

NEW! IFP On-Exchange Family Dental Plans

Frequently Asked Questions

Will Blue Shield of California offer dental products on-exchange?

Blue Shield of California is very excited to provide a one-stop shop for your clients to purchase both medical and dental plans on-exchange through Covered California. Your clients will have access to one of the largest dental networks in California. Our wide network offers your clients convenience and choice when choosing a dental provider.

Blue Shield also offers a variety of off-exchange dental plans, providing your clients with the choice and flexibility to select the right dental plan that meets their needs.

When will Blue Shield of California begin offering family dental coverage for on-exchange members?

Blue Shield of California Family Dental PPO and Blue Shield of California Family Dental HMO plans will be offered through Covered California for the 2021 coverage year. Coverage will be effective on January 1, 2021. Our Family Dental Products will be available during Covered California's 2021 open enrollment beginning November 1, 2020, as well as early renewals this October.

Will there be both HMO and PPO family dental plan options?

Yes. Blue Shield of California will offer both a **Family Dental HMO** and **Family Dental PPO** option, providing extensive coverage and choice throughout California.

Which regions will offer Blue Shield of California Family Dental PPO and Family Dental HMO and what is the pricing?

Family Dental* 2021 Rates†			
Region	Region name	DHMO Adult	DPPO Adult
1‡	Rural North/Sierra		\$43.70
2‡	Napa, Sonoma, Solano, and Marin	\$25.20	\$46.10
3	Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo	\$14.60	\$48.80
4	San Francisco	\$14.60	\$43.70
5	Contra Costa	\$14.60	\$46.10
6	Alameda	\$14.60	\$46.10
7	Santa Clara	\$14.60	\$46.10
8	San Mateo	\$15.80	\$46.10
9	Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito	\$14.60	\$43.70
10	San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa, and Tulare	\$15.80	\$46.10
11	Madera, Fresno, and Kings	\$15.80	\$46.10
12‡	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura	\$21.50	\$48.80
13	Mono, Inyo, and Imperial	\$15.80	\$43.70
14	Kern	\$15.80	\$43.70
15	Los Angeles East	\$13.40	\$46.10
16	Los Angeles West	\$13.40	\$43.70
17	San Bernardino and Riverside	\$13.40	\$46.10
18	Orange County	\$13.40	\$48.80
19	San Diego	\$13.40	\$48.80

* Underwritten by Blue Shield of California

† Rates are effective January 1, 2021. Family dental adult rates begin at age 19. An on-exchange medical plan is needed to purchase Blue Shield family dental plans through Covered California. Additional plans are also available off-exchange.

‡ DHMO not offered in region 1. DHMO has partial coverage in regions 2 and 12. Please refer to the Covered California website to identify the ZIP Codes offering the partial coverage.

Are the family dental plans available for children?

Family dental plans can include coverage for children. However, the medical plans available through Covered California already include pediatric dental coverage up to age 19. Coverage can also be added for children who are aging out of the current dental plan. Please visit [2021 rates for brokers](#) to get more information on rates.

How large is Blue Shield's dental network?

We have one of the largest dental networks in California, so your clients are sure to find the dentist they want, with the choice they expect from Blue Shield.

DPPO General dentists: 12,400

DPPO Pediatric dentists: 646

DPPO Specialists: 3,019

DHMO General dentists: 3,509

DHMO Pediatric dentists: 210

DHMO Specialists: 1,072

Are there waiting periods for dental services?

- There are no waiting periods for dental checkups, cleanings, fillings, X-rays, or basic services for Family Dental PPO or HMO
- Proof of prior creditable coverage may shorten or waive waiting periods for major dental services with Family Dental PPO.
- There are no waiting periods for major dental services with Family Dental HMO.

What are some of the benefits offered?

- Cleanings and X-rays for \$0 when using network providers
- A wide range of major restorative dental services and procedures, including crowns, endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, and prosthetics
- And much more

Will orthodontia coverage be offered through the on-exchange family dental plans?

Adult orthodontia coverage is not offered. Only pediatric medically necessary orthodontia is covered.

Will dental implants be covered through the on-exchange family dental plans?

Dental implants are not included in our dental plans through Covered California.