

Welcome to Altus Dental

This flyer highlights your dental benefits and explains how your Plus plan works. At Altus Dental, we pride ourselves on providing our members with excellent customer service. We look forward to providing you and covered family members with dental insurance. When your coverage begins, we will send you an ID card and a Certificate of Coverage.

How to Contact Us

INTERNET

You can access your account information online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.altusdental.com.

INFOLINE

1.877.223.0588

InfoLine, our automated telephone information system, is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

1.877.223.0588

Our customer service representatives are available Monday – Thursday
8 am to 7 pm and
Friday 8 am to 5 pm, ET.

TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Group Number: 1266-0001

The annual maximum is: \$2750 per member per calendar year
The annual deductible is: \$50 per individual /\$150 per family
The maximum lifetime cap is: Unlimited

Pretreatment estimates are recommended for underlined procedures.

Plan pays 100%; Member Coinsurance 0%

- Two oral exams per calendar year
- Two cleanings per calendar year
- Fluoride treatment for children under age 19 twice per calendar year
- One set of bitewing x-rays per calendar year
- One complete x-ray series or panoramic film every 36 months
- Single x-rays as required
- Sealants for children under age 16, once per unrestored permanent molar every 36 months

Plan pays 80%; Member Coinsurance 20% Deductible Applies

- Palliative treatment (minor procedures necessary to relieve acute pain) twice per calendar year
- Amalgam (silver) fillings. Composite (white) fillings on all teeth.
- Simple extractions not requiring surgery
- Space maintainers for lost deciduous (baby) teeth, replacement limited to once every 60 months
- Extractions and other routine oral surgery not covered by a patient's medical plan
- General anesthesia or intravenous (I.V.) sedation for complex surgical procedures
- Root canal therapy
- Repairs to existing partial or complete dentures once per calendar year
- Recementing crowns or bridges
- Rebasement or relining of partial or complete dentures; once every 60 months
- Periodontal maintenance following active therapy – two per year
- Root planing and scaling once per quadrant every 24 months
- Osseous (bone) surgery once per quadrant every 24 months (bone grafts are not covered)
- Gingivectomies once per site every 24 months
- Soft tissue grafts once per site every 60 months
- Crown lengthening once per tooth every 60 months

Plan pays 50%; Member Coinsurance 50% Deductible Applies

- Surgical placement of endosteal implant and abutment; replacement limited to once every 60 months
- Crowns over natural teeth, build ups, posts and cores - replacement limited to once every 60 months
- Bridges, build ups, posts and cores, crowns over implants - replacement limited to once every 60 months
- Partial and complete dentures - replacement limited to once every 60 months

Orthodontics:

Plan pays 50%; Member Coinsurance 50%

- Braces and related services for dependents to age 19.
Lifetime Maximum (orthodontics only): \$1000

Dependent Coverage – Dependent children are covered up until the end of the month that they turn age 26.

Monthly Premium: Single: \$41.95	Em/Sp: \$82.67	Em/Ch: \$82.77	Family: \$123.45
COBRA Premium: Single: \$42.79	Em/Sp: \$84.32	Em/Ch: \$84.43	Family: \$125.92

***Active employees are eligible at 20 or more hours per week**

How Your Plan Works

Dental insurance helps you pay for the most common dental procedures. And, it's important to understand how your Altus Dental Plus plan works so you can get the most from your dental benefits.

How does the plan work? It's easy when you use participating network dentists.

The Altus Dental network includes many of the dentists in your area, delivering easy access to care for you and your covered family members. We are the largest Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) in the state. We also offer access to dentists nationwide through the CONNECTION Dental network. All our dentists must pass our rigorous credentialing process, so you know it's care you can count on.

Finding a Dentist

Your Current Dentist

If you already have a dentist, simply ask if he or she participates with Altus Dental. If your dentist isn't in the network yet, please let us know. We actively recruit new dentists to the network.

www.altusdental.com

Log on to our website and use our online dentist directory to find a dentist in a location that's convenient for you, or to check if your dentist participates with Altus Dental. You may search by name, location or specialty. If your card displays the CONNECTION Dental logo, this means you have access to a national network and can search for a dentist or specialist in all 50 states. Our directory will provide you with the names and addresses of all the dentists that meet your search criteria, as well as maps and driving directions.

*Thanks for choosing
Altus Dental – we look forward
to providing you and any
covered family members
with quality dental benefits.*

Maximize your coverage with a participating dentist.

In-Network Care

When you receive care from a participating dentist, your out-of-pocket expenses will be less. That's because the dentist has agreed to accept the allowance as full payment, minus your coinsurance and any applicable deductibles – which means no "balance" billing. Just show your ID card and you're done – it's that simple! Participating dentists will handle all the paperwork and inquiries directly with us. We will also pay the dentist directly.

Out-of-Network Care

You also have the freedom to receive care from dentists who do not belong to the network. If you go to a non-participating dentist, you'll be reimbursed at a usual and customary level, which most dentists accept as payment in full, after any applicable deductibles or coinsurance.

Members Online

Once you're enrolled, **Members Online** helps you manage your dental benefits with ease. Simply log on to **www.altusdental.com** to verify your specific benefit and eligibility information or to research the status of a claim. You can also create a personal Claim Activity Statement and instantly print a copy of your ID card.

Our website is also a valuable resource for maintaining good oral health – from dental health articles and wellness commercials to our custom Children's Dental Health section. Or take the Dental Health Challenge and find out if you are at an increased risk for dental disease.

*Claims and correspondence
should be sent to:*

**Altus Dental
P.O. Box 1557
Providence, RI 02901-1557**

Introducing the maximum carry over provision



Get the most out of your benefits with the Maximum Carry Over Provision

In addition to good oral health habits, regular dental check-ups are the best way to maintain healthy teeth and gums. That is why we encourage all of our members to take advantage of the preventive care services covered under their plan.

As further incentive for you to receive regular dental care, we offer an annual Maximum Carry Over Provision. This unique benefit allows you to carry over unused portions of your annual maximum to the following year, as long as you use your preventive care benefits (exams and cleanings). This allows you to save unused benefit dollars in case more expensive treatments become necessary in the future.

You can “carry over” unused balances up to a limit of \$1,500, depending on your plan’s benefits.

Please note: This feature applies to benefit programs that cover major restorative services (crowns and bridges) and offer annual benefit maximums of \$1,000 or more. Orthodontic benefits and lifetime benefit programs are excluded from this provision.

Who is Eligible?

You are eligible for Maximum Carry Over benefits if:

1. You and your dependents have been enrolled in the plan for a full calendar year.
2. You receive a preventive care benefit (e.g. exams and cleanings) during the year.
3. Your claims during the year did not exceed the annual cap set under your benefit plan. See the chart below for Claims Cap examples.

Maximum Carry Over benefits are calculated based on your plan’s annual maximum:

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C
ANNUAL MAXIMUM	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
CLAIMS CAP	\$500	\$700	\$800
ANNUAL CARRY OVER	\$250	\$350	\$400
CARRY OVER BONUS*	\$100	\$150	\$200

*A bonus is available for members who receive all services from participating Altus Dental dentists.

Members are eligible to accrue benefit dollars up to their plan’s Carry Over maximum.

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C
ANNUAL MAXIMUM	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
CARRY OVER MAXIMUM	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500

Carry Over amounts are made available to the member by March 15th of the following Plan Year.



Maximum Carry Over in Action

Jordan’s dental plan offers an annual maximum of \$1,000. Last March, Jordan received a cleaning and dental exam. Later in the year, he had a filling replaced. The cost for these procedures did not exceed his company’s \$500 Claims Cap. As a result, Jordan is eligible to carry over \$250 to the new Plan Year. Because Jordan received treatment from participating Altus Dental dentists, he is eligible for a Carry Over bonus of \$100 - bringing his Carry Over total to \$350 (\$250 + \$100).

Maximum Carry Over Terminology

Claims Cap: An annual limit on the amount of claims dollars you can spend to qualify for Carry Over benefits.

Carry Over Max: The maximum amount of dollars that a member is eligible to carry over to the following year.

Preventive Care Benefits: Routine dental exams and cleanings.

Major Restorative Services: More expensive dental treatments that include crowns and bridges.