

## Dental Services

### ***About PrimeWest Health***

PrimeWest Health is a non-profit Medicaid managed health plan originally created by 10 counties in western Minnesota—Big Stone, Douglas, Grant, McLeod, Meeker, Pipestone, Pope, Renville, Stevens, and Traverse. In March 2008, Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard counties joined PrimeWest Health.

The creative venture that is PrimeWest Health is termed County-Based Purchasing and is allowed by Minnesota legislation enacted in 1997. Our original 10 member counties created PrimeWest Health to respond to the specific needs of low-income, rural dwelling people who wished to improve the health of local communities by integrating publicly funded health and social services with private health care services to create a quality health system uniquely crafted to meet local health care needs. PrimeWest Health began providing services to members in July 2003.

Through PrimeWest Health, our members are assured quality health care from the providers of their choice. PrimeWest Health works closely with the providers in our network and the county partners in our area. Our goal is to provide you with resources and information to help you provide the care your patients need.

### ***Eligible Dental Providers***

All dental providers practicing within the scope of practice for their licensure are eligible to provide services to PrimeWest Health members as long as they are willing to accept PrimeWest Health reimbursement as “payment in full” and agree not to balance bill the member.

### ***Reimbursement***

PrimeWest Health reimburses any eligible dental providers who are willing to accept our reimbursement rates. PrimeWest Health reimburses contracted dental providers the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) fee schedule plus 40 percent.

Dental providers who participate in the Minnesota Critical Access Dental Provider Program and contract with PrimeWest Health receive the Critical Access add-on payments in addition to the PrimeWest Health reimbursement described above.

Reimbursement for non-contracted dental providers follows the DHS fee-for-service fee schedule.

### ***Requesting a Contract***

If you are interested in becoming a PrimeWest Health provider, please complete the [Participation Request form](#).