In addition to the benefits, limitations and exclusions listed below, the General Limitations and Exclusions found in Article 3 of this CONTRACT apply to this plan.

A. Orthodontic Benefits, Limitations & Exclusions

1) Orthodontics. Procedures using appliances to treat poor alignment of teeth and/or jaws. Such poor alignment must significantly interfere with function to be a benefit.
   a) Orthodontic benefits are limited to members shown on the Declaration Page. DDTN shall make regular payments for orthodontic benefits.
   b) If orthodontic treatment began prior to enrolling in this plan, DDTN will begin benefits with the first payment due the dentist after the subscriber or covered dependent becomes eligible.
   c) Benefits end with the next payment due the dentist after loss of eligibility or immediately if treatment stops.
   d) Benefits are not paid to repair or replace any orthodontic appliance received.
   e) Orthodontic benefits do not pay for extractions or other surgical procedures. However, these additional services may be covered under other benefits of this plan.
   f) The initial payment (initial banding fee) made by DDTN for comprehensive treatment will be 33% of the total fee for treatment subject to your copayment percentage and lifetime maximum.
   g) Subsequent payments will be issued on a regular basis for continuing active orthodontic treatment. Payments will begin in the month following the appliance placement date and are subject to your copayment percentage and lifetime maximum.