



BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois

# BlueCare Dental Enhanced Benefit<sup>SM</sup>

## Enhanced Dental Benefits for Special Health Conditions

**Do you have heart disease or diabetes? Or are you pregnant?** If so, you should know that poor dental health can negatively affect these conditions. Evidence also shows that unmanaged diabetes can worsen existing gum disease.

**BlueCare Dental<sup>SM</sup>** offers additional dental benefits that can keep you healthier and reduce your overall health care costs by lowering the chance of more serious complications.

### What Does the Enhanced Benefit Program Provide?

If you have heart disease, diabetes or are pregnant, the Enhanced Benefit program offers an additional one of the following after your regular benefits have been used:

- Routine cleaning
- Periodontal maintenance cleaning
- Periodontal scaling and root planing

If you have both dental and medical coverage with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL), you are automatically eligible for the Enhanced Benefit.

If you're a BlueCare Dental member only, without BCBSIL medical coverage, you may still be eligible for the additional benefit. Please call the number on the back of your dental ID card and ask the representative for the Chronic Condition Verification form.

### BlueCare Dental Connection<sup>SM</sup>

The Enhanced Benefit program works with BlueCare Dental Connection, which provides:

- Member education about the link between gum disease and other health issues, such as diabetes and heart disease
- 24/7 use of the online Dental Wellness Center®, with facts and tools to help you learn about dental care\*

To access the Dental Wellness Center, log in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> at **bcbsil.com** and select the **Wellness** tab on the dashboard. Scroll to the **Dental Wellness Center** and click the button.

The Dental Wellness Center allows you to:

- Ask dental questions through **Ask a Dentist**
- Locate an in-network dentist using **Find a Dentist**
- Research dental fees in your area with the **Dental Cost Advisor**
- Search the **Dental Dictionary** for common terms
- View **Educational Videos** on dental topics

**Healthy Mouth. Healthy Body.**

\*The Dental Wellness Center is an online resource offered by Go2Dental. Go2Dental is an independent company contracted with Dental Network of America, LLC, the administrator of BCBSIL dental products.

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