



Helping Everyone Afford High-Quality, Hassle-Free Dental Care

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Company background

[PayDent](#) was founded in late 2019 by [Kevin Patterson](#), a Chicago-area dentist with three decades of practice experience, and [Steve Valentor](#), a successful serial entrepreneur and technology innovator.

Patterson grew up in small town in northern Pennsylvania, where his dad was a blue-collar worker at a coal mine. Living there, Patterson learned to appreciate the challenges working-class families faced.

Throughout his career, Patterson has cared for thousands of patients, honoring his roots by practicing mostly in working-class neighborhoods. By 2019, he had become frustrated by what he felt was unfair treatment of his patients by dental insurance companies. Dental insurance just didn't make sense for many consumers anymore, even for those who could afford it.

He envisioned a new model — one that would make high-quality dental care attainable, affordable and hassle free for everyone, especially working-class consumers. In addition, knowing the challenges of running a dental practice, he wanted the new model to make life easier for dental care providers by eliminating paperwork, doing away with rejected insurance claims and service limitations, and ensuring practices would be paid — and paid fairly — for their work.

Together, Patterson and Valentor shaped that vision into PayDent.

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