

Service contract

Between **La Société de Services Dentaires (A.C.D.Q.) Inc.**
(hereinafter called "the SSD")

And **The undersigned dentist**
(hereinafter called "the dentist")

Whereas the SSD intends to facilitate access to dental care by setting up an insurance concept under which insured patients would not have to pay the dentist for the insured portion of the dental care they receive.

Whereas the dentist wishes to take part in the implementation of this concept:

The parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1) The SSD shall give the dentist rules of procedure so as to determine if the required dental care qualifies as an Insured care.
- 2) The dentist agrees to follow this procedure and not to demand from the insured patient payment for the insured portion of the dental care.
- 3) In particular, the dentist hereby agrees as follows:
 - a) He shall send the claim for the insured portion of the dental care to the SSD within the fixed time as prescribed by the regulations of the SSD.
 - b) He shall accept the payment by the SSD as final, unless there is a possibility of having it reexamined by the competent committee provided for in the SSD's regulations.
 - c) The dentist recognizes that the SSD has the right to refer the claims he submitted, whether or not paid, to a peers' committee provided for in the SSD's regulations.
 - d) The dentist agrees to abide by the regulations made by the SSD and recognizes that the failure to abide by those regulations or by this contract justifies the annulment of this contract by the SSD's Board of Directors, without reimbursement of the service fees paid to the date of said failure, and subject to an examination by the committee provided for in subparagraph c) of this paragraph.
- 4) The SSD agrees to pay for each claim within thirty days of its receipt, except in a case of absolute necessity or when a claim is regarded as contestable.
- 5) The dentist agrees to pay the following service fees:
 - 1 a) For new graduates, an amount of \$800 payable by means of consecutive deductions, equivalent to 3% of the fees paid to them by the SSD. Under this contract, a dentist remains a "new graduate" until the first day of July of the year following that of his graduation.
 - b) For other dentists, a total amount of \$1,000.
 - 2 Variable fees withheld by the SSD, equivalent to a percentage of the claims, which percentage will be determined by the SSD's Board of Directors and will not exceed 2%.
The dentist agrees not to add to his fee revenues the amount withheld as variable fees by the SSD.
- 6) This contract shall remain in effect for a period of four years from the date of its signature by the contracting dentist, and it shall be renewed thereafter for consecutive periods of three years, unless the dentist notifies the SSD in writing that he wishes to terminate this contract at least eighteen months before its expiry.
- 7) After the first four years of this contract, no fee other than the variable fees provided for in paragraph 5) 2 can be demanded from the dentist, unless a decision to that effect is taken by the SSD's Board of Directors, and such decision is approved by the majority of dentists who have agreed to this service contract.
- 8) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SSD may, at any time, terminate all service contracts entered into with the dentists, and in such event remit to them the unused portion of the service fees, as determined by the SSD's Board of Directors.

This text is a translation. For the sake of consistency, one must refer exclusively to the French text for any problem of interpretation.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 200 _____

First name _____ Name _____ d.d.s./d.m.d.
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License number _____

SSD's signing Officer

Dentist's signature
