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Core (Value) Plan

Guardian's Value plan is also referred to as a Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC) plan. In a Value plan, the in-network fee schedule is also used as the out-ofnetwork reimbursement level. Members who have treatment performed by an out-of-network dentist will pay the difference between the fee schedule amount and the dentist's charges, which is referred to as balance billing.

Significant savings: Value Plan premium averages a 25% lower rate than a comparable PPO plan.

Savings through our strong network: Members can choose from our network of over 130,000 dentists and save an average of 37%. Our network is built for our members which is demonstrated by an in-network utilization rate of 68%.

Choice: Members can use any dentist they want but can save money by using an in-network dentist.

See how the Value plan provides quality coverage at a lower cost when a member sees a network dentist.



Value Plans offer savings for members by leveraging strong innetwork discounts. This differs from percentile-based calculation of out-of-network reimbursement by applying the deep in network discounts to control costs.

| | Guardian Value Plan | | Guardian PPO Plan (with 90th percentile |) |
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| | In-Network | Out-of-Network | In-Network | Out-of-Network |
| Dentist Charge for Covered procedure | \$1,200 | \$1,200 | \$1,200 | \$1,200 |
| Plan Allowance | \$727 Network fee schedule | \$727 Network fee schedule | \$727 Network fee schedule | \$1000 (90th percentile) |
| Coinsurance | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% |
| Plan Pays | \$364.50 | \$364.50 | \$364.50 | \$500 |
| Patient Pays | \$364.50 | \$835.50 | \$364.50 | \$700 |

^{*} Example is just for illustrative purposes. Costs change by location and dentist.