



**DENTALBLUE OPEN ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**MARCH 1 – MARCH 19, 2004**  
***Now offering DentaCare HMO (formerly Dentacare 186),***  
***Preferred PPO and the Supplemental Plan***

**Who:** Unclassified faculty, academic staff and short-term academic staff appointees, nonrepresented classified employees (including LTEs covered by the retirement system), nonrepresented graduate assistants, fellows and scholars and employees in-training are eligible to enroll for single or family coverage. Employees must be eligible to enroll in the State of Wisconsin group health insurance program with either an immediate or future state share contribution, and not be collecting a Wisconsin Retirement System annuity benefit.

Effective April 1, current Dentacare 186 participants will be transferred into Dentacare HMO. **This is the same dental program but with a different name and premiums.** Current participants have the same opportunity to change dental plans during this open enrollment period and may also use this opportunity to change from single coverage to include coverage for dependents. The current participant should review these changes.

**When:** An open enrollment period will be offered from March 1 – March 19, 2004. The effective date of coverage under this enrollment opportunity will be April 1, 2004.

**What:** There are significant changes to the DentalBlue dental program. The first is the offering of three different benefit designs so you can select the one that best meets your dental needs. These new offerings are the Dentacare HMO, the Preferred PPO and a Supplemental Plan.

Premiums will now be based on single coverage, employee plus one dependent or employee plus family coverage (2 or more dependents). Finally, the state has been divided into 2 regions to more accurately reflect the cost of providing coverage regionally. These changes are discussed in more detail below.

**How:** You can print an application by accessing the website at <http://www.uwsa.edu/hr/benefits/ins/uws60.pdf> or by contacting your staff benefits office. Return the completed application to your staff benefits office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2004.

The number of dental providers participating in the Dentacare HMO and PPO has expanded. Please check the provider list prior to completing your application. The new provider list is available at <http://www.uwsa.edu/hr/benefits/ins/dentprov.pdf>.

The handbook will be mailed to all enrollees along with ID cards.

**What new coverage options are available?**

You can select the Dentacare HMO, Preferred PPO or the Supplemental Plan. The benefits vary between the options so consider the provider restrictions, office visit copayments, coverage levels and annual maximums of each option.

*There is a 3-month waiting period before basic and major services are covered for new enrollees under the Preferred-PPO or the Supplemental. If you are currently covered under Dentacare 186, now called the Dentacare HMO, no waiting period is required if you elect to change to the Preferred PPO or the Supplemental Plan during the open enrollment period as you are not a new enrollee.*



Out-of-state employees may enroll in the Preferred PPO or the Supplemental Plan. The employee must reside in the Dentacare service area to select the Dentacare HMO option.

**How can I contact Dentacare if I have questions?**

Questions about the Dentacare HMO or Supplemental Plan should be directed to 1-888-223-9575. Questions about the Preferred PPO should be directed to 1-800-307-4414.

**What if I have more questions?**

Please see Frequently Asked Questions available at:

**<http://www.uwsa.edu/hr/benefits/ins/dfa.pdf>** . If your question is not answered there, contact DentaCare or your staff benefits office.

*The dental open enrollment "Home Page" is:*  
**<http://www.uwsa.edu/hr/benefits/ins/dopenrll.htm>**