than requesting dentist or physician	70%	70%	One per provider or location per year. Not allowed with (D0120, D0140, D0150) by same provider or location
D9410	house/extended care facility call	70%	70%	One per date of service
D9910	application of desensitizing medicament	70%	70%	2 per 12 months
D9999	unspecified adjunctive procedure, by report	70%	70%	Covered service

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