



COPPELL HERITAGE DENTISTRY

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Heritage Savings Plan Patient Contract

The Heritage Savings Plan is a membership plan meant to benefit our patients who do not have dental insurance. It is designed to provide greater access to quality dental care at an affordable price. This program is a discount plan, not a dental insurance plan, and is only accepted at Coppell Heritage Dentistry.

Membership fees:

The annual membership fee for adult patients is \$299. The annual membership fee for children is \$175. Patients who are 12 years old and younger on the date of sign up are considered children.

Membership is effective on the date of sign up. Membership fees are due in full on the date that patients are signed up for the plan. All benefits of membership will be enjoyed for exactly one calendar year. Discounts under this program shall not apply to any treatment started prior to enrollment or after membership expires. Membership dues are non-refundable, even if the member does not return for treatment during the year covered by a paid membership fee.

Preventive visits:

The Heritage Savings Plan includes all preventive procedures a patient should normally receive within one year. The following services are covered by the member's annual membership fee:

- 2 Regular Cleanings per year (also known as "Prophylaxis" or "Prophy")
- 2 Periodic Examinations per year
- 2 Oral Cancer Screenings by the doctor per year
- 2 Fluoride varnish applications per year
- 1 Full Periodontal Evaluation by a hygienist per year
- 1 Set of Bitewing and Periapical x-rays per year
- 1 Full Mouth Set of x-rays and Panoramic x-ray per 5 years

These included preventive services are designed to be split between two visits per year in accordance with the American Dental Association's suggestion that patients receive preventive services every 6 months.

Some patients are recommended to have preventive services performed more often, such as every 3 months or every 4 months. If a member of the Heritage Savings Plan receives additional preventive services they will benefit from a 25% discount on those services and payment will be expected on the date the services are received.

Payment schedule is as follows:

<u>2 prophys per year</u>	<u>3 prophys per year</u>	<u>4 prophys per year</u>
1 st prophy - \$299	1 st prophy - \$299	1 st prophy - \$299
2 nd prophy - \$0 (included)	2 nd prophy - \$78.75	2 nd prophy - \$78.75
	3 rd prophy - \$0 (included)	3 rd prophy - \$0 (included)
		4 th prophy - \$78.75

Preventive visits included in each year of membership do not "roll over". Cleanings must be completed before membership renewal date.

Dental procedures:

In addition to providing preventive services the Heritage Savings Plan gives members a discount on many other dental services. The following services will be discounted from our usual and customary fees:

- 25% off additional cleanings, x-rays, and exams
- 35% off periodontal treatment including scaling and root planing "deep cleaning"
- 20% off fillings and core build ups
- 15% off crowns, veneers, dentures and implant restorations
- 20% off retainers and night guards

Patients are expected to pay for dental procedures on the date the service is rendered.

Please note that some of our procedures are not discounted, including teeth whitening, laser services, and oral surgery.

Periodontal disease:

Periodontal disease is a chronic infection and inflammation that affects the gums and bone that support your teeth. Every new patient at Coppell Heritage Dentistry receives a full set of x-rays and a full periodontal evaluation prior to any treatment being rendered. If a patient is diagnosed with periodontal disease, we will recommend that they have periodontal therapy rather than a "regular cleaning". Therapy for periodontal disease includes scaling and root planing of the affected areas, which is sometimes known as a "deep cleaning." Dr. Pruett and her hygienists are committed to treating periodontal disease and will not perform a prophylaxis ("regular cleaning") on a patient who is not eligible. We have chosen to offer periodontal services at a 35% discount to help patients achieve optimal health in the gums and bone.

After the initial scaling and root planing is completed on patients with periodontal disease, we will recommend a 6 week re-evaluation and a periodontal maintenance (PM) schedule with a 3 or 4 month recall. The 6 week re-evaluation fee is covered by the Heritage Savings Plan membership fee. Two periodontal maintenance cleanings per year will be covered by the Heritage Savings Plan in lieu of the "regular cleanings" that are included in the Plan's preventive services. Any additional periodontal maintenance visits that are recommended will be paid for at a 35% discounted rate at the time of service.

The first year on the Plan **for patients with periodontal disease** will look like this:

1st visit - Complete exam and x-rays, and to become a member of the Plan - \$299

2nd visit - Scaling and root planing of half the mouth - 35% discount for periodontal services

3rd visit - Scaling and root planing of the other half of the mouth - 35% discount for periodontal services

4th visit - 6 week re-evaluation - \$0 (included in Plan)

5th visit - Perio Maintenance - \$0 (included in the Plan)

6th visit - Perio Maintenance - \$117.75 (35% discount for periodontal service)

7th visit, if within the first year - Perio Maintenance and periodic exam - \$0 (included in Plan)

Next visit will be time to renew the Plan. See the following section for details.

Starting the second year of membership, patients with periodontal disease will be advised to have periodontal maintenance (PM) cleanings every 3 months (4 times per year) or every 4 months (3 times per year). Two of the cleanings will be covered by the Plan, and the remaining cleaning(s) will need to be paid out of pocket at a 35% discounted rate.

The payment schedule is as follows:

2 PMs per year

1st PM - \$299

2nd PM - \$0 (included)

3 PMs per year

1st PM - \$299

2nd PM - \$117.75

3rd prophy - \$0 (included)

4 PMs per year

1st PM - \$299

2nd PM - \$117.75

3rd PM - \$0 (included)

4th PM - \$117.75

Keep in mind that every time you pay \$299 to renew your plan, you are not just paying for your periodontal maintenances. This membership fee also pays for two exams per year, annual x-rays, the other preventive services included in the membership, and discounts on most other procedures.

Periodontal health is the foundation of good oral health; therefore periodontal treatment is expected to be completed before any other treatment is rendered. A patient in pain or with a dental emergency will be considered an exception and the affected tooth may be treated prior to completion of periodontal therapy.

Program guidelines:

Heritage Savings Plan membership cannot be used in conjunction with dental insurance or any other dental plan or financing program such as CareCredit.

No refunds will be issued at any time if participant decides not to utilize dental plan.

This plan is only honored at Coppell Heritage Dentistry. It cannot be used at any other dental office, including specialists' offices where we refer patients

Rates are subject to change at any time.