



## Dental Coverage - MAC Plan vs. U&C Plan

The Company offers two options for dental coverage – the Maximum Allowable Charge Plan (MAC Plan), and the Usual & Customary Plan (U&C plan). The premiums for both plans are identical, but the plans offer different levels of benefits – particularly where it comes to out-of-network providers.

The MAC Plan is great if your dental providers are in-network with Sun Life. Under the MAC Plan, preventive **and** basic services will be covered at 100% while other, more extensive services with in-network providers would be covered at 60%. If you choose to go to an out-of-network provider for those more extensive services, however, the MAC plan only pays 60% of the rate allowed by the network fee schedule. If your provider charges more than that fee, you will be responsible for 40% of the network rate PLUS the difference between the network rate and the rate your provider charges.

In contrast, the U&C Plan is good if your favored provider is out-of-network, or if you are unsure of their network status. Under the U&C Plan, preventative services are still covered at 100%, but basic services are covered at 80% and other, more extensive services are covered at 50%. When it comes to out-of-network providers, however, those reduced percentages are based on the usual and customer fees for the area – **not** the network rate.

For example, say you needed to have a tooth extracted, which is covered under the MAC Plan at 60% and under the U&C Plan at 50%, and that the network rate for a tooth extraction is \$1000. If your dental provider is in the network, your out-of-pocket cost under each plan would be \$400 under the MAC Plan and \$500 under the U&C Plan.

But let's say that your dental provider is not in the dental network, and that their fee for a tooth extraction matches the usual and customary rate for your area at \$1500. In this scenario, your cost under the MAC Plan would be 40% of the \$1000 network rate PLUS the \$500 difference between the network rate and your provider's rate — bringing your total cost to \$900. Under the U&C Plan, your cost would simply be 50% of the provider's rate — \$750.

The differences can be summarized in the following table:

	MAC Plan	U&C Plan
In-network	Benefits are based on a negotiated fee schedule. No additional fees to the dentist	
Out-of-network	<ul> <li>Benefits are based on the dental network fee schedule</li> <li>Any amount that is charged over the network fee schedule is the responsibility of the patient</li> </ul>	Benefits are based on usual and customary charges that dentists in your area charge for each procedure





As such, before you choose your Dental coverage, you should determine whether your Dental providers are in dental network.

## How to determine if your Dental Provider is in Network

- Go to www.sunlife.com/findadentist
- Select your plan type click circle next to PPO Plan
- Select your network choose **Sun Life Dental Network** from drop-down box
- Set Criteria
  - Search for closest dentist by zip code OR
  - Search for specific dentist by dentist or facility name
- Click Search dentists button to see results
  - You do have the option to filter results by gender, specialty, distance, etc.