

## Our GGUSD Self-Insured Dental Plan Network Is Now Even Greater

GGUSD is transitioning the Self Insured Dental Plan to the Guardian dental network effective January 1, 2018.

**If you are currently enrolled in our Self-Insured Dental Plan:**

1. You will be automatically enrolled into the Guardian network – no paperwork needed
2. Expect to receive new Guardian Dental Cards in the mail at home in December

**If you are not currently enrolled and would like to enroll in our Self-Insured Dental Plan:**

1. Open Enrollment during the month of October is the time that you may change medical and/or dental plans.
2. If you are interested, you may submit an Enrollment and Change form complete with your original signature to the GGUSD Insurance Office October 1 - 31, 2017 for the January 1 – December 31, 2018 plan year.

**Why the change to Guardian?**

1. Much larger network of local quality care providers
2. Using in-network providers will help you and your family save money
3. You still have the choice to utilize out-of-network providers
4. Out-of-network providers will be paid at a higher rate on usual and customary charges than our previous network



***How does a larger Dental Network help you?***

While coverage is still available for out of network providers, there are a few advantages to using an in-network provider:

1. Guardian's Network of dental providers is highly credentialed and vetted through a rigorous review process, so you can feel confident that you are receiving quality care.
2. When you use an in-network dentist, you will pay less out of pocket since Guardian negotiates the fees you are charged for services.
3. When you use an in-network dentist, you will also get more out of your annual limit of coverage because of the lower negotiated rates.

***Are Guardian providers located in my area?***

1. Yes, we will use Guardian's "**DentalGuard Preferred**" PPO network, which is one of the largest networks in the country.
2. Guardian's network includes hundreds of thousands of providers located across the country in convenient locations near you. **Nearly 99% of GGUSD employees** will have access to at least 1 in-network dentist within 5 miles of their residence.

***How can I find a provider?***

Finding a dental provider is easy. Go to [GuardianAnytime.com](http://GuardianAnytime.com) and click on 'Find a Provider'.

