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To: Plan Administrators (in Alberta)

Subject: 2010 Reimbursement Benchmark for Dental Fee Guide in Alberta

This Bulletin serves as official notification that as of February 1, 2010, reimbursement for Dental Claims in the province of Alberta will be made as outlined below. Any Policy revisions required as a result of this notice will be included with the next Amendment of your Policy.

This Bulletin will also serve as official notification regarding revisions to insured Dental Codes and Procedures under your Group Policy. Future reprints of employee booklets will contain the updated information with respect to Dental Codes and Legends, where applicable.

Please file this Bulletin with your Policy Contract.

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Once again, for the year 2010 each carrier will be determining their own reimbursement benchmark. At Empire Life, our reimbursement benchmark represents an overall average increase of 5.00% above the 2009 reimbursement benchmark. Please refer to the chart below for the average % increase by Classification.

Procedure Code	Classification	% Increase above 2009 Reimbursement Benchmark
00000-09999	Diagnostic	4.9%
10000-19999	Preventive	4.7%
20000-23999	Restorative	6.5%
24000-29999	Restorative	4.5%
30000-39999	Endodontics	3.5%
40000-49999	Periodontics	6.8%
50000-59999	Prosthodontics-Removable	7.7%
60000-69999	Prosthodontics – Fixed	5.5%
70000-79999	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	6.4 %
80000-89999	Orthodontics	1.5%
90000-99999	Adjunctive General Services	5.3%

Important notes

- If your Dental Plan currently has a **fixed year** Alberta Fee Guide, reimbursement will continue on this basis.
- If your Dental Plan currently provides reimbursement on a “current fee guide” basis, and you prefer that your Plan not provide the 2010 reimbursement benchmark amount outlined above, please contact your representative to have your Policy amended.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Unit at 1-800-267-0215, or by email at group.csu@empire.ca.