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Edificio 14, planta baja.28223 Pozuelo de Alarcn (Madrid)HOW TO COMPLETE A REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM VIA ORDINARY MAIL?It is essential for you to fill in all the personal details correctly.In the Medical Acts section, write down all the information required and dont forget to enclose the original invoices for all the items you list.It is very important for you to fill in the current account field, as this is the account into which we will pay the reimbursement. If the account number is wrong or incomplete, we will make the reimbursement payments into the main account for the policy.It is essential for you to sign the form to enable the reimbursement claim to be processed.The reimbursement payment will be made within approximately 10working days from the date on which all the documentation was received.Before submitting a reimbursement claim for a medical expense, remember to check the cover and limits of your health plan to make sure that the invoice will be eligible for reimbursement.In addition, remember that even if you have a reimbursement plan, no amounts will be reimbursed that relate to invoices generated by a medical facility and/or doctor belonging to Cignas approved medical provider network.Note:In exceptional cases and depending on the complexity of the service provided, Cigna may request additional information to facilitate the correct payment of invoices. Sorry to interruptCSS Error Home Individuals & Families Member Guide Claims and Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) Get the information you need to submit a claim, and understand your explanation of benefits. Activate your myCigna account for access to all plan details and live, 24/7 support. Activate your account nowWhy activate your account? A claim is a request to be paid, similar to a bill. If you recently went to the doctor and received care, you or your doctor will submit or file a claim. In most cases, if you received in-network care, your provider will file a claim for you. When Cigna HealthcareSM receives a claim, its checked against your plan to make sure the services are covered. Once approved, we pay the health care provider or reimburse you, depending on who submitted the claim. Any remaining charges that werent covered by your plan are billed directly to you by your provider. When we receive a claim, we check it against your plan to make sure the services are covered. In some cases, you need to have a procedure, medication, or location pre-approved by Cigna Healthcare before you receive care, otherwise the claim may be denied. This is known as prior authorization. If you purchased coverage on your own through a state or federal marketplace, the plan may require that you see providers in the plans network; the claim may be denied for out-of-network services. When a claim is approved, we either pay the health care provider directly or you do, depending on who submitted the claim. In most cases for in-network care, providers will submit claims for you and youll receive an explanation of benefits, or EOB. Your EOB is not a bill but an explanation of how your claim was paid.The provider will bill you directly for any amounts you owe to them under your plan. An EOB (Explanation of Benefits) is a claim statement that Cigna Healthcare sends to you after a health care visit or procedure to show you how your claim was paid. An EOB is not a bill. It is a document to help you understand how much each service costs, what your plan will cover, and how much you will have to pay when you receive a bill from your health care provider or hospital. Remember to save your EOBs for tax purposes and for your records. Find out more about EOBs [PDF] Download and print the appropriateclaim form(depending on the type of claim) Follow the instructions included on the form to complete it Mail your completed claim to the address shown on the form Have a supplemental plan?(Hospital Indemnity, Cancer Treatment, Lump Sum Heart Attack and Stroke, or Whole Life Insurance.)Submit an online claim Or, if you prefer to fill out a paper form,visitSuppHealthClaims.comto download a claim form. Submit completed paper supplemental claims using one of these options: In some cases, you need to have a procedure or service pre-approved by Cigna Healthcare before you receive care, otherwise the claim may be denied. Ways to avoid denied claims: Pay your monthly premium on time Present your current ID card when you receive services. Stay in-network, if required by the plan Get prior authorization, if required by the plan A retroactive denial is a claim paid by Cigna Healthcare and then later denied, requiring you to pay for the services. Denial could be due to eligibility issues, service(s) determined to be not covered by your plan, or cancellation of coverage. If your claim is retroactively denied, Cigna Healthcare will notify you in writing about your appeal rights. Learn more about appeals and grievances. For help, call customer service at . In some cases you may need to submit a claim, depending on your plan type and whether you received in-network or out-of-network care. Use the following general plan information to help decide if you need to submit a claim. In-Network For most services covered under your plan,you are not responsible for submitting a claim. Just show your ID card and (if applicable) pay your copayment at the time of service, or coinsurance after your claim is processed. It is a good idea to compare your medical bill and EOB before paying a bill to make sure that you have been charged the correct amount. Out-of-network Most HMO, Network, and EPO plans only include out-of-network coverage foremergency care. Some plans may also cover urgent care services, as defined in your plan documents. In this instance,you will usually need to submit a claimsince out-of-network providers are not required to submit a claim on your behalf. You are not responsible for submitting a claim. Just show your ID card and pay your copayment at the time of service. It is a good idea to compare your medical bill and EOB before paying a bill to make sure that you have been charged the correct amount. Out-of-network Youwillalwaysneed to submit a claim. You or your provider will need to submit a claim. Depending on the provider, you may have to pay for the cost of your health care services when you receive them, or you may be billed directly for any services provided. However, your provider will often take care of submitting a claim with Cigna Healthcare so that you will be reimbursed. If your provider does not submit a claim, you will need to submit one in order to be reimbursed. In both cases, you will be reimbursed based on the amount covered by your plan and subject to your plans deductible, copay, or coinsurance requirements. Share copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution You must give appropriate credit , provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made . 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USA nationals have the option of just local or can pay extra for USA. If you choose Worldwide including USA you can receive treatment anywhere in the world. If you choose Worldwide excluding USA, you can receive treatment anywhere except in the USA. In the USA, if prior approval is obtained, but the beneficiary decides to receive treatment at a hospital, medical practitioner or clinic which is not part of the Cigna network, we will reduce any amount which we will pay by 20%. A list of Cigna network hospitals, clinics and medical practitioners is available in your secure online Customer Area or you can contact our Customer Care Team for more information. We realise that there may be occasions when it is not reasonably possible for treatment to be provided by a Cigna network hospital, medical practitioner or clinic. In these cases, we will not apply any reduction to the payments we will make. When you need treatment, call our Customer Care Team. We can help you arrange your treatment plan, and point you in the right direction, saving you the time and hassle of looking for a hospital, clinic or medical practitioner yourself. We appreciate that there will be times when it will not be practical or possible for a beneficiary to contact us for prior approval (for example, emergencies, or when a family member is suddenly sick and the priority is to get treatment for them as soon as possible). In circumstances like these, we ask that you or the affected beneficiary get in touch with us 48 hours after treatment has been sought, so that we can confirm whether treatment is covered and arrange settlement with your provider. Log into the online Customer Area and you can search our directory of hospitals, clinics and doctors. Simply type in your zip code, specify the distance you are willing to travel and it will list the medical experts within your area. Alternatively, call our Customer Care Team. Please remember to take your Cigna ID card with you when you go for treatment and ask your hospital, medical practitioner or clinic about direct billing if this has not already been confirmed. Where possible, we will arrange to pay the hospital, clinic or doctor you wish to see directly. For Spanish domestic members visit your member area for moredetails. As a Cigna customer you have access to a wealth of information wherever you are in the world through your secure online Customer Area. Here you will be able to effectively manage your policy including: View your policy documents, including your Certificate of Insurance and Cigna ID cards for all the people covered under your plan Check the Policy Rules that apply to your policy Check your coverage for you and your family Submit claims online Search for healthcare facilities and professionals near your location Country guides highlighting security and cultural information for many destinations around the globe View our quarterly customer magazine Download the Safe Travel app (Platinum and Gold plan customers only) Where possible we will arrange to pay your hospital, clinic or doctor directly. However, if you have chosen a deductible and/or cost share, you must pay this amount yourself. If youve paid for your treatment yourself, you can send your invoice and claim form to us using any of the following methods. 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We aim to reimburse you within five working days of receiving your fully completed paperwork, and can pay you in the currency of your choice (you can choose to be reimbursed in more than 135 currencies). When you create your tailored plan, you have the option of adding deductibles. If, for example, you choose a deductible of $250, you'll need to pay the first $250 of a covered claim or covered claims in any period of cover directly to your hospital, clinic or doctor at the time of treatment. So if your treatment costs are $500, you'll need to pay $250, and we'll pay the remaining $250 of covered costs. If a deductible is chosen, you would only have to pay this once during any period of cover irrespective of the number of claims. Cost share is the percentage of every claim you will pay. Out of pocket maximum is the maximum amount you would have to pay in cost share per policy year.For example : You have a claim value of $20,000.You have a $500 deductible on your policy. You have a 20% cost share with a $2,000 out of pocket maximum. We would pay $17,500 How this is calculated: After you paid your deductible of $500, your cost share is 20% of $19,500 ($3,900). This is more than your out of pocket maximum, so you would only pay $2,000 out of pocket maximum for the cost share (and the $500 deductible you paid at the outset) and we cover the remaining $17,500. If you've sought advice or experienced symptoms before the start date of your plan - whether you have been diagnosed or not - we may decide to add special exclusions to your plan. So it's important that you complete the medical questionnaire as accurately as possible when applying. Our International Medical Insurance provides cover for core benefits, such as emergency dental cover in the event of an accident that requires you to have treatment in a hospital. If you want more cover, choose our International Vision and Dental option and enjoy access to a wide variety of preventative, routine, major and orthodontic treatments. Yes you are. Inpatient treatment is included as standard within our core International Medical Insurance. It covers you for treatment received as an inpatient when staying overnight in hospital, or when receiving treatment at hospital as a day case. International Medical Insurance covers you for selected outpatient costs such as treatment room fees, surgeon and anaesthetic costs, advanced imaging, cancer and mental health care. However, the International Outpatient module covers you more comprehensively for outpatient care and medical emergencies that may arise where a hospital admission as a daypatient or inpatient is not required. As well as this, consultations with specialists and medical practitioners, prescribed outpatient drugs and dressings, pre-natal and post-natal outpatient care, physiotherapy, osteopathy, chiropractic and much more. No it doesn't. Your Cigna ID card is purely a means of identifying you and has no payment capabilities. When you need treatment, call out Customer Care Team. We will arrange to pay your hospital, clinic or doctor directly wherever possible Cigna Global Health Options aims to resolve all complaints fairly, consistently and promptly. If you have a complaint about the products or services provided by Cigna Global Health Options please let us know in the first instance by contacting us using one of the below methods. If you're a Spanish domestic member you can find out more about your complaints process here. In Writing: Cigna Global Health Options Customer Care Team 1 Knowe Road Greenock Scotland PA15 4RJ By Telephone:+44(0)1475 788182 From the USA: 800 8357677 From Hong Kong:2297 5210 From Singapore: 800 186 5047 By Email: cignaglobal_customer.care@cigna.com European Union Online Dispute Resolution (EU ODR) If you are resident in the EU and you have purchased a Cigna Global Health Options product online, you may also be able to use the EU ODR websitehttps:/ec.europa.eu/consumers/odrto help you access the services of an out of court Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) bodies. Cigna Global Health Options has agreed to use the services of the following EU ADR bodies. Ombudsman Des Assurances (Belgium) https:/www.ombudsman.as/ Financial Ombudsman Service (United Kingdom) https:/www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/ Cigna offers various dental plans, such as Dental 1000, 1500, and 3000/100, with premiums starting at just $33 a month.Cignas Dental Preventive plan is more budget-friendly if youre looking for something more basic. It costs $19 monthly and covers routine check-ups like cleanings and standard X-rays for free. Cigna also has bundled options that mix dental coverage with vision or both vision and hearing, with average monthly premiums beginning at $30. Just keep in mind that some Cigna plans might not cover dental procedures like implants, and there are waiting periods of 6-12 months for basic and major services.In this article, well cover:Cignas dental plan offeringsPlan bundling optionsPros and consA better alternative (Ameritas)Were here to help you make an informed choice about dental insurance, so lets first check out some highlights of Cigna. Cigna Dental: Plans Offered Lets break down Cignas various dental plans, including their coverage and premium details. $1,000 annual maximum$50 individual deductible ($150 for families) for basic and major care100% coverage for preventive care services like routine check-ups, cleanings, and x-rays every six monthsAverage premium is $33/monthThe Cigna Dental 1000 is designed for those seekingbasic coverage.Its average monthly premium is$33, and it includesfree routine check-ups. It also includes a deductible of $50 for individuals and $150 for families on restorative services and offers up to $1,000 in coverage for treatments such as fillings and crowns.No referrals are required, and members can access Cignas nationwide network. Plus, you get 24/7 customer service and theBrighter Scoretool to help pick dentists.The 1000 plan offers 80% coverage for basic services after a six-month waiting period and 50% coverage for major services following a 12-month waiting period.However, dental implants are not covered; dentures are only covered at 50%. Orthodontic services and teeth whitening are also excluded from this plan. Higher annual maximum of $1,500Includes orthodontia, making it suitable for families with children or individuals needing more extensive dental work$50 individual deductible and a $150 family deductible for basic and major careAverage premium is $39/monthThe Cigna Dental 1500 plan offers comprehensive coverage that is ideal for families. Its average monthly premium is $39; routine check-ups (including cleanings and x-rays) are free. The plan provides a $1,500 annual benefit applicable to both minor and major dental procedures, such as fillings, crowns, and root canals, along with a $1,000 lifetime maximum for orthodontic services. Like the Dental 1000, the 1500 plan offers no referral requirements, access to a nationwide network, 24/7 customer support, and useful online tools. Highest annual maximum of $3,000$100 deductible100% coverage for preventative careAverage premium is $32/monthThe Cigna Dental 3000/100 plan is a solid option for those seeking a high annual maximum paired with a low monthly premium. It offers 100% coverage for preventive care and provides up to $3,000 in benefits that can be used for both minor and major dental procedures, such as fillings, crowns, and root canals.Basic services are covered at 50% after a six-month waiting period, while major services receive 50% coverage after a 12-month waiting period. Although implants are not included, dentures are covered at 50% following the waiting period. Note that orthodontia and teeth whitening are not included in this plan.Similar to the other plans weve reviewed, the Dental 3000/100 requires no referrals, gives access to a nationwide network, and offers 24/7 customer support and helpful online tools. Cignas Dental Preventive plan provides budget-friendly coverage with monthly premiums starting at $19. This plan features $0 routine dental check-ups, including cleanings and routine X-rays. There are no deductibles or maximums. Cigna Bundled Plans: Dental + Vision + Hearing Cignas bundled insurance plans combine dental, vision, and hearing coverage into one convenient package. This comprehensive coverage includes preventive dental care, basic and major dental services, eye exams with glasses/contacts allowances, hearing exams with hearing aid discounts, low-cost copays for preventive care, and some plans with no waiting periods.Bundled plans offer simplified billing, one premium for multiple coverages, and potential savings. They are ideal for seniors, families, or those seeking all-in-one insurance solutions.Pricing varies based on location, coverage level, and age, but heres a general idea of what you might expect: Bundle TypeTypical Monthly Cost Dental + Vision$30 $50 Dental + Vision + Hearing$40 $70+Note: Prices may be lower for basic plans (preventive care only) or higher for comprehensive plans (including major dental work or higher eyewear allowances).Cignas bundled plans are available in many states and can be purchased directly or through certain Medicare Advantage or employer-sponsored programs. Bundled plans can often save you 1025% compared to purchasing dental, vision, and hearing coverage separately. Plus, managing one plan is just easier. Cigna Dental: Pros and Cons After looking at Cignas dental insurance options, lets go over what we think are the biggest pros and cons.Pros of Cigna Dental Insurance ProsDetails Stable providerMore than 18 million dental insurance members. Wide networkAccess to a large number of in-network dentists across the U.S, and sells plans in all 50 states. Affordable optionsLower premiums than other leading competitors such as Ameritas or Delta Dental. Orthodontic coverage optionsSome plans (especially employer or family-focused) include braces or aligners. Online toolsEasy claims tracking, provider search, and plan management through the myCigna portal and app. Cons of Cigna Dental Insurance ConsDetails Waiting periods for major servicesSome plans require a waiting period (e.g. 612 months for crowns, root canals). Annual maximum limitsMost plans cap coverage at $1,000$1,500 per yearout-of-pocket costs can add up for major dental work. Not accepted by all dentistsWhile the network is large, not every provider accepts Cigna. Limited coverage for cosmetic workTeeth whitening, veneers, and implants are usually not covered. Plan variety can be confusingMultiple options and tiers may make it hard to pick the best one without guidance. Bottom Line: Cigna dental plans can be a solid choice if youre looking for good preventive benefits and bundling options. Before signing up, be sure to review waiting periods, coverage limits, and your dentists network status. An Alternative to Cigna Dental: Ameritas If youre tired of the restrictions that come with traditional providers like Cigna, Ameritas offers a better option with more freedom and less red tape.While Cigna is a well-known name, Ameritas offers flexible, competitively priced plans with standout features like next-day coverage, no enrollment fees, and higher annual maximums.Throughout the following sections, Ill highlight why Ameritas stands out as the best choicefor many people. Ameritas dental plans start at just $25 a month. Plus, coverage for basic and major procedures gets better after the first year. Theyve got family plans, too, including orthodontic care for kids. Their premium plan costs a bit more but comes with a $3,000 annual max and great coverage for preventive, basic, and major services. Immediate Coverage and No Enrollment Fees Many plans offer next-day coverage with no hidden fees.Lifetime Coverage Flexibility Keep your policy through job changes, moves, or retirement. Cancel anytime.Vision Coverage Bundling Option to add VSP or EyeMed vision coverage in most states.Expansive Provider Network Large PPO network with strong out-of-network reimbursement options.Exceptional Customer Support U.S.-based support centers with knowledgeable, non-outsourced reps.Dental Care Estimator Tool -Helps you estimate out-of-pocket costs before appointments for better budgeting. Premiums May Be Slightly Higher Higher monthly cost than some budget insurersbut with better coverage and value.Orthodontic Coverage Not Always Included Not all plans cover braces or Invisalign; check plan details carefully.Higher Out-of-Network Costs Possible While out-of-network is allowed, it may cost more if your provider isnt in the network. Ameritas: Dental Plans Offered Lets look at Ameritass dental plans and review the details of what each plan covers.#1. PrimeStar Lite PlanPrimeStar Lite is the most affordable option, perfect if you want the basics. It covers 100% of preventive care, such as cleanings, exams, and x-rays, and 50% of basic services, such as fillings and simple extractions.Monthly premiums are typically in the $20$30 range.Coverage includes:Annual Maximum: Up to $1,500/year after the first yearDeductible: $50 (per benefit year)Preventive Services: 100% in-network, 70% out-of-networkBasic Services: Starts at 50% in-network, increasing to 80% after year oneMajor Services: Starts at 10% in-network, increasing to 20% after year one#2. PrimeStar Boost PlanThis plan has better coverage and no waiting periods for preventive or basic services. It covers 80% of basic procedures and starts covering major services like crowns and oral surgery after 12 monthsusually at 2550%. Its a solid mix of affordability and value, with monthly premiums running around $48.Coverage includes:Annual Maximum: Up to $2,000/year after the first yearDeductible: $50 (per benefit year)Preventive Services: 100% in-network, 80% out-of-networkBasic Services: Starts at 65% in-network, increasing to 80% after year oneMajor Services: Starts at 20% in-network, increasing to 50% after year oneChild Orthodontia: 50% coverage#3. PrimeStar CompletePrimeStar Complete is the most comprehensive plan. It includes 100% coverage for preventive care, 80% for basic, and 50% for major services (after a 12-month wait).It even offers child orthodontic coverage in some states, which neither of the other plans does.This plan is ideal for families or anyone who expects to need more than routine care. Monthly premiums typically start at $57.Coverage includes:Annual Maximum: Up to $3,000/year after the first yearDeductible: $50 (per benefit year)Preventive Services: 100% in-network, 90% out-of-networkBasic Services: Starts at 80% in-network, increasing to 90% after year oneMajor Services: Starts at 20% in-network, increasing to 50% after year oneHearing Benefits: Coverage for exams and aidsBundling OptionsAmeritas Dental offers bundling options (like Cigna) with vision and sometimes hearing coverage, depending on the state and plan. Vision bundling, available in most states, includes benefits like eye exams, glasses, and discounts on LASIK through VSP or EyeMed.Heres a general breakdown of estimated monthly costs for bundling vision and hearing with an Ameritas dental plan:Dental + Vision ($35$45)Dental + Hearing ($45$60)Dental + Vision + Hearing ($50$65, offering the best value with comprehensive coverage through PrimeStar Complete)Note: Actual premiumsvary by state, age, and zip code, but family plans often include discounts. Ameritas offers no enrollment fees and many plans with next-day coverage. Cigna vs. Ameritas: A Detailed Comparison Lets compare Ameritas Dental and Cigna across key categorieslike:Coverage optionsProvider networkPremiumsCustomer experienceCoverage OptionsAmeritas Dental has great PPO plans with no waiting periods on many services, high annual maximums (over $2,500), and extras like LASIK discounts and vision bundling.Cigna Dental provides PPO and DHMO plans but may have waiting periods, lower annual maximums, and less flexibility with vision bundling.Ameritas wins in this category with more generous coverage, fewer restrictions, and better discounts.Provider NetworksAmeritas Dental offers extensive nationwide access with over 500,000 providers, competitive rates, and the flexibility to see any dentist, even out-of-network. Cigna Dental has a large network (90,000+ dentists) but limited flexibility, as DHMO plans dont cover out-of-network visits.Ameritas wins again with more provider flexibility, a larger network, and better out-of-network options.Cost and ValueAmeritas Dental offers affordable premiums, no waiting periods, high annual maximums, and strong value, including discounts on cosmetic procedures. Cigna Dental provides competitive pricing on DHMO plans and some low-cost PPOs but may have waiting periods, lower annual maximums, and less value at higher tiers compared to Ameritas.Dollar-for-dollar, you get more with Ameritasespecially if you plan to use your dental benefits.Customer ExperienceAmeritas Dental is praised for its excellent customer service, fast reimbursements, and user-friendly portal, which has high ratings from review sites. Cigna Dental offers good digital tools but faces mixed reviews due to billing and pre-approval issues, with slower, less personalized service.Choose Ameritas if you want easier claims processing, more responsive support, and a smoother overall experience.Our Thoughts: Why Ameritas Is Way BetterAmeritas consistently outperforms Cigna Dental in:Plan flexibility fewer restrictions, no waiting periods.Network access huge provider list and out-of-network benefits.Higher annual maximums more benefits when you actually need care.Customer satisfaction responsive, smooth experience.Extra perks LASIK discounts, cosmetic procedure support, and vision bundles.Ameritas Dental is ideal for individuals and families who want real value, fewer headaches, and access to quality care without limits. Cigna can work in some scenarios, but it often feels like youre trading freedom for the priceand even then, youre not saving much. Cigna dental insurance is a decent option for folks looking for a basic preventive care plan without out-of-pocket expenses. Just remember that Cignas plans might not cover certain procedures, like implants, and there will be 6-12 month waiting periods for basic and major services. If long waiting periods are a dealbreaker and youre willing to pay a bit more for your premium, consider alternative dental providers like Ameritas or Humana.Ameritas is a popular pick with over 11 million members and a huge network of dentists. One of the biggest perks is their no-waiting-period policy. With Ameritas, you can start using preventive, basic, and major services right away as soon as you enroll.If you need help comparing dental plans, please dont hesitate to contact us. We are here to help!Sources: Cigna Dental | Ameritas Dental | Delta Dental | Humana Dental FAQs How much is a root canal without dental insurance? The cost of a root canal without insurance varies by tooth type, location, and dentist fees. On average, it ranges from $600$1,100 for front teeth, $700$1,300 for premolars, and $1,000$1,800 for molars. Additional costs include dental crowns ($800$2,000) and exams, X-rays, or anesthesia ($100$300). Does Original Medicare cover dental? Original Medicare (Parts A and B) doesnt cover routine dental care like cleanings, fillings, dentures, or implants. It only covers dental services deemed medically necessary for another procedure, such as tooth extractions before jaw cancer treatment or dental exams before a kidney transplant. However, coverage is typically limited to the medical aspect and excludes follow-up or maintenance dental work. Is Delta Dental better than Cigna dental? Choosing between Delta Dental and Cigna Dental really comes down to your needs. Delta Dental has a bigger network, so its great if you want more options for dentists. Cigna, on the other hand, is known for being more affordable. Both cover preventive, basic, and major procedures, but its always a good idea to check the details of each plan. Does Ameritas dental have a deductible? Ameritas Dental plans typically include a deductible, which varies by plan. Preventive services like cleanings and exams often waive the deductible, while basic and major services (e.g., fillings, crowns) usually require one. Typical deductibles are around $50 per person annually, with some plans offering family caps at $150 per year. How long does Cigna take to approve dental claims? Cigna processes dental claims in 515 business days, even faster if submitted electronically with complete info and pre-approvals for major procedures. You can track claims via the myCigna portal, confirm with your dentist, and request pre-treatment estimates for big treatments. How can financial brands set themselves apart through visual storytelling? 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"CUSIP" is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association.Yield data is for informational purposes only.Prevention of disease and promotion of well-beingFor other uses, see Health care (disambiguation).Global concentrations of health care resources, as depicted by the number of physicians per 10,000 individuals, by country. Data is sourced from a WHO indicator and is from 2017-2023Graphic of hospital beds per 1,000 people globally in 2013, at top;[1] NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, a hub for health care and life sciences,[2] is one of the world's busiest hospitals, below. Pictured is its Weill Cornell facility (white complex at the center).Health care, or healthcare, is the improvement or maintenance of health via the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, amelioration or cure of disease, illness, injury, and other physical and mental impairments in people. Health care is delivered by health professionals and allied health fields. Medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, midwifery, nursing, optometry, audiology, psychology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, and other health professions all constitute health care. The term includes work done in providing primary care, secondary care, tertiary care, and public health.Access to health care may vary across countries, communities, and individuals, influenced by social and economic conditions and health policies. Providing health care services means "the timely use of personal health services to achieve the best possible health outcomes".[3] Factors to consider in terms of health care access include financial limitations (such as insurance coverage), geographical and logistical barriers (such as additional transportation costs and the ability to take paid time off work to use such services), sociocultural expectations, and personal limitations (lack of ability to communicate with health care providers, poor health literacy, low income).[4] Limitations to health care services affect negatively the use of medical services, the efficacy of treatments, and overall outcome (well-being, mortality rates).Health systems are the organizations established to meet the health needs of targeted populations. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), a well-functioning health care system requires a financing mechanism, a well-trained and adequately paid workforce, reliable information on which to base decisions and policies, and well-maintained health facilities to deliver quality medicines and technologies.An efficient health care system can contribute to a significant part of a country's economy, development, and industrialization. Health care is an important determinant in promoting the general physical and mental health and well-being of people around the world.[5] An example of this was the worldwide eradication of smallpox in 1980, declared by the WHO, as the first disease in human history to be eliminated by deliberate health care interventions.[6]See also: Health professionalsPrimary care may be provided in community health centers.The delivery of modern health care depends on groups of trained professionals and paraprofessionals coming together as interdisciplinary teams.[7] This includes professionals in medicine, psychology, physiotherapy, nursing, dentistry, midwifery and allied health, along with many others such as public health practitioners, community health workers and assistive personnel. These professionals systematically provide personal and population-based preventive, curative and rehabilitative care services.[citation needed]While the definitions of the various types of health care vary based on the different cultural, political, organizational, and disciplinary perspectives, there is general consensus that primary care constitutes the first element of a continuous health care process and may also include the provision of secondary and tertiary levels of care.[8] Health care can be defined as either public or private.[citation needed]The emergency room is often a frontline venue for the delivery of primary medical care.Main article: Primary careSee also: Primary health care, Ambulatory care, and Urgent careHospital train "Therapist Matvei Mudrov" in Khabarovsk, Russia[9]Primary care refers to the work of health professionals who act as a first point of consultation for all patients within the health care system. The primary care model supports first-contact, accessible, continuous, comprehensive and coordinated person-focused care.[10] Such a professional would usually be a primary care physician, such as a general practitioner or family physician. Another professional would be a licensed independent practitioner such as a physiotherapist, or a non-physician primary care provider such as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner. Depending on the locality and health system organization, the patient may see another health care professional first, such as a pharmacist or nurse. Depending on the nature of the health condition, patients may be referred for secondary or tertiary care.[citation needed]Primary care is often used as the term for the health care services that play a role in the local community. It can be provided in different settings, such as Urgent care centers that provide same-day appointments or services on a walk-in basis.[citation needed]Primary care involves the widest scope of health care, including all ages of patients, patients of all socioeconomic and geographic origins, patients seeking to maintain optimal health, and patients with all types of acute and chronic physical, mental and social health issues, including multiple chronic diseases. Consequently, a primary care practitioner must possess a wide breadth of knowledge in many areas. Continuity is a key characteristic of primary care, as patients usually prefer to consult the same practitioner for routine check-ups and preventive care, health education, and every time they require an initial consultation about a new health problem. The International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC) is a standardized tool for understanding and analyzing information on interventions in primary care based on the reason for the patient's visit.[11]Common chronic illnesses usually treated in primary care may include, for example, hypertension, diabetes, asthma, COPD, depression and anxiety, back pain, arthritis or thyroid dysfunction. Primary care also includes many basic maternal and child health care services, such as family planning services and vaccinations. In the United States, the 2013 National Health Interview Survey found that skin disorders (42.7%), osteoarthritis and joint disorders (33.6%), back problems (23.9%), disorders of lipid metabolism (22.4%), and upper respiratory tract disease (22.1%, excluding asthma) were the most common reasons for accessing a physician.[12]In the United States, primary care physicians have begun to deliver primary care outside of the managed care (insurance-billing) system through direct primary care which is a subset of the more familiar concierge medicine. Physicians in this model bill patients directly for services, either on a pre-paid monthly, quarterly, or annual basis, or bill for each service in the office. Examples of direct primary care practices include Foundation Health in Colorado and Qliance in Washington.[citation needed]In the context of global population aging, with increasing numbers of older adults at greater risk of chronic non-communicable diseases, rapidly increasing demand for primary care services is expected in both developed and developing countries.[13][14] The World Health Organization attributes the provision of essential primary care as an integral component of an inclusive primary health care strategy.[8]Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, the primary teaching hospital of the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine and the largest hospital in the United States with 1,547 beds[15]Secondary care includes acute care: necessary treatment for a short period of time for a brief but serious illness, injury, or other health condition. This care is often found in a hospital emergency department. Secondary care also includes skilled attendance during childbirth, intensive care, and medical imaging services.[16]The term "secondary care" is sometimes used synonymously with "hospital care". However, many secondary care providers, such as psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, most dental specialties or physiotherapists, do not necessarily work in hospitals. Some primary care services are delivered within hospitals. Depending on the organization and policies of the national health system, patients may be required to see a primary care provider for a referral before they can access secondary care.[17][18]In countries that operate under a mixed market health care system, some physicians limit their practice to secondary care by requiring patients to see a primary care provider first. This restriction may be imposed under the terms of the payment agreements in private or group health insurance plans. In other cases, medical specialists may see patients without a referral, and patients may decide whether self-referral is preferred.[citation needed]In other countries patient self-referral to a medical specialist for secondary care is rare as prior referral from another physician (either a primary care physician or another specialist) is considered necessary, regardless of whether the funding is from private insurance schemes or national health insurance.[citation needed]Allied health professionals, such as physical therapists, respiratory therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and dietitians, also generally work in secondary care, accessed through either patient self-referral or through physician referral.[citation needed]National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London, United Kingdom is a specialist neurological hospital.Tertiary care is specialized consultative health care, usually for inpatients and on referral from a primary or secondary health professional, in a facility that has personnel and facilities for advanced medical investigation and treatment, such as a tertiary referral hospital.[19]Examples of tertiary care services are cancer management, neurosurgery, cardiac surgery, plastic surgery, treatment for severe burns, advanced neonatology services, palliative, and other complex medical and surgical interventions.[20]The term quaternary care is sometimes used as an extension of tertiary care in reference to advanced levels of medicine which are highly specialized and not widely accessed. Experimental medicine and some types of uncommon diagnostic or surgical procedures are considered quaternary care. These services are usually only offered in a limited number of regional or national health care centers.[20][21]See also: Public healthMany types of health care interventions are delivered outside of health facilities. They include many interventions of public health interest, such as food safety surveillance, distribution of condoms and needle-exchange programs for the prevention of transmissible diseases.[citation needed]They also include the services of professionals in residential and community settings in support of self-care, home care, long-term care, assisted living, treatment for substance use disorders among other types of health and social care services.[citation needed]Community rehabilitation services can assist with mobility and independence after the loss of limbs or loss of function. This can include prostheses, orthotics, or wheelchairs.[citation needed]Many countries are dealing with aging populations, so one of the priorities of the health care system is to help seniors live full, independent lives in the comfort of their own homes. There is an entire section of health care geared to providing seniors with help in day-to-day activities at home such as transportation to and from doctor's appointments along with many other activities that are essential for their health and well-being. Although they provide home care for older adults in cooperation, family members and care workers may harbor diverging attitudes and values towards their joint efforts. This state of affairs presents a challenge for the design of ICT (information and communication technology) for home care.[22]Because statistics show that over 80 million Americans have taken time off of their primary employment to care for a loved one,[23] many countries have begun offering programs such as the Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Program to allow family members to take care of their loved ones without giving up their entire income.[citation needed]With obesity in children rapidly becoming a major concern, health services often set up programs in schools aimed at educating children about nutritional eating habits, making physical education a requirement and teaching young adolescents to have a positive self-image.[24]Main article: Health care ratingsHealth care ratings are ratings or evaluations of health care used to evaluate the process of care and health care structures and/or outcomes of health care services. This information is translated into report cards that are generated by quality organizations, nonprofit, consumer groups and media. This evaluation of quality is based on measures of:[citation needed]health plan qualityhospital qualityof patient experiencephysician qualityquality for other health professionalsMain article: Health equityAccess to health care may vary across countries, communities, and individuals, influ

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