

# FAQ: Changing Dental Plans



### Things to consider when switching

We understand the anxiety that may come with changing dental insurance plans. Will your dentist still be in-network? Will the cost of services increase? We're here to help answer some of your most important questions.

## Q Will I pay more for services if my dentist is out-of-network?

- A Not necessarily. Our plans offer competitive benefits for members who visit out-of-network dentists. You may even pay less out of pocket if your claim amounts are at or below the reimbursement amount. Here's how it works:
  - We base our reimbursement on the price of dental services in your area. Many of our plans cover the amounts charged by 9 out of 10 dentists.
  - We research dentists' charges regularly and update our plans to keep up with changes in cost.
  - Once you're enrolled in a plan, you can ask your dentist to submit a pretreatment estimate to The Standard.<sup>‡</sup> This lets you see how a claim will be processed and what you'll pay.

#### Q Am I required to use an in-network dentist?

A No. Our plans give you the freedom to receive care from any licensed dental provider. However, your out-of-pocket costs may be 25 percent to 50 percent lower when visiting an in-network dentist because of negotiated fees.

#### Q Will filing a claim be difficult?

A We try to make it easier by having in-network dental providers file claims for you. If you do need a claim form, visit standard.com and select "Find a Form."

#### Don't Forget: You Can Search In-Network Providers

Visit Standard.com and select "Find a Dentist" to see if your current provider is in our network.

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