

Preferred Dentist Program (Dental PPO) Frequently Asked Questions

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Who is a participating Preferred Dentist Program (PDP) dentist?

A participating dentist is a general dentist or specialist who has agreed to accept MetLife's negotiated fees as payment in-full for services provided to plan participants. PDP fees typically range from 15-45%* below the average fees charged in a dentist's community for the same or substantially similar services.

*Based on internal analysis by MetLife.

How do I find a participating PDP dentist?

There are more than 135,000 participating PDP dentist locations nationwide, including over 33,000 specialist locations. You can receive a list of these participating PDP dentists online at www.metlife.com/dental or call 1-888-627-5899 to have a list faxed or mailed to you.

What services are covered by my plan?

All services defined under your group dental benefits plan are covered. Please review the enclosed plan benefits to learn more.

Does the Preferred Dentist Program (PDP) offer any discounts on non-covered services?

MetLife's negotiated fees with PDP (in-network) dentists may extend to services not covered under your plan and services received after your plan maximum has been met, where permitted by applicable state law. If you receive services from a PDP dentist that are not covered under your plan or where the maximum has been met, in those states where permitted by law, you may only be responsible for the PDP (in-network) fee.

May I choose a non-participating dentist?

Yes. You are always free to select the dentist of your choice. However, if you choose a dentist who does not participate in the MetLife PDP, your out-of-pocket expenses may be more, since you will be responsible to pay for any difference between the dentist's fee and your plan's payment for the approved service. If you receive services from a participating PDP dentist, you are only responsible for the difference between the PDP in-network fee for the service provided and your plan's payment for the approved service. Please note: any plan deductibles must be met before benefits are paid.

Can my dentist apply for PDP participation?

Yes. If your current dentist does not participate in the PDP and you'd like to encourage him or her to apply, tell your dentist to visit www.metdental.com, or call 1-877-MET-DDS9 for an application. The website and phone number are designed for use by dental professionals only.

How are claims processed?

Dentists may submit your claims for you which means you have little or no paperwork. You can track your claims online and even receive e-mail alerts when a claim has been processed. If you need a claim form, visit www.metlife.com/dental or request one by calling 1-888-627-5899.

Can I find out what my out-of-pocket expenses will be before receiving a service?

Yes. MetLife recommends that you request a pre-treatment estimate for services in excess of \$300. Simply have your dentist submit a request online at www.metdental.com or call 1-877-MET-DDS9. You and your dentist will receive a benefit estimate for most procedures while you're still in the office. Actual payments may vary depending upon plan maximums, deductibles, frequency limits and other conditions at time of payment.

Can MetLife help me find a dentist outside of the U.S. if I am traveling?

Yes. Through international dental travel assistance services* you can obtain a referral to a local dentist by calling +1-312-356-5970 (collect) when outside the U.S. to receive immediate care until you can see your dentist. Coverage will be considered under your out-of-network benefits.** Please remember to hold on to all receipts to submit a dental claim.

*International Dental Travel Assistance services are administered by AXA Assistance USA, Inc. AXA Assistance is not affiliated with MetLife, and the services they provide are separate and apart from the benefits provided by MetLife.

** Refer to your dental benefits plan summary for your out-of-network dental coverage.

Like most group benefit programs, benefit programs offered by MetLife contain certain exclusions, exceptions, waiting periods, reductions, limitations and terms for keeping them in force. Ask your MetLife group representative for costs and complete details.