

## HealthPartners Periodontal Benefit



### Great dental benefits to improve your health

Your dental health is important to us, and that's why we offer this benefit:

- Extra coverage for periodontal (gum) services, such as extra cleaning, scaling and root planing for pregnant and diabetic members.

### The advantages of healthy teeth

HealthPartners understands the link between good oral and overall health. For those who are pregnant or diabetic, studies show:

- Early treatment for pregnant women with gum disease reduced preterm births by 84 percent.
- Diabetics who have their teeth cleaned by a dentist are better able to control blood glucose levels. Controlling this helps prevent more problems.
- One study says that early gum treatment cuts diabetes medical costs by 9 percent.

This benefit also helps save money. Diabetics who get early treatment for gum disease have reduced medical costs. And patients who get appropriate gum treatment have lower medical costs than patients who do not seek treatment.

Looking out for your health



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