

**ALPINE II PLAN  
ORTHODONTIC BENEFITS**

**I. ORTHODONTIC BENEFITS**

Orthodontic services are provided as part of dental benefits provided by PacificDental Benefits, subject to the following provisions:

- a) There shall be a one-time surcharge of \$2250.00 for a full-banded/2 year case, (Phase II treatment only), plus an additional charge of no more than:

\$350.00 for start-up fees  
\$150.00 for one set of retainers (with retention limited to 12 consecutive months, if necessary)

Member's payment schedule as follows unless otherwise agreed upon between the member and the orthodontist:

\$750.00 at the inception of care (the placement of bands).  
\$150.00 per month for 10 months.

- b) Orthodontic treatment is available for each eligible dependent between ages 10 and 19. Orthodontic care for dependent children over the ages of 19 is not a covered benefit.
- c) Orthodontic treatment must be provided by a member of the orthodontic panel who is providing said treatment under a contract with PacificDental Benefits.
- d) Plan benefits cover 24 months of usual and customary Phase II orthodontic treatment.

**II. LOSS OF BENEFIT/RESIDUAL OBLIGATIONS**

Should a member be terminated or become ineligible for benefits, the member is subject to the following provisions:

- a) Availability of the orthodontic benefits described herein will cease upon loss of members eligibility and/or termination of the Group Subscriber Agreement for any reason. In the event benefits terminated while members and/or dependents have treatment in progress, the member may complete treatment by payment of the lesser of the following:
- 1) The number of months remaining in treatment times \$125 per month.
  - 2) less any copayments (including start-up fees) paid prior to termination of this benefit.

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- b) If a termination of benefits occurs due to a termination of the Group Subscriber Agreement, the group shall reserve the right to assign members residual obligation as described in (a) above to a successor organization.
- c) If member loses eligibility for 3 or more consecutive months they will be considered no longer eligible for orthodontic benefits, and (1) above would apply.
- d) Dependents other than spouse lose benefits on the 19th birthday (subject to 1 a & b above).

**III. ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

- a) Treatment that extends beyond 24 months will be subject to an office visit charge, which will be the members responsibility.
- b) The charge for each additional month will not exceed \$125.00 per month.

#### **IV. SERVICES NOT PROVIDED**

The following are not benefits included as part of orthodontic services provided by PacificDental Benefits.

- a) Start-up including:
  - 1. Cephalometric x-rays\*
  - 2. Tracings\*
  - 3. Study models\*
  - 4. Photos\*
- b) Lost or broken appliances.
- c) Retreatment of orthodontic cases.
- d) Treatment in progress at inception of eligibility.
- e) Changes in treatment necessitated by accident of any kind.
- f) Extraction of teeth or surgical procedures performed for orthodontic purposes.
- g) Replacement (including bridgework) or restoration (including crowns) of teeth caused solely by the orthodontic treatment.

\* Start-up fees subject to additional combined charge not to exceed \$350.00.

- h) Orthodontics for TMJ problems including assessment beyond that customarily provided in general practice.
- i) Cases involving:
  - 1. Surgical orthodontics.
  - 2. Myofunctional therapy.
  - 3. Cleft palate.
  - 4. Micrognathia.
  - 5. Macroglossia.
  - 6. Hormonal imbalances.
  - 7. Phase I orthodontic care.
  - 8. Orthodontic care prior to age ten or after the age of nineteen.
- j) Transfer of Orthodontic provider for any reason in the middle of treatment.
- k) Orthodontic cases extending beyond the 19th birthday are subject to loss of benefit residual obligation provision (refer to SECTION II LOSS OF BENEFIT/RESIDUAL OBLIGATIONS).
- l) Any treatment rendered by any non-contracted Orthodontic provider.