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COOK COUNTY PENSION FUND VOLUNTARY DENTAL PLAN
ALL QUALIFIED RETIREES OF THE COOK COUNTY PENSION
Group Number: 00475274

Customer Service (888) 600-1600
Monday to Friday | 8am to 8:30pm ET

Welcome to
Workplace benefits

Everyone deserves a Guardian

Every day, Guardian gives 26 million Americans the security they deserve through our insurance and wealth management products and services.

We've partnered with your organization to offer you a range of employee benefits. Inside this pack, you'll find the plans your employer thinks you might benefit from.

Your coverage options

Dental insurance	Taking care of teeth and overall health

Know your benefits

Your benefits support your physical and financial wellbeing, to help keep you and your loved ones protected.

With Guardian, you're in good hands. We've been delivering on our promises for over 150 years, and we're looking forward to doing the same for you too.

1. Read through this information.
2. Find out more about your benefits.
3. Talk to your employer if you need help or have any questions.

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This document is a summary of the major features of the insurance coverage that's been agreed to with your employer – it isn't your contract.

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Watch our video
Learn how dental insurance can protect your long-term health.

Dental insurance

Taking care of your teeth is about more than just covering cavities and cleanings. It also means accounting for more expensive dental work, and your overall health.

With dental insurance, routine preventive care can lead to better overall health. And you'll be able to save money if any extensive dental work is required.

Who is it for?

Everyone should have access to great dental coverage, which is why we offer comprehensive plans that are available through employers as part of your benefit offerings.

What does it cover?

Dental insurance helps to protect your overall oral care. That includes services like preventive cleanings, x-rays, restorative services like fillings, and other more serious forms of oral surgery if you ever need them.

Why should I consider it?

Poor oral health isn't just aesthetic, it's also been linked to conditions including diabetes, heart disease, and strokes. So, while brushing and flossing every day can help keep your teeth clean, nothing should replace regular visits to the dentist.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Staying healthy

Joe visits his dentist for a routine dental cleaning, to take care of his teeth as well as his overall health.

Oral health is about more than just teeth and gums. It's also essential for a range of other health and wellbeing reasons:

Cardiovascular disease: Some research suggests that heart disease, clogged arteries, and strokes may be linked to inflammation and infections from oral bacteria.

Osteoporosis: Weak and brittle bones may be linked to tooth loss.

Diabetes: Research shows that people with gum disease find it more difficult to control their blood sugar levels.

Alzheimer's disease: Worsening oral health is seen as Alzheimer's disease progresses.

All information contained here is from the Mayo Clinic, Oral Health: A Window to Your Overall Health, www.mayoclinic.com. 2021.

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Your dental coverage

Option 1: DHMO (IL/NW IN) plan, you enjoy negotiated discounts from our network dentists. You pay a fixed copay for each covered service. Out-of-network visits are not covered.

Option 2: PPO (Nationwide) plan, you can visit any dentist; but you pay less out-of-pocket when you choose a PPO dentist. Out-of-network benefits are based on a percentile of the prevailing fee data for the dentist's zip code.

Your Dental Plan	**Option 1: DHMO (IL/NW IN)**	**Option 2: PPO (Nationwide)**	
Your Network is	First Commonwealth	DentalGuard Preferred	
Calendar year deductible		*In-Network*	*Out-of-Network*
Individual	No Deductible	$50	$50
Family limit	No Deductible per family	3 per family	
Waived for	No Deductible	Preventive	None
Charges covered for you (co-insurance)		*In-Network*	*Out-of-Network*
Preventive Care	You pay a copay for each covered procedure. See "Plan Details", for more information	100%	80%
Basic Care		50%	50%
Major Care		50%	50%
Orthodontia		Not Covered (applies to all levels)	
Annual Maximum Benefit		$1500	
Lifetime Orthodontia Maximum	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
Office visit copay	$10	None	
Dependent Age Limits	26 ‡	26 ‡	

‡**Family coverage** for spouse and children. The limiting age for unmarried dependents is extended to age 30 if the dependent is a resident of Illinois and has received a release or discharge, other than dishonorable discharge, from military service.

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A Sample of Services Covered by Your Plan:

		Option 1: DHMO (IL/NW IN) *Plan Pays (on average)* *Network only*	Option 2: PPO (Nationwide) *Plan pays (on average)* *In-network*	*Out-of-network*
Preventive Care	Cleaning (prophylaxis)	100%	100%	80%
	Frequency:	Once every 12 months	Once Every 6 Months	
	Fluoride Treatments	100%	100%	80%
	Limits:	No Age Limits	No Age Limits	
	Oral Exams	100%	100%	80%
	Sealants (per tooth)	70%	100%	80%
Basic Care	Anesthesia*	Not Covered	50%	50%
	Fillings‡	70%	50%	50%
	Periodontal Maintenance	70%	50%	50%
	Frequency:	Once every 12 months (Standard)	Once Every 6 Months	
	Repair & Maintenance of Crowns, Bridges & Dentures	50%	50%	50%
	Root Canal	50-70%	50%	50%
	Scaling & Root Planing (per quadrant)	70%	50%	50%
	Simple Extractions	70%	50%	50%
	Surgical Extractions	50%	50%	50%
	X-rays	100%	50%	50%
Major Care	Bridges and Dentures	50%	50%	50%
	Inlays, Onlays, Veneers**	50%	50%	50%
	Perio Surgery	50%	50%	50%
	Single Crowns	50%	50%	50%
Orthodontia	Orthodontia	$750 Savings	Not Covered	
	Limits:	Adults & Child(ren)		

Managed Dental Care: A link to the complete list of dental services can be found on "Our commitment to you" page.

This is only a partial list of dental services. Your certificate of benefits will show exactly what is covered and excluded. **For PPO and or Indemnity members, Crowns, Inlays, Onlays and Labial Veneers are covered only when needed because of decay or injury or other pathology when the tooth cannot be restored with amalgam or composite filing material. When Orthodontia coverage is for "Child(ren)" only, the orthodontic appliance must be placed prior to the age limit set by your plan; If full-time status is required by your plan in order to remain insured after a certain age; then orthodontic maintenance may continue as long as full-time student status is maintained. If Orthodontia coverage is for "Adults and Child(ren)" this limitation does not apply. *General Anesthesia – restrictions apply. ‡For PPO and or Indemnity members, Fillings – restrictions may apply to composite fillings.

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Your dental coverage

Manage Your Benefits:

Go to www.Guardianlife.com to access secure information about your Guardian benefits including access to an image of your ID Card. Your on-line account will be set up within 30 days after your plan effective date.

Find A Dentist:

Visit www.Guardianlife.com
Click on "Find A Provider"; You will need to know your plan, which can be found on the first page of your dental benefit summary.

Need Assistance?

Call the Guardian Helpline (888) 600-1600, weekdays, 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM, EST. Refer to your member ID (social security number) and your plan number: 00475274

Please call the Guardian Helpline if you need to use your benefits within 30 days of plan effective date. Please note, self-serve options over the phone or online at Guardian Anytime are not available until the case is fully implemented, please wait to speak to a live agent when calling the Guardian Helpline.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Important Information about Guardian's DentalGuard Indemnity and DentalGuard Preferred Network PPO plans: This policy provides dental insurance only. Coverage is limited to those charges that are necessary to prevent, diagnose or treat dental disease, defect, or injury. Deductibles apply. The plan does not pay for: oral hygiene services (except as covered under preventive services), orthodontia (unless expressly provided for), cosmetic or experimental treatments (unless they are expressly provided for), any treatments to the extent benefits are payable by any other payor or for which no charge is made, prosthetic devices unless certain conditions are met, and services ancillary to surgical treatment. The plan limits benefits for diagnostic consultations and for preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontic, and prosthodontic services. The services, exclusions and limitations listed above do not constitute a contract and are a summary only. The Guardian plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Contract # GP-1-DG2000 et al.
- This policy provides dental coverage only. This policy provides managed care dental benefits through a network of participating general dentists and specialty care dentists. Except for limited emergency services, benefits will be provided for services provided by the primary care dentist selected by the member. The member must pay the primary care dentist a patient charge/copayment for most covered services. No benefits will be paid for treatment by a specialist unless the patient is referred by his or her primary care dentist and the referral is approved under the policy. Only those services listed in the policy's schedule of benefits are covered. Certain services are subject to frequency or other periodic limitations. Where orthodontic benefits are specifically included, the policy provides for one course of comprehensive treatment per member. Unless specifically included, the Managed Dental Care policy does not provide orthodontic benefits if comprehensive orthodontic treatment or retention is in progress as of the member's effective date under the Managed Dental Care policy. The services, exclusions and limitations listed above do not constitute a contract and are a summary only. The applicable Managed Dental Care documents are the final arbiter of coverage .See your Certificate for complete specifics of all Exclusions and Limitations. All products, unless otherwise noted, are underwritten by The Guardian Life. Insurance Company of America ("Guardian") or one of the following wholly-owned Guardian subsidiaries: Managed Dental Care (CA); First Commonwealth Insurance Company (IL); First Commonwealth Limited Health Services Corporation (IN); First Commonwealth Limited Health Services Corporation of Michigan (MI); First Commonwealth of Missouri, Inc. (MO) and Managed DentalGuard, Inc. (NJ, OH and TX). Any reference to a specific product type, including but not limited to "DHMO" or "Prepaid" is not intended to refer to a specific state license designation, but rather is merely intended to refer to a general product design. Such DHMO, or prepaid products, are licensed in the applicable jurisdiction. In addition, certain products are underwritten by Dominion Dental Services, Inc. (DC, DE, MD, PA and VA) and LIBERTY Dental Plan of Nevada, Inc. (NV) and Total Dental Administrators Health Plan, Inc. (AZ). Please see the applicable policy forms for details. In the event of conflict between this brochure and the policy forms, the policy forms shall control.
- **PPO and or Indemnity Special Limitation:** Teeth lost or missing before a covered person becomes insured by this plan. A covered person may have one or more congenitally missing teeth or have lost one or more teeth before he became insured by this plan. We won't pay for a prosthetic device which replaces such teeth unless the device also replaces one or more natural teeth lost or extracted after the covered person became insured by this plan. R3-DG2000

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Policy Form # GP-1-DG2000, et al, GP-1-DEN-16

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Our commitment to you

Please read the documentation referenced below carefully. The notices are intended to provide you important information about our insurance offerings and to protect your interests. Certain ones are required by law.

Important information

No Cost Language Services

Guardian provides language assistance in multiple languages for members who have limited English proficiency.
Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice46** to read more.

Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Guardian notice stating that it complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, or actual or perceived gender identity. The notice provides contact information for filing a nondiscrimination grievance. It also provides contact information for access to free aids and services by disabled people to assist in communications with Guardian.
Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice48** to read more.

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Guardian's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

The notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information.
Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice50** to read more.

DHMO Plan and Orthodontic Schedules, Limitations and Exclusions, Fine Print

May include one or more of the following publications, depending upon plan and state: Employee out of pocket charges based on CDT codes, brief summary of limitations and exclusions applicable to the DHMO plan and important plan rules for: emergency & alternate treatment; crown, bridges & dentures; pediatric services; second surgical opinions; noble and high noble metals; general anesthesia & IV sedation; orthodontic treatment; treatment on progress; and continuity of care.
Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice791** to read more.

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