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Delta Dental Individual & Family

Delta Dental PPO™ Basic Plan for Families

Combined Policy and Disclosure Form

Provided by:

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Policy

You must make an election on the Exchange for any eligible person You wish to cover under this Policy. If an election is not made on the Exchange for an individual or dependent, such person will not be eligible under this Policy.

Your dental plan is underwritten and administered by Delta Dental Insurance Company ("Delta Dental"). We will pay Benefits for covered dental services as set forth in this Policy. This Policy is issued in exchange for payment of the first installment of Premium and on the basis of the statements made on Your application through the Exchange. It takes effect on the Effective Date shown in the Policy Information attached to this Policy. This Policy will remain in force unless otherwise terminated in accordance with its terms, until the first renewal date and for such further periods for which it is renewed. All periods will begin and end at 12:01 A.M., Standard Time, where You live.

READ YOUR POLICY AND ATTACHMENTS CAREFULLY

This Policy is a legal agreement between the Primary Enrollee and
Delta Dental Insurance Company

TEN (10)-DAY RIGHT TO EXAMINE AND RETURN THIS POLICY

Please read this Policy. If this Policy was solicited by deceptive advertising or negotiated by deceptive, misleading, or untrue statements or if You are not satisfied for any reason, You may return this Policy within 10 days after You received it. Mail or deliver it to Us. Any Premium paid will be refunded. This Policy will then be void from its start.

This Policy is signed for Delta Dental Insurance Company as of its Effective Date by:



Michael G. Hankinson, Esq., President

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POLICY INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to welcome You to this individual Delta Dental PPO™ dental plan. Our goal is to provide You with the highest quality dental care and to help You maintain good dental health. We encourage You not to wait until You have a problem to see the dentist, but to see one on a regular basis.

Eligibility under this Policy is determined by the Exchange. This Policy provides dental Benefits for adults and children as defined in the following sections:

- *Eligibility Requirement for Pediatric Benefits* (Essential Health Benefits)
- *Eligibility Requirement for Adult Benefits*

NOTICE: YOUR SHARE OF THE PAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES MAY BE BASED ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOUR HEALTH PLAN AND YOUR PROVIDER. UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THIS AGREEMENT MAY ALLOW YOUR PROVIDER TO BILL YOU FOR AMOUNTS UP TO THE PROVIDER'S REGULAR BILLED CHARGES.

Using This Policy

This Policy discloses the terms and conditions of Your coverage and is designed to help You make the most of Your dental plan. It will help You understand how the dental plan works and how to obtain dental care. Please read this Policy completely and carefully. Keep in mind that "You" and "Your" mean the Enrollees who are covered under this Policy. "We," "Us" and "Our" always refer to Delta Dental.

Contact Us

If You have any questions about Your coverage that are not answered here, please visit Our website at deltadentalins.com or call Our Customer Service Center. A Customer Service representative can answer questions You may have about obtaining dental care, help You locate a Delta Dental Provider, explain Benefits, check the status of a claim and assist You in filing a claim.

You can access Our automated information line at 888-857-0314 to obtain information about Enrollee Benefits, claim status or to speak to a Customer Service representative for assistance. If You prefer to write to Us with Your question(s), please mail Your inquiry to the following address:

Delta Dental Insurance Company
P.O. Box 1809
Alpharetta, Georgia 30023-1809

Identification Number

Please provide the Enrollee's identification ("ID") number to Your Provider whenever You receive dental services. The Enrollee ID number should be included on all claims submitted for payment. ID cards are not required, but if You wish to have one You may obtain one by visiting Our website at deltadentalins.com.

DEFINITIONS

The following are definitions of words that have special or technical meanings under this Policy.

Accepted Fee: the amount the attending Provider agrees to accept as payment in full for services rendered.

Adult Benefits: dental services under this Policy for people age 19 years and older.

Benefits: the amounts that Delta Dental will pay for covered dental services under this Policy.

Calendar Year: the 12 months of the year from January 1 through December 31.

Claim Form: the standard form used to file a claim, request a Pre-Treatment Estimate or request prior authorization.

Deductible: a dollar amount that an Enrollee must satisfy for certain covered services before We begin paying Benefits.

Delta Dental PPO Contracted Fee (“PPO Provider’s Contracted Fee”): the fee for each Single Procedure that a PPO Provider has contractually agreed to accept as payment in full for covered services.

Delta Dental PPO Provider (“PPO Provider”): a Provider who contracts with Us or any other member company of the Delta Dental Plans Association and agrees to accept the Delta Dental PPO Contracted Fee as payment in full for services provided under a PPO plan. A PPO Provider also agrees to comply with Our administrative guidelines.

Delta Dental Premier® Contracted Fee (“Premier Provider’s Contracted Fee”): the fee for each Single Procedure that a Premier Provider has contractually agreed to accept as payment in full for covered services.

Delta Dental Premier Provider (“Premier Provider”): a Provider who contracts with Us or any other member company of the Delta Dental Plans Association and agrees to accept the Delta Dental Premier Contracted Fee as payment in full for services provided under a plan. A Premier Provider also agrees to comply with Our administrative guidelines.

Effective Date: the original date the plan starts.

Eligible Dependent: a person who is a dependent of an Eligible Primary and considered to be a Qualified Individual by the Exchange. Eligible Dependents are eligible for either Pediatric Benefits or Adult Benefits as described in this Policy.

Eligible Primary: a person who is considered to be a Qualified Individual by the Exchange. Eligible Primaries are eligible for either Pediatric Benefits or Adult Benefits as described in this Policy.

Eligible Pediatric Individual: a person who is considered to be a Qualified Individual by the Exchange. Eligible Pediatric Individuals are eligible for Pediatric Benefits as described in this Policy.

Enrollee: an Eligible Primary (“Primary Enrollee”), Eligible Dependent (“Dependent Enrollee”) or Eligible Pediatric Individual (“Pediatric Enrollee”) enrolled under this Policy to receive Benefits; persons eligible and enrolled under this Policy for Adult Benefits may also be referred to as “Adult Enrollees.”

Enrollee Pays: an Enrollee’s financial obligation for services calculated as the difference between the amount shown as the Accepted Fee and the portion shown as “Delta Dental Pays” on the claims statement when a claim is processed.

Essential Health Benefits (“Pediatric Benefits”): for the purposes of this Policy, Essential Health Benefits are certain pediatric oral services that are required to be included in this Policy under the Affordable Care Act. The services considered to be Essential Health Benefits are determined by state and federal agencies and are available for Eligible Pediatric Individuals.

Exchange: the state Exchange also referred to as “Montana Benefit Health Exchange.”

Maximum: the maximum dollar amount We will pay toward the cost of dental care.

Maximum Contract Allowance: the reimbursement under the Enrollee’s benefit plan against which We calculate its payment and the financial obligation for the Enrollee. Subject to adjustment for extreme difficulty or unusual circumstances, the Maximum Contract Allowance for services provided:

- by a PPO Provider is the lesser of the Provider’s Submitted Fee or the PPO Provider’s Contracted Fee; or
- by a Premier Provider is the lesser of the Provider’s Submitted Fee or the Premier Provider’s Contracted Fee; or
- by a Non-Delta Dental Provider inside the state of Montana is the lesser of the Provider’s Submitted Fee or the Premier Provider’s Contracted Fee; or
- by a Non-Delta Dental Provider outside the state of Montana is the lesser of the Provider’s Submitted Fee or the Program Allowance.

Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity: Dental care services that a provider using sensible clinical judgment would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms, and that we determine are:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of dental practice; or
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s illness, injury or disease; or
- Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, dentist, or other health care provider; or

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- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce the same benefit or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's illness, injury or disease.

Generally accepted standards of dental practice means standards based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed dental literature and is:

- Generally recognized by the relevant dental community; or
- Consistent with the standards set forth in policy issues involving clinical judgment.

Non-Delta Dental Provider: a Provider who is not a PPO Provider or a Premier Provider and who is not contractually bound to abide by Our administrative guidelines.

Open Enrollment Period: the period of the year that the Exchange has established when the Primary Enrollee may change coverage selections for the next Policy Year.

Out-of-Pocket Maximum: the maximum amount a Pediatric Enrollee must satisfy for covered dental services under this Policy during a Calendar Year. Coinsurance and Deductible amounts will no longer continue to apply for covered services from PPO and Premier Providers after the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for PPO and Premier Providers is met. Coinsurance and Deductible amounts will no longer continue to apply for covered services from Non-Delta Dental Providers after the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Non-Delta Dental Providers is met. Any accumulation of Coinsurance or Deductible amounts associated with PPO and Premier Providers will not count towards Out-of-Pocket Maximum limits for Non-Delta Dental Providers nor will any accumulation of Coinsurance or Deductible amounts associated with Non-Delta Dental Providers count towards Out-of-Pocket Maximum limits for PPO and Premier Providers. The Out-of-Pocket Maximum limits are shown in Attachment A.

Policy: this agreement between Us and the Primary Enrollee including any application supplied by the Exchange and any Attachments. This Policy constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Policy Benefit Level: the percentage of the Maximum Contract Allowance that We will pay.

Policyholder: the Primary Enrollee who enrolls for coverage. If this Policy is offered as a child-only or multi-child only Policy by the Exchange, a Primary Enrollee can be an Eligible Pediatric Individual enrolled for coverage by a responsible party, who assumes all responsibilities as a Policyholder. Responsible parties may include: parent, step-parent, adoptive parent, foster parent or Spouse of the Eligible Pediatric Individual.

Policy Year: the 12 months starting on January 1st and each subsequent 12 month period thereafter. Policy Year can be less than 12 months if an Enrollee has an Effective Date mid-year due to a Qualifying Status Change or other exceptional circumstance as determined by the Exchange.

Premium: the amount payable as provided in the Policy Information attached to this Policy.

Pre-Treatment Estimate: an estimation of the allowable Benefits under this Policy for the services proposed, assuming the person is an eligible Enrollee.

Procedure Code: the Current Dental Terminology (CDT®) number assigned to a Single Procedure by the American Dental Association.

Program Allowance: the amount determined by Us for a set percentile level of all charges for such services by Providers with similar professional standing in the same geographical area. Program Allowances may differ based on the Provider's contracting status.

Provider: a person licensed to practice dentistry when and where services are performed or a licensed dentist in the state of Montana. A Provider shall also include a dental partnership, dental professional corporation or dental clinic.

Qualified Individual: an individual determined by the Exchange to be eligible to enroll through the Exchange.

Qualifying Status Change:

- marital status (marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment or death);
- number of dependents (a child's birth, adoption of a child, placement of child for adoption, addition of a step or foster child or death of a child);
- dependent child ceases to satisfy eligibility requirements;

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- residence (Enrollee moves);
 - court order requiring dependent coverage;
 - loss of minimal essential coverage; or
 - any other current or future election changes permitted by the Exchange.

The additional Premium must be paid to Us within 31 days after the date of the Qualifying Status Change in order to have the coverage continued beyond the 31 day period.

Your covered Spouse may continue coverage due to: legal separation, divorce or annulment from You; or Your death, unless the coverage terminated for non-payment of Premium, non-renewal of this Policy or the expiration of the term for which this Policy is issued. Your covered Spouse exercising the continuation or conversion right must notify Us and make payment.

Single Procedure: a dental procedure that is assigned a separate Procedure Code.

Special Enrollment Period: A time the Exchange has established outside the yearly Open Enrollment Period when You can sign-up for coverage.

Spouse: a person related to or a partner of the Primary Enrollee:

- as defined and as may be required to be treated as a Spouse by the laws of the state where this Policy is issued and delivered; or
- as defined and as may be required to be treated as a Spouse by the laws of the state where the Primary Enrollee resides.

Submitted Fee: the amount that the Provider bills and enters on a claim for a specific procedure.

Teledentistry: the delivery of dental services through telehealth or telecommunications that may include the use of real-time encounter; live video (synchronous) or information stored and forwarded for subsequent review (asynchronous).

Waiting Period: the amount of time an Enrollee must be enrolled under this Policy for specific services to be covered.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

The Exchange is responsible for establishing eligibility and reporting enrollment to Us. We process enrollment as reported by the Exchange.

This Policy includes Pediatric Benefits and Adult Benefits. Enrollees are eligible for either Pediatric or Adult Benefits according to the requirements listed below:

Eligibility Requirement for Pediatric Benefits

Pediatric Enrollees are Qualified Individuals as determined by the Exchange who are eligible and have enrolled for Pediatric Benefits under this Policy. A Qualified Individual must satisfy the Exchange's requirements regarding:

- citizenship, status as a national or otherwise lawfully present in the United States;
- incarceration; and
- residency.

Pediatric Enrollees eligible for Pediatric Benefits are:

- a Primary Enrollee or an emancipated minor to age 19; and/or
- a Primary Enrollee's Spouse under age 19 and dependent children from birth to age 19. Dependent children include natural children, stepchildren, foster children, adopted children, children placed for adoption and children of Spouse. Newborn infants are eligible from the moment of birth.

Eligibility Requirement for Adult Benefits

Primary Enrollees and Dependent Enrollees are Qualified Individuals as determined by the Exchange who are eligible and have enrolled for Adult Benefits under this Policy. A Qualified Individual must satisfy the Exchange's requirements regarding:

- citizenship, status as a national or otherwise lawfully present in the United States;
- incarceration; and
- residency.

Adult Enrollees eligible for Adult Benefits are:

- a Primary Enrollee age 19 years of age or older; and/or
- a Primary Enrollee's Spouse age 19 and older and dependent children from age 19 to age 26. Dependent children include natural children, stepchildren, foster children, adopted children, children placed for adoption and children of Spouse. Newborn infants are eligible from the moment of birth.

Dependent unmarried children 26 years of age or older may continue eligibility for Adult Benefits if:

- they are incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability that began prior to reaching the limiting age;
- they are chiefly dependent on the Primary Enrollee or Spouse for support; and
- proof of disability is provided within 31 days of request. Such requests will not be made more than once a year following a two year period after dependents reach the limiting age. Eligibility will continue as long as the dependent relies on the Primary Enrollee for support because of a physically or mentally disabling injury that began before reaching the limiting age. Eligibility will continue as long as the dependent relies on the Primary Enrollee or Spouse for support because of a mental or physical disability that began before reaching the limiting age.

Renewal

This Policy remains in effect for the Policy Year, provided it is not terminated by Us or by the Primary Enrollee. The Primary Enrollee will receive renewal information from the Exchange prior to any applicable Open Enrollment Period. The Primary Enrollee may change plan selections with the Exchange during the Open Enrollment Period. Provided We continue to make this Policy available through the Exchange at the renewal period:

- the Primary Enrollee may elect to choose this Policy, subject to the applicable Premium through the Exchange for this plan at the time of renewal; or
- the Primary Enrollee may not have to make an election through the Exchange in subsequent Open Enrollment Periods to continue coverage. You should refer to the Exchange rules regarding automatic renewal of coverage.

Termination of Coverage

The Primary Enrollee has the right to terminate coverage under this Policy by sending the Exchange written notice of intent to terminate this Policy. If coverage is terminated because the Enrollee is covered by Medicaid, the last day of coverage with Us is the day before the new coverage is effective.

A full refund of Premium is available if a written request for a refund is made within the first 10 days of the Effective Date.

The Primary Enrollee may keep this Policy in force by timely payment of the Premiums. However, We may terminate coverage due to:

- Enrollee no longer eligible through the Exchange or under the terms of this Policy;
- non-payment of Premiums, subject to the *"Grace Period on Late Payments"* provision;
- fraud or material misrepresentation made by or with the knowledge of the Primary Enrollee or the Enrollee applying for this coverage or filing a claim for Benefits;

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- the Primary Enrollee changing to a new policy through the Exchange; or
 - Our ceasing to renew all Policies issued on this form to residents of the state where You live.

We will not cancel this Policy until We have mailed or delivered to Your last known address in Our records, a written notice to You informing You of the reasons(s) why coverage is terminated and the date that Your coverage will end which may not be earlier than:

- the beginning of the period for which Premiums have not been paid in full if the notice of cancellation for non-payment of Premiums is mailed or delivered within 15 days after the due date of the missed Premiums for that period;
- the date of mailing or delivery of notice of cancellation for non-payment of Premiums if notice of cancellation for non-payment of Premiums is not mailed or delivered within 15 days after the Premium due date for the applicable Policy period; or
- 90 days after the date of mailing or delivery of the notice of cancellation or refusal to renew for any reason other than non-payment of Premiums or a material misrepresentation contained in the application.

If termination is due to loss of eligibility through the Exchange, termination is effective the last day of the month following the month that the Exchange notifies You of lack of eligibility. If You are no longer eligible due to age, termination is effective on the date reported by the Exchange and You should contact the Exchange to see if Special Enrollment Periods apply.

Reinstatement

If You do not pay the Premium within the time granted for payment, We will accept a Premium payment without requiring an application for reinstatement and We will issue a conditional receipt for the Premium tendered. Your Policy will be reinstated upon Our approval of the application or upon the 45th day following the date of the conditional receipt unless We previously notified You in writing of Our disapproval of the application.

The reinstated Policy will cover only losses resulting from accidental injury that may occur after the date of reinstatement and loss due to sickness that may begin more than 10 days after that date. In all other respects, You and We have the same rights as We had under this Policy immediately before the due date of the defaulted Premium subject to any provisions endorsed or attached in connection with the reinstatement. Premium accepted in connection with a reinstatement will be applied to a period for which the Premium has not been previously paid but not more than 60 days before the date of reinstatement.

OVERVIEW OF DENTAL BENEFITS

This section provides information that will give You a better understanding of how the dental plan works and how to make it work best for You.

Benefits, Limitations and Exclusions

We will pay Benefits for the types of dental services as described in the Attachments that are a part of this Policy.

We will pay Benefits only for covered services. This Policy covers several categories of Benefits when a Provider furnishes the services and when they are necessary and within the standards of generally accepted dental practice. Claims shall be processed in accordance with Our standard processing policies. We may use dentists (dental consultants) to review treatment plans, diagnostic materials and/or prescribed treatments to determine generally accepted dental practices and to determine if treatment has a favorable prognosis. If You receive dental services from a Provider outside the state of Montana, the Provider will be paid according to Delta Dental's network payment provisions for said state and according to terms of this Policy.

If a primary dental procedure includes component procedures that are performed at the same time as the primary procedure, the component procedures are considered to be part of the primary procedure for purposes of determining the Benefit payable under this Policy. Even if the Provider bills separately for the primary procedure and each of its component parts, the total Benefit payable for all related charges will be limited to the maximum Benefit payable for the primary procedure.

Services, Limitations and Exclusions

Description of Dental Services for Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)

Delta Dental will pay or otherwise discharge the Policy Benefit Level shown in Attachment A for the following services:

- Diagnostic and Preventive Services
 - (1) Diagnostic: procedures to aid the Provider in determining required dental treatment.
 - (2) Preventive: routine cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth.
- Basic Services
 - (1) Palliative: emergency treatment to relieve pain.
 - (2) Restorative: amalgam and resin-based composite restorations (fillings) and prefabricated restorations for treatment of carious lesions (visible destruction of hard tooth structure resulting from the process of decay).
- Note on additional Benefits during pregnancy

When an Enrollee is pregnant, Delta Dental will pay for additional services to help improve the oral health of the Enrollee during the pregnancy. The additional services each Calendar Year while the Enrollee is covered under the Policy include one (1) additional oral exam and one (1) additional routine cleaning. Written confirmation of the pregnancy must be provided by the Enrollee or the Enrollee's Provider when the claim is submitted.

Limitations for Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)

- (1) Services that are more expensive than the form of treatment customarily provided under accepted dental practice standards are called "Optional Services." Optional Services also include the use of specialized techniques instead of standard procedures. An example of an Optional Service is a composite restoration instead of an amalgam restoration on posterior teeth.

If an Enrollee receives Optional Services, an alternate Benefit will be allowed, which means Delta Dental will base Benefits on the lower cost of the customary service or standard practice instead of on the higher cost of the Optional Service. The Enrollee will be responsible for the difference between the higher cost of the Optional Service and the lower cost of the customary service or standard procedure.
- (2) If a primary dental procedure includes component procedures that are performed at the same time as the primary procedure, the component procedures are considered to be part of the primary procedure for purposes of determining the benefit payable under this Policy. If the Provider bills separately for the primary procedure and each of its component parts, the total benefit payable for all related charges will be limited to the maximum benefit payable for the primary procedure.
- (3) Delta Dental will pay for oral examinations (except after hours exams and exams for observation) and routine cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (or any combination thereof) no more than twice in a Calendar Year. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy.
- (4) A caries risk assessment is allowed once in 12 months.
- (5) Application of caries arresting medicament is limited to twice per tooth per Calendar Year.
- (6) X-ray limitations:
 - a) Delta Dental will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series when the fees for any combination of intraoral x-rays in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series.
 - b) When a panoramic film is submitted with supplemental film(s), Delta Dental will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series.
 - c) If a panoramic film is taken in conjunction with an intraoral complete series, Delta Dental considers the panoramic film to be included in the complete series.
 - d) A complete intraoral series and panoramic film are each limited to once every 60 months.

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- e) Bitewing x-rays are limited to one (1) time each Calendar Year. Bitewings of any type are not billable to the Enrollee or Delta Dental within 12 months of a full mouth series unless warranted by special circumstances.
 - f) Image capture procedures are not separately allowable services.
- (7) Pulp vitality tests are allowed once per day when definitive treatment is not performed.
 - (8) Screenings of patients or assessments of patients reported individually when covered, are limited to only once in a 12-month period and included if reported, with any other examination on the same date of service and Provider office.
 - (9) Delta Dental will not cover to replace amalgam and resin-based composite restorations (fillings) and prefabricated restorations within 24 months of treatment if the service is provided by the same Provider/Provider office. Replacement restorations, including reattachment of a tooth fragment, within 24 months are included in the fee for the original restoration.
 - (10) Protective restorations (sedative fillings) are allowed once per tooth per lifetime when definitive treatment is not performed on the same date of service.
 - (11) Pin retention is covered not more than once in any 24-month period.
 - (12) Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee includes all treatment provided other than required x-rays or select Diagnostic procedures.
 - (13) The fees for synchronous/asynchronous teledentistry services are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.

Exclusions for Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)

Delta Dental does not pay Benefits for:

- (1) treatment of injuries or illness covered by workers' compensation or employers' liability laws; services received without cost from any federal, state or local agency, unless this exclusion is prohibited by law.
- (2) cosmetic surgery or procedures for purely cosmetic reasons.
- (3) maxillofacial prosthetics.
- (4) provisional and/or temporary restorations.
- (5) services for congenital (hereditary) or developmental (following birth) malformations, including but not limited to cleft palate, upper and lower jaw malformations, enamel hypoplasia (lack of development), fluorosis (a type of discoloration of the teeth) and anodontia (congenitally missing teeth), except for newborn children eligible at birth, children placed for adoption and adopted children so long as such eligible children continue to be enrolled. When services are not excluded under this provision, congenital defects or anomalies include individuals born with cleft lip or cleft palate and other limitations and exclusions of this section shall specifically apply.
- (6) treatment to stabilize teeth, treatment to restore tooth structure lost from wear, erosion, or abrasion or treatment to rebuild or maintain chewing surfaces due to teeth out of alignment or occlusion. Examples include but are not limited to: equilibration, periodontal splinting, complete occlusal adjustments or Night Guards/Occlusal guards and abfraction.
- (7) any Single Procedure provided prior to the date the Enrollee became eligible for services under this plan.
- (8) prescribed drugs, medication, pain killers, antimicrobial agents, or experimental/investigational procedures.
- (9) extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).
- (10) interim implants.
- (11) indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.
- (12) charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.
- (13) treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.

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- (14) charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, x-ray duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling or broken appointments are not separately payable procedures.
 - (15) dental practice administrative services including, but not limited to, preparation of claims, any non-treatment phase of dentistry such as provision of an antiseptic environment, sterilization of equipment or infection control, or any ancillary materials used during the routine course of providing treatment such as cotton swabs, gauze, bibs, masks or relaxation techniques such as music.
 - (16) procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.
 - (17) any tax imposed (or incurred) by a government, state or other entity, in connection with any fees charged for Benefits provided under the Policy, will be the responsibility of the Enrollee and not a covered Benefit.
 - (18) Deductibles, amounts over plan maximums and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.
 - (19) services covered under the dental plan but exceed Benefit limitations or are not in accordance with processing policies in effect at the time the claim is processed.
 - (20) services for Orthodontic treatment (treatment of malocclusion of teeth and/or jaws) including orthodontic related services such as cephalometric x-rays, oral/facial photographic images and diagnostic casts, surgical access of an unerupted tooth, placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth and surgical repositioning of teeth.
 - (21) services for any disturbance of the temporomandibular (jaw) joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues.
 - (22) endodontic endosseous implants.
 - (23) services or supplies for sealants, fluoride, space maintainers, apexification and transseptal fiberotomy/supra crestal fiberotomy.
 - (24) services for implants (prosthetic appliances placed into or on the bone of the upper or lower jaw to retain or support dental prosthesis), their removal or other associated procedures.
 - (25) services or supplies for oral surgery, general anesthesia or IV sedation.
 - (26) services or supplies for endodontic treatment (procedures for removal of the nerve of the tooth and the treatment of the pulp cavity portion of the root of the tooth).
 - (27) services or supplies for periodontic treatment (procedures for the treatment of the gums and the bones supporting teeth).
 - (28) services or supplies for denture repairs (repair to partial or complete dentures including rebase procedures and relining).
 - (29) services or supplies for crowns and inlays/onlays for treatment of carious lesions (visible decay of the hard tooth structure) when teeth cannot be restored with amalgam, synthetic porcelain, or plastic restorations.
 - (30) services or supplies for prosthodontics (procedures for construction of fixed bridges, partial or completed dentures and the repair of fixed bridges).
 - (31) missed and/or cancelled appointments.
 - (32) actions taken to schedule and assure compliance with patient appointments are inclusive with office operations and are not a separately payable service.
 - (33) the fees for care coordination are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.
 - (34) dental case management motivational interviewing and patient education to improve oral health literacy.
 - (35) non-ionizing diagnostic procedure capable of quantifying, monitoring and recording changes in structure of enamel, dentin, and cementum.

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- (36) extra-oral – 2D projection radiographic image and extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.
 - (37) diabetes testing.
 - (38) corticotomy (specialized oral surgery procedure associated with orthodontics).
 - (39) antigen or antibody testing.
 - (40) counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use.

Description of Dental Services for Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)

Delta Dental will pay or otherwise discharge the Policy Benefit Level shown in Attachment A for Essential Health Benefits when provided by a Provider and when necessary and customary under generally accepted dental practice standards and for Medically Necessary Orthodontic Services. Benefits for Medically Necessary orthodontics will be provided in periodic payments based on continued enrollment.

- Diagnostic and Preventive Services

- (1) Diagnostic: procedures to aid the Provider in determining required dental treatment.
- (2) Preventive: cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth (periodontal maintenance is considered to be a Basic Benefit for payment purposes), topical application of fluoride solutions, space maintainers.
- (3) Sealants: topically applied acrylic, plastic or composite materials used to seal developmental grooves and pits in permanent molars for the purpose of preventing decay.
- (4) Specialist Consultations: opinion or advice requested by a general dentist.

- Basic Services

- (1) General Anesthesia or IV Sedation: when administered by a Provider for covered Oral Surgery or selected endodontic and periodontal surgical procedures.
- (2) Periodontal Cleanings: periodontal maintenance.
- (3) Palliative: emergency treatment to relieve pain.
- (4) Restorative: amalgam and resin-based composite restorations (fillings) and prefabricated stainless steel restorations for treatment of carious lesions (visible destruction of hard tooth structure resulting from the process of decay).

- Major Services

- (1) Crowns and Onlays/Inlays: treatment of carious lesions (visible decay of the hard tooth structure) when teeth cannot be restored with amalgam or resin-based composites.
- (2) Prosthodontics: procedures for construction of fixed bridges, partial or complete dentures and the repair of fixed bridges; implant surgical placement and removal; and for implant supported prosthetics, including implant repair and recementation.
- (3) Oral Surgery: extractions and certain other surgical procedures (including pre-and post-operative care).
- (4) Endodontics: treatment of diseases and injuries of the tooth pulp.
- (5) Periodontics: treatment of gums and bones supporting teeth.
- (6) Denture Repairs: repair to partial or complete dentures, including rebase procedures and relining.
- (7) Night Guards/Occlusal Guards: intraoral removable appliances provided for treatment of harmful oral habits.

- Note on additional Benefits during pregnancy

When an Enrollee is pregnant, Delta Dental will pay for additional services to help improve the oral health of the Enrollee during the pregnancy. The additional services each Calendar Year while the Enrollee is covered under the Policy include one (1) additional oral exam and either one (1) additional routine cleaning; one (1) additional periodontal scaling and root planing per quadrant; or one (1) additional periodontal maintenance procedure. Written confirmation of the pregnancy must be provided by the Enrollee or the Enrollee's Provider when the claim is submitted.

Schedule of Covered Services

Delta Dental's administration of benefits, limitations and exclusions under this plan at all times will be based on the current version of CDT whether or not a revised table is provided. Orthodontic treatment is a benefit of this dental plan only when Medically Necessary.

Procedure Description and Limitation
Periodic oral evaluation - Limited to 1 every 6 months
Limited oral evaluation - problem focused - Limited to 1 every 6 months
Comprehensive oral evaluation - Limited to 1 every 6 months
Comprehensive periodontal evaluation - Limited to 1 every 6 months
Intraoral – complete set of radiographic images including bitewings - 1 every 60 (sixty) months
Intraoral - periapical radiographic image
Intraoral - additional periapical image
Intraoral - occlusal radiographic image
Bitewing - single image Adult - 1 set every calendar year/Children - 1 set every 6 months
Bitewings - two images - Adult - 1 set every calendar year/Children - 1 set every 6 months
Bitewings - four images - Adult - 1 set every calendar year/Children - 1 set every 6 months
Vertical bitewings – 7 to 8 images – Adult - 1 set every calendar year/Children - 1 set every 6 months
Panoramic radiographic image – 1 image every 60 (sixty) months
Cephalometric radiographic image
Oral / Facial Photographic Images
Interpretation of Diagnostic Image
Diagnostic Models
Prophylaxis – Adult - Limited to 1 every 6 months
Prophylaxis – Child - Limited to 1 every 6 months
Topical Fluoride - Varnish - Over age 22 - 1 in 12 months, Less than age 22 - 2 every 12 months
Topical application of fluoride (excluding prophylaxis) - Less than age 22 - 2 every 12 months
Sealant - per tooth - unrestored permanent molars - Less than age 19. 1 sealant per tooth every 36 months
Preventative resin restorations in a moderate to high caries risk patient - permanent tooth - 1 sealant per tooth every 36 months
Space maintainer – fixed – unilateral - Limited to children under age 19
Space maintainer – fixed – bilateral - Limited to children under age 19
Space maintainer - removable – unilateral - Limited to children under age 19
Space maintainer - removable – bilateral - Limited to children under age 19
Re-cementation of space maintainer - Limited to children under age 19
Palliative treatment of dental pain – minor procedure
Amalgam - one surface, primary or permanent
Amalgam - two surfaces, primary or permanent
Amalgam - three surfaces, primary or permanent
Amalgam - four or more surfaces, primary or permanent
Resin-based composite - one surface, anterior
Resin-based composite - two surfaces, anterior

Resin-based composite - three surfaces, anterior
Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces or involving incisal angle (anterior)
Re-cement inlay
Re-cement crown
Prefabricated porcelain crown - primary - Limited to 1 every 60 months
Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth – Under age 15 - Limited to 1 per tooth in 60 months
Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth - Under age 15 - Limited to 1 per tooth in 60 months
Protective Restoration
Pin retention - per tooth, in addition to restoration
Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) - If a root canal is within 45 days of the pulpotomy, the pulpotomy is not a covered service since it is considered a part of the root canal procedure and benefits are not payable separately
Partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development If a root canal is within 45 days of the pulpotomy, the pulpotomy is not a covered service since it is considered a part of the root canal procedure and benefits are not payable separately.
Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - anterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration) - Limited to primary incisor teeth for members up to age 6 and for primary molars and cuspids up to age 11 and is limited to once per tooth per lifetime.
Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration). Incomplete endodontic treatment when You discontinue treatment. - Limited to primary incisor teeth for members up to age 6 and for primary molars and cuspids up to age 11 and is limited to once per tooth per lifetime.
Periodontal scaling and root planning-four or more teeth per quadrant – Limited to 1 every 24 months
Periodontal scaling and root planning-one to three teeth, per quadrant – Limited to 1 every 24 months
Periodontal maintenance – 4 in 12 months combined with adult prophylaxis after the completion of active periodontal therapy
Collect - Apply Autologous Product - Limited to 1 in 36 months
Adjust complete denture – maxillary
Adjust complete denture – mandibular
Adjust partial denture – maxillary
Adjust partial denture - mandibular
Repair broken complete denture base
Replace missing or broken teeth - complete denture (each tooth)
Repair resin denture base
Repair cast framework
Repair or replace broken clasp
Replace broken teeth - per tooth
Add tooth to existing partial denture
Add clasp to existing partial denture
Rebase complete maxillary denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Rebase maxillary partial denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Rebase mandibular partial denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline complete maxillary denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline complete mandibular denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline maxillary partial denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline mandibular partial denture - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation

Reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) Rebase/Reline - Limited to 1 in a 36-month period 6 months after the initial installation
Tissue conditioning (maxillary)
Tissue conditioning (mandibular)
Recement fixed partial denture
Fixed partial denture repair, by report
Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal)
Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring elevation of mucoperiosteal flap and removal of bone and/or section of tooth
Removal of impacted tooth - soft tissue
Removal of impacted tooth – partially bony
Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony
Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony with unusual surgical complications
Surgical removal of residual tooth roots (cutting procedure)
Coronectomy - intentional partial tooth removal
Tooth reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth
Surgical access of an unerupted tooth
Alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions - per quadrant
Alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions-one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant
Alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions - per quadrant
Alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions-one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant
Removal of exostosis
Incision and drainage of abscess - intraoral soft tissue
Suture of recent small wounds up to 5 cm
Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation-per site
Excision of pericoronal gingiva
Detailed and extensive oral evaluation - problem focused, by report
Inlay - metallic – one surface – An alternate benefit will be provided
Inlay - metallic – two surfaces – An alternate benefit will be provided
Inlay - metallic – three surfaces – An alternate benefit will be provided
Onlay - metallic - two surfaces – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Onlay - metallic - three surfaces – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Onlay - metallic - four or more surfaces – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - porcelain/ceramic substrate - Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal - Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - porcelain fused to predominately base metal – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - porcelain fused to noble metal – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 cast high noble metal – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 cast predominately base metal – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 porcelain/ceramic – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - full cast high noble metal– Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - full cast predominately base metal – Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown - full cast noble metal– Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown – titanium– Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Core buildup, including any pins– Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Prefabricated post and core, in addition to crown– Limited to 1 per tooth every 60 months
Crown repair, by report
Inlay Repair

Onlay Repair
Veneer Repair
Resin infiltration/smooth surface - Limited to 1 in 36 months
Anterior root canal (excluding final restoration)
Bicuspid root canal (excluding final restoration)
Molar root canal (excluding final restoration)
Retreatment of previous root canal therapy-anterior
Retreatment of previous root canal therapy-bicuspid
Retreatment of previous root canal therapy-molar
Apexification/recalcification – initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.)
Apexification/recalcification – interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforation, root resorption, etc.)
Apexification/recalcification - final visit (includes completed root canal therapy, apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.).
Pulpal regeneration (completion of regenerative treatment in an immature permanent tooth with a necrotic pulp) does not include final restoration
Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery - anterior
Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery - bicuspid (first root)
Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery - molar (first root)
Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery (each additional root)
Root amputation - per root
Hemisection (including any root removal) - not including root canal therapy
Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – four or more teeth - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty – one to three teeth - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - with restorative procedures, per tooth - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Gingival flap procedure, four or more teeth – Limited to 1 every 36 months
Gingival flap procedure, including root planning - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Clinical crown lengthening-hard tissue
Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure), four or more contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure), one to three contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Bone replacement graft - first site in quadrant - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure
Free soft tissue graft procedure (including donor site surgery)
Subepithelial connective tissue graft procedures (including donor site surgery)
Soft tissue allograft - Limited to 1 every 36 months
Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis – Limited to 1 per lifetime
Complete denture - maxillary – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Complete denture - mandibular – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Immediate denture - maxillary – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Immediate denture - mandibular – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Maxillary partial denture - resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Mandibular partial denture - resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)- Limited to 1 every 60 months

Mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)-Limited to 1 every 60 months
Removable unilateral partial denture-one piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth) – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Endosteal Implant - 1 every 60 months
Surgical Placement of Interim Implant Body - 1 every 60 months
Epoosteal Implant – 1 every 60 months
Transosteal Implant, Including Hardware – 1 every 60 months
Implant supported complete denture
Implant supported partial denture
Connecting Bar – implant or abutment supported - 1 every 60 months
Prefabricated Abutment – 1 every 60 months
Custom Abutment - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported porcelain ceramic crown -1 every 60 months
Abutment supported porcelain fused to high noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported porcelain fused to predominately base metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported porcelain fused to noble metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported cast high noble metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported cast predominately base metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported cast noble metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Implant supported porcelain/ceramic crown - 1 every 60 months
Implant supported porcelain fused to high metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Implant supported metal crown - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for porcelain/ceramic fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to high noble metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to predominately base metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to noble metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for cast high noble metal fixed partial denture 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for predominately base metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Abutment supported retainer for cast noble metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Implant supported retainer for ceramic fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Implant supported retainer for porcelain fused to high noble metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Implant supported retainer for cast metal fixed partial denture - 1 every 60 months
Implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture for completely edentulous arch - 1 every 60 months
Implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture for partially edentulous arch - 1 every 60 months
Implant Maintenance Procedures -1 every 60 months
Repair Implant Prosthesis -1 every 60 months
Replacement of Semi-Precision or Precision Attachment -1 every 60 months
Repair Implant Abutment - 1 every 60 months
Implant Removal - 1 every 60 months
Debridement periimplant defect, covered if implants are covered - Limited to 1 every 60 months
Debridement and osseous periimplant defect, covered if implants are covered - Limited to 1 every 60 months
Bone graft periimplant defect, covered if implants are covered
Bone graft implant replacement, covered if implants are covered
Implant Index - 1 every 60 months

Pontic - cast high noble metal – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic - cast predominately base metal – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic - cast noble metal– Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic – titanium – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic - porcelain fused to high noble metal – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic - porcelain fused to predominately base metal – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic - porcelain fused to noble metal – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Pontic - porcelain/ceramic – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Inlay/onlay – porcelain/ceramic – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Inlay – metallic – two surfaces – Limited to 1 every 60 months
Inlay – metallic – three or more surfaces - Limited to 1 every 60 months
Onlay – metallic – three surfaces - 1 every 60 months
Onlay – metallic – four or more surfaces -1 every 60 months
Retainer - cast metal for resin bonded fixed prosthesis -1 every 60 months
Retainer - porcelain/ceramic for resin bonded fixed prosthesis -1 every 60 months
Crown - porcelain/ceramic - 1 every 60 months
Crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - porcelain fused to predominately base metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - porcelain fused to noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 cast high noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 cast predominately base metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 cast noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - 3/4 porcelain/ceramic - 1 every 60 months
Crown - full cast high noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - full cast predominately base metal - 1 every 60 months
Crown - full cast noble metal - 1 every 60 months
Core buildup for retainer, including any pins – 1 every 60 months
Occlusal guard, by report - 1 in 12 months for patients 13 and older
Limited orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition
Limited orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
Limited orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition
Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition
Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition
Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition
Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition
Removable appliance therapy
Fixed appliance therapy
Pre-orthodontic treatment visit
Periodic orthodontic treatment visit (as part of contract)
Orthodontic retention (removal of appliances, construction and placement of retainer(s)).
Deep sedation/general anesthesia - first 30 minutes
Deep sedation/general anesthesia - each additional 15 minutes
Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - first 30 minutes
Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - each additional 15 minutes
Consultation (diagnostic service provided by dentist or physician other than practitioner providing treatment)
Therapeutic drug injection, by report
Treatment of complications (post-surgical) unusual circumstances, by report

Limitations for Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)

- (1) Services that are more expensive than the form of treatment customarily provided under accepted dental practice standards are called "Optional Services." Optional Services also include the use of specialized techniques instead of standard procedures.

If an Enrollee receives Optional Services, an alternate Benefit will be allowed, which means Delta Dental will base Benefits on the lower cost of the customary service or standard practice instead of on the higher cost of the Optional Service. The Enrollee will be responsible for the difference between the higher cost of the Optional Service and the lower cost of the customary service or standard procedure.

- (2) Claims shall be processed in accordance with Delta Dental's standard processing policies. The processing policies may be revised from time to time; therefore, Delta Dental shall use the processing policies that are in effect at the time the claim is processed. Delta Dental may use dentists (dental consultants) to review treatment plans, diagnostic materials and/or prescribed treatments to determine generally accepted dental practices and to determine if treatment has a favorable prognosis.
- (3) If a primary dental procedure includes component procedures that are performed at the same time as the primary procedure, the component procedures are considered to be part of the primary procedure for purposes of determining the benefit payable under this Policy. If the Provider bills separately for the primary procedure and each of its component parts, the total benefit payable for all related charges will be limited to the maximum benefit payable for the primary procedure.
- (4) Exam and cleaning limitations:
- a) Delta Dental will pay for oral examinations (except after hours exams and exams for observation) and routine cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (or any combination thereof) no more than once every six (6) months. Periodontal maintenance are limited to four (4) times in a 12-month period. Up to four (4) periodontal maintenance procedures and up to two (2) routine cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (or any combination thereof) not to exceed four (4) procedures in a 12-month period. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy.
 - b) A full mouth debridement is allowed once in a lifetime, when the Enrollee has no history of prophylaxis, scaling and root planing, periodontal surgery, or periodontal maintenance procedures within three years, and counts toward the cleaning frequency in the year provided.
 - c) Note that periodontal maintenance, Procedure Codes that include periodontal maintenance, and full mouth debridement are covered as a Basic Benefit, and routine cleanings including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation are covered as a Diagnostic and Preventive Benefit. Periodontal maintenance is only covered when performed following active periodontal therapy.
 - d) Caries risk assessments are allowed once in 12 months.
 - e) Full mouth debridement is not allowed when performed by the same dentist/dental office on the same day as evaluation procedures.
- (5) Application of caries arresting medicament is limited to twice per tooth per Calendar Year.
- (6) X-ray limitations:
- a) Delta Dental will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series when the fees for any combination of intraoral x-rays in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series.
 - b) When a panoramic film is submitted with supplemental film(s), Delta Dental will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series.
 - c) If a panoramic film is taken in conjunction with an intraoral complete series, Delta Dental considers the panoramic film to be included in the complete series.
 - d) A complete intraoral series and panoramic film are each limited to once every 60 months.

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- e) Bitewing x-rays are limited to once every six (6) months. Bitewings of any type are not billable to the Enrollee or Delta Dental within 12 months of a full mouth series unless warranted by special circumstances.
 - f) Image capture procedures are not separately allowable services.
- (7) The fee for pulp vitality tests are included in the fee for any definitive treatment performed on the same date.
 - (8) Topical application of fluoride solutions is limited to twice within a 12-month period.
 - (9) A distal shoe space maintainer - fixed - unilateral is limited to children 8 and younger and is limited to once per quadrant per lifetime. A separate/additional space maintainer can be allowed after the removal of a unilateral distal shoe. The removal of a fixed space maintainer is considered to be included in the fee for the space maintainer; however, an exception is made if the removal is performed by a different Provider/Provider's office.
 - (10) Sealants are limited as follows:
 - a) once in 36 months to permanent molars if they are without caries (decay) or restorations on the occlusal surface.
 - b) repair or replacement of a Sealant on any tooth within 24 months of its application is included in the fee for the original placement.
 - (11) Preventive resin restorations in a moderate to high risk caries risk patient - permanent tooth are limited to once per tooth in 36 months.
 - (12) Specialist Consultations count toward the oral exam frequency. Screenings of patients or assessments of patients reported individually when covered, are limited to only one in a 12-month period and included if reported, with any other examination on the same date of service and Provider office.
 - (13) Delta Dental will not cover replacement of an amalgam or resin-based composite restorations (fillings) within 24 months of treatment if the service is provided by the same Provider/Provider office. Prefabricated crowns are limited to once per Enrollee per tooth in any 60-month period. Replacement restorations within 24 months are included in the fee for the original restoration.
 - (14) Protective restorations (sedative fillings) are allowed when definitive treatment is not performed on the same date of service. The fee for protective restorations is included in the fee for any definitive treatment performed on the same date.
 - (15) Prefabricated stainless steel crowns are allowed on baby (deciduous) teeth and permanent teeth through age 14. Replacement restorations within 24 months are included in the fee for the original restoration.
 - (16) Therapeutic pulpotomy is limited to baby (deciduous) teeth only; an allowance for an emergency palliative treatment is made when performed on permanent teeth.
 - (17) Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) is limited to once in a lifetime and to primary incisor teeth for Enrollees up to age 6 and for primary molars and cuspids up to age 11. Retreatment of root canal therapy by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.
 - (18) Apexification is only benefited on permanent teeth with incomplete root canal development or for the repair of a perforation.
 - (19) Retreatment of apical surgery by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.
 - (20) Fees for additional pins on the same tooth on the same date are considered a component of the initial pin placement.

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- (21) Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee for palliative treatment provided in conjunction with any procedures other than x-rays or select Diagnostic procedures is considered included in the fee for the definitive treatment.
- (22) Periodontal limitations:
- a) Benefits for periodontal scaling and root planing in the same quadrant are limited to once in every 24-month period. In the absence of supporting documentation, no more than two quadrants of scaling and root planing will be benefited on the same date of service. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy.
 - b) Periodontal surgery in the same quadrant is limited to once in every 36-month period and includes any surgical re-entry or scaling and root planing performed within 36 months by the same dentist/dental office.
 - c) Periodontal services, including graft procedures are only covered for the treatment of natural teeth and are not covered when submitted in conjunction with extractions, periradicular surgery, ridge augmentation or implants.
 - d) Bone grafts are not benefited in conjunction with soft tissue grafts in the same surgical area.
 - e) Periodontal surgery is subject to a 30 day wait following periodontal scaling and root planing in the same quadrant.
 - f) Cleanings (regular and periodontal) and full mouth debridement are subject to a 30 day wait following periodontal scaling and root planing if performed by the same Provider office.
 - g) When implant procedures are a covered benefit, scaling and debridement in the presence of inflammation or mucositis of a single implant, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure is covered as a basic benefit and are limited to once in a 24-month period.
- (23) Collection and application of autologous blood concentrate product are limited to once every 36 months.
- (24) Crowns and Inlays/Onlays are covered not more often than once in any 60 month period except when Delta Dental determines the existing Crown or Inlay/Onlay is not satisfactory and cannot be made satisfactory because the tooth involved has experienced extensive loss or changes to tooth structure or supporting tissues. Services will only be allowed on teeth that are developmentally mature.
- (25) Core buildup, including any pins, is covered not more than once in any 60 month period.
- (26) Prefabricated post and core, in addition to crown is covered once per tooth every 60 month period.
- (27) Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions is covered once in any 36 month period.
- (28) When allowed within six (6) months of a restoration, the Benefit for a Crown, Inlay/Onlay or fixed prosthodontic service will be reduced by the Benefit paid for the restoration.
- (29) Prosthodontic appliances, implants and/or implant supported prosthetics (except for implant/abutment supported removable dentures) that were provided under any Delta Dental program will be replaced only after 60 months have passed, except when Delta Dental determines that there is such extensive loss of remaining teeth or change in supporting tissue that the existing fixed bridge or denture cannot be made satisfactory. Replacement of a prosthodontic appliance and/or implant supported prosthesis not provided under a Delta Dental program will be made if Delta Dental determines it is unsatisfactory and cannot be made satisfactory. Services will only be allowed on teeth that are developmentally mature. Diagnostic and treatment facilitating aids for implants are considered a part of, and included in, the fees for the definitive treatment. Delta Dental's payment for implant removal is limited to one (1) for each implant within a 60-month period whether provided under Delta Dental or any other dental care plan.
- (30) Debridement and/or osseous contouring of a peri-implant defect, or defects surrounding a single implant, and includes surface cleaning of the exposed implant surface, including flap entry and closure is allowed once every 60-month period.

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- (31) An implant is a covered procedure of the plan only if determined to be a dental necessity. If an arch can be restored with a standard prosthesis or restoration, no benefits will be allowed for the individual implant or implant procedures. Only the second phase of treatment (the prosthodontic phase-placing of the implant crown, bridge denture or partial denture) may be subject to the alternate benefit provision of the plan.
- (32) When a posterior fixed bridge and a removable partial denture are placed in the same arch in the same treatment episode, only the partial denture will be a Benefit.
- (33) Recementation of Crowns, Inlays/Onlays or bridges is included in the fee for the Crown, Inlay/Onlay or bridge when performed by the same Provider/Provider office within six (6) months of the initial placement.
- (34) The initial installation of a prosthodontic appliance and/or implants is not a Benefit unless the prosthodontic appliance and/or implant, bridge or denture is made necessary by natural, permanent teeth extraction occurring during a time the Enrollee was under a Delta Dental plan.
- (35) Delta Dental limits payment for dentures to a standard partial or complete denture (Enrollee Coinsurances apply). A standard denture means a removable appliance to replace missing natural, permanent teeth that is made from acceptable materials by conventional means and includes routine post delivery care including any adjustments and relines for the first six (6) months after placement.
- a) Denture rebase is limited to one (1) per arch in a 36-month period and includes any relining and adjustments for six (6) months following placement.
 - b) Dentures, removable partial dentures and relines include adjustments for six (6) months following installation. After the initial six (6) months of an adjustment or reline, relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a 36 month period. Immediate dentures, and Immediate removable partial dentures include adjustments for three (3) months following installation. After the initial three (3) months of an adjustment or reline, relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a 36 month period.
 - c) Tissue conditioning is not allowed as a separate Benefit when performed on the same day as a denture reline or rebase service.
- (36) Occlusal guards are covered by report for Enrollees age 13 or older when the purpose of the occlusal guard is for the treatment of bruxism or diagnoses other than temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJD). Occlusal guards are limited to one (1) per 12 consecutive month period. Delta Dental will not cover the repair or replacement of any appliances for Night Guard/Occlusal Guard. Adjustment of an occlusal guard is allowed once in 12-months following six months from initial placement.
- (37) Limitations on Orthodontic Services:
- a) Services are limited to Medically Necessary orthodontics when provided by a Provider. Orthodontic treatment is a Benefit of this dental plan only when Medically Necessary as evidenced by a severe handicapping malocclusion.
 - b) Orthodontic procedures are a Benefit only when the diagnostic casts verify a minimum score of 26 points on the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index or one of the automatic qualifying conditions below exist.
 - c) The automatic qualifying conditions are:
 - i) Cleft palate deformity. If the cleft palate is not visible on the diagnostic casts written documentation from a credentialed specialist shall be submitted, on their professional letterhead, with the prior authorization request,
 - ii) A deep impinging overbite in which the lower incisors are destroying the soft tissue of the palate,
 - iii) A crossbite of individual anterior teeth causing destruction of soft tissue,
 - iv) Severe traumatic deviation.
 - d) The following documentation must be submitted with the request for prior authorization of services by the Provider:
 - i) ADA 2006 or newer claim form with service code(s) requested;
 - ii) Diagnostic study models (trimmed) with bite registration; or OrthoCad equivalent;
 - iii) Cephalometric radiographic image or panoramic radiographic image;
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- iv) HLD score sheet completed and signed by the Orthodontist; and
 - v) Treatment plan.
 - e) The allowances for comprehensive orthodontic treatment procedures (D8080, D8090) include all appliances, adjustments, insertion, removal and post treatment stabilization (retention). No additional charge to the Enrollee is permitted.
 - f) Comprehensive orthodontic treatment includes the replacement, repair and removal of brackets, bands and arch wires by the original Provider.
 - g) Orthodontic procedures are Benefits for Medically Necessary handicapping malocclusion, cleft palate and facial growth management cases for Enrollees under the age of 19.
 - h) Only those cases with permanent dentition shall be considered for Medically Necessary handicapping malocclusion, unless the Enrollee is age 13 or older with primary teeth remaining. Cleft palate and craniofacial anomaly cases are a Benefit for primary, mixed and permanent dentitions. Craniofacial anomalies are treated using facial growth management.
 - i) All necessary procedures that may affect orthodontic treatment shall be completed before orthodontic treatment is considered.
 - j) When specialized orthodontic appliances or procedures chosen for aesthetic considerations are provided, Delta Dental will make an allowance for the cost of a standard orthodontic treatment. The Enrollee is responsible for the difference between the allowance made towards the standard orthodontic treatment and the dentist's charge for the specialized orthodontic appliance or procedure.
 - k) Repair and replacement of an orthodontic appliance inserted under this dental plan that has been damaged, lost, stolen, or misplaced is not a covered service.
 - l) Orthodontics, including oral evaluations and all treatment, must be performed by a licensed dentist or their supervised staff, acting within the scope of applicable law. The dentist of record must perform an in-person clinical evaluation of the patient (or the telehealth equivalent where required under applicable law to be reimbursed as an alternative to an in-person clinical evaluation) to establish the need for orthodontics and have adequate diagnostic information, including appropriate radiographic imaging, to develop a proper treatment plan. Self-administered (or any type of "do it yourself") orthodontics are not covered.
 - m) The removal of fixed orthodontic appliances for reasons other than completion of treatment is not a covered benefit.

(38) The fees for synchronous/asynchronous teledentistry services are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.

Exclusions for Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)

Delta Dental does not pay Benefits for:

- (1) services that are not Essential Health Benefits.
- (2) treatment of injuries or illness covered by workers' compensation or employers' liability laws; services received without cost from any federal, state or local agency, unless this exclusion is prohibited by law.
- (3) cosmetic surgery or procedures for purely cosmetic reasons.
- (4) maxillofacial prosthetics.
- (5) provisional and/or temporary restorations (except an interim removable partial denture to replace extracted anterior permanent teeth during the healing period for children 16 years of age or under). Provisional and/or temporary restorations are not separately payable procedures and are included in the fee for completed service.
- (6) treatment to stabilize teeth, treatment to restore tooth structure lost from wear, erosion, or abrasion or treatment to rebuild or maintain chewing surfaces due to teeth out of alignment or occlusion. Examples include but are not limited to: equilibration, periodontal splinting, or complete occlusal adjustments.
- (7) any Single Procedure provided prior to the date the Enrollee became eligible for services under this plan.

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- (8) prescribed drugs, medication, pain killers, antimicrobial agents, or experimental/investigational procedures.
 - (9) charges for anesthesia, other than general anesthesia and IV sedation administered by a Provider in connection with covered oral surgery or selected endodontic and periodontal surgical procedures. Local anesthesia and regional/or trigeminal bloc anesthesia are not separately payable procedures.
 - (10) extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).
 - (11) laboratory processed crowns for teeth that are not developmentally mature.
 - (12) endodontic endosseous implants.
 - (13) indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.
 - (14) charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.
 - (15) treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.
 - (16) charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, x-ray duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling or broken appointments are not separately payable procedures.
 - (17) dental practice administrative services including, but not limited to, preparation of claims, any non-treatment phase of dentistry such as provision of an antiseptic environment, sterilization of equipment or infection control, or any ancillary materials used during the routine course of providing treatment such as cotton swabs, gauze, bibs, masks or relaxation techniques such as music.
 - (18) procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.
 - (19) any tax imposed (or incurred) by a government, state or other entity, in connection with any fees charged for Benefits provided under the Policy, will be the responsibility of the Enrollee and not a covered Benefit.
 - (20) Deductibles and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.
 - (21) services covered under the dental plan but exceed Benefit limitations or are not in accordance with processing policies in effect at the time the claim is processed.
 - (22) the initial placement of any prosthodontic appliance or implant, unless such placement is needed to replace one or more natural, permanent teeth extracted while the Enrollee is covered under the Policy or was covered under any dental care plan with Delta Dental. The extraction of a third molar (wisdom tooth) will not qualify under the above. Any such denture or fixed bridge must include the replacement of the extracted tooth or teeth.
 - (23) services for any disturbance of the temporomandibular (jaw) joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues.
 - (24) services for Orthodontic treatment (treatment of malocclusion of teeth and/or jaws) except Medically Necessary Orthodontics.
 - (25) missed and/or cancelled appointments.

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- (26) actions taken to schedule and assure compliance with patient appointments are inclusive with office operations and are not a separately payable service.
 - (27) the fees for care coordination are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.
 - (28) dental case management motivational interviewing and patient education to improve oral health literacy.
 - (29) non-ionizing diagnostic procedure capable of quantifying, monitoring and recording changes in structure of enamel, dentin, and cementum.
 - (30) extra-oral – 2D projection radiographic image and extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.
 - (31) diabetes testing.
 - (32) corticotomy (specialized oral surgery procedure associated with orthodontics).
 - (33) antigen or antibody testing.
 - (34) counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use.

Enrollee Coinsurance

We will pay a percentage of the Maximum Contract Allowance for covered services, subject to certain limitations, and You are responsible for paying the balance. What You pay is called the enrollee coinsurance (“Enrollee Coinsurance”) and is part of Your out-of-pocket cost. You may have to satisfy a Deductible before We will pay Benefits. You pay the Enrollee Coinsurance even after a Deductible has been met.

The amount of Your Enrollee Coinsurance will depend on the type of service and the Provider furnishing the service (see section titled “*Selecting Your Provider*”). Providers are required to collect Enrollee Coinsurance for covered services. If the Provider discounts, waives or rebates any portion of the Enrollee Coinsurance to You, We will be obligated to provide as Benefits only the applicable percentages of the Provider’s fees or allowances reduced by the amount of the fees or allowances that is discounted, waived or rebated.

It is to Your advantage to select PPO Providers because they have agreed to accept the Maximum Contract Allowance as payment in full for covered services, which typically results in lower out-of-pocket costs for You. Please refer to the section titled “*Selecting Your Provider*” for more information.

Pre-Treatment Estimates

Pre-Treatment Estimate requests are not required; however, Your Provider may file a Claim Form before beginning treatment, showing the services to be provided to You. We will estimate the amount of Benefits payable under this Policy for the listed services. By asking Your Provider for a Pre-Treatment Estimate from Us before the Enrollee receives any prescribed treatment, You will have an estimate up front of what We will pay and the difference You will need to pay. The Benefits will be processed according to the terms of this Policy when the treatment is actually performed. Pre-Treatment Estimates are valid for 365 days or until an earlier occurrence of any one of the following events:

- the date this Policy terminates;
- the date the Enrollee’s coverage ends; or
- the date the Provider’s agreement with Delta Dental ends.

A Pre-Treatment Estimate does not guarantee payment. It is an estimate of the amount We will pay if You are covered and meet all the requirements of the plan at the time the treatment You have planned is completed and may not take into account any Deductibles, so please remember to figure in Your Deductible if necessary.

SELECTING YOUR PROVIDER

Free Choice of Provider

You may see any Provider for Your covered treatment whether the Provider is a PPO Provider, Premier Provider or a Non-Delta Dental Provider. **This plan offered through the Exchange is a PPO plan and the greatest benefits – including out-of-pocket savings – occur when You choose a PPO Provider.** To take full advantage of Your Benefits, We highly recommend You verify a Provider's participation status within a Delta Dental network with Your dental office before each appointment. Review this section for an explanation of Our payment procedures to understand the method of payments applicable to Your Provider selection and how that may impact Your out-of-pocket costs.

Locating a PPO or Premier Provider

You may access information through Our website at deltadentalins.com. You may also call Our Customer Service Center and one of Our representatives will assist You. We can provide You with information regarding a Provider's network participation, specialty and office location.

Choosing a PPO or Premier Provider

The PPO plan potentially allows the greatest reduction in Enrollees' out-of-pocket expenses since this select group of Providers will provide dental Benefits at a charge that has been contractually agreed upon. Also, the services received from a PPO or a Premier Provider apply toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for PPO or Premier Providers, limiting an Enrollee's annual out-of-pocket costs to the amount shown in Attachment A.

Costs incurred by the Pediatric Enrollee for covered services with a PPO or a Premier Provider do not count toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Non-Delta Dental Providers.

Choosing a Non-Delta Dental Provider

If a Provider is a Non-Delta Dental Provider, the amount charged to Enrollees may be above that accepted by PPO Providers or Premier Providers, and Enrollees will be responsible for balance billed amounts. Coinsurance and Deductible amounts will apply to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Non-Delta Dental Providers when a Non-Delta Dental Provider is used. Coinsurance and Deductible costs incurred by the Pediatric Enrollee with a Non-Delta Dental Provider do not count towards the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for PPO and Premier Providers.

Payment for covered services performed for the Pediatric Enrollee by a Non-Delta Dental Provider is also calculated based on the Maximum Contract Allowance. The amount charged to the Pediatric Enrollee may be above that accepted by PPO and Premier Providers. The portion of the Maximum Contract Allowance payable by Us is limited to the applicable Contract Benefit Level shown in Attachment A. Non-Delta Dental Providers have no agreement with Us and are free to bill the Enrollee for any difference between what We pay and the Provider's Submitted Fee.

Additional Obligations of PPO and Premier Providers

- The PPO Provider or Premier Provider must accept assignment of Benefits, meaning these Providers will be paid directly by Us after satisfaction of the Deductible and Enrollee Coinsurance. The Enrollee does not have to pay all the dental charges while at the dental office and then submit the claim for reimbursement.
- The PPO Provider or Premier Provider will complete the dental Claim Form and submit it to Us for reimbursement.
- The PPO Provider will accept contracted fees as payment in full for covered services and will not balance bill if there is a difference between the Provider's Submitted Fees and Delta Dental PPO Contracted Fees.

How to Submit a Claim

Claims for Benefits must be filed on a standard Claim Form that is available in most dental offices. PPO and Premier Providers will fill out and submit Your claims paperwork for You. Some Non-Delta Dental Providers may also provide this

service upon Your request. If You receive services from a Non-Delta Dental Provider who does not provide this service, You can submit Your own claim directly to Us. Please refer to the section titled “*Claim Form*” for more information.

Your dental office should be able to assist You in filling out the Claim Form. Fill out the Claim Form completely and send it to:

Delta Dental Insurance Company
P.O. Box 1809
Alpharetta, GA 30023-1809

Payment Guidelines

We do not pay PPO or Premier Providers any incentive as an inducement to deny, reduce, limit or delay any appropriate service.

If You or Your Provider file a claim for services more than 12 months after the date You received the services, payment may be denied. If the services were received from a Non-Delta Dental Provider, You are still responsible for the full cost. If the payment is denied because Your PPO or Premier Provider failed to submit the claim on time, You may not be responsible for that payment. However, if You did not tell Your PPO or Premier Provider that You were covered under a Delta Dental policy at the time You received the service, You may be responsible for the cost of that service.

If You have any questions about any dental charges, processing policies and/or how Your claim is paid, please contact Us.

Provider Relationships

The Primary Enrollee and We agree to permit and encourage the professional relationship between Provider and Enrollee to be maintained without interference. Any PPO, Premier or Non-Delta Dental Provider, including any Provider or employee associated with or employed by them, who provides dental services to an Enrollee does so as an independent contractor and shall be solely responsible for dental advice and for performance of dental services, or lack thereof, to the Enrollee.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

If You have questions about any services received, We recommend that You first discuss the matter with Your Provider. However, if You continue to have concerns, please call Our Customer Service Center. You can also email questions by accessing the “Contact Us” section of Our website at deltadentalins.com.

Grievances regarding eligibility, the denial of dental services or claims, the policies, procedures, operations of Us or the quality of dental services performed by the Provider may be directed in writing to Us or by calling Us toll-free at 888-857-0314.

When You write, please include the name of the Enrollee, the ID number and Your telephone number on all correspondence. You should also include a copy of the Claim Form, claim statement or other relevant information. Your claim statement will have an explanation of the claim review and any grievance process and time limits applicable to such process.

We will notify You and Your Provider if Benefits are denied for services submitted on a Claim Form, in whole or in part, stating the reason(s) for denial. You and Your Provider have at least 180 days after receiving a notice of denial to request a review in writing to Us giving reasons why You believe the denial was wrong. You may also ask Us to examine any additional information You include that may support Your grievance.

Send Your grievance to Us at the address shown below:

Delta Dental Insurance Company
P.O. Box 1809
Alpharetta, GA 30023-1809

We will send You a written acknowledgment within five (5) days upon receipt of Your grievance. We will make a full and fair review within 30 days after We receive the grievance. We may ask for more documents if needed. We will send You a decision within 30 days. The review will take into account all comments, documents, records or other information, regardless of whether such information was submitted or considered initially. If the review is of a denial based in whole or in

part on lack of dental necessity, experimental treatment or clinical judgment in applying the terms of this Policy, We shall consult with a dentist who has appropriate training and experience. The review will be conducted for Us by a person who is neither the individual who made the claim denial that is subject to the review, nor the subordinate of such individual.

Appeals

If You believe You need further review of Your claim, You may contact the Montana Commissioner of Securities (“CSI”) for assistance at 800-332-6148 or 406-444-2040 in Helena. The CSI’s address is:

Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
840 Helena Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

PREMIUM PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Your Premium is determined by the plan design chosen at the time of enrollment. Premiums are listed in the Policy Information attached to this Policy. The Enrollee is responsible for making Premium payments.

Each Premium is to be paid on or before its due date. A due date is the day following the last day of the period for which the preceding Premium was paid. You may pay Your Premium by visiting Our website at deltadentalins.com or by mailing payment to the address below:

Delta Dental Insurance Company
P.O. Box 1809
Alpharetta, GA 30023-1809

Rate Guarantee

Your Premium rate is guaranteed for each Policy Year based upon the new Enrollee rates in force at the time of Your enrollment. However, We may increase Your Premium rate more frequently than once during a 12-month period only if the Premium rate increase is necessitated by a state or federal law, court decision or rule adopted by an agency of competent jurisdiction of the state or federal government. We will provide You with at least 45 days’ advance written notice and Your Policy would then be modified on the date set forth in the notice.

Changing Payment Options

Payment options may be changed at any time. The effective date of any change is the date of the next scheduled payment based on Your new billing period. You can change Your payment option by visiting Our website at deltadentalins.com or by contacting Our Customer Service Center toll-free at 888-857-0314.

Grace Period on Late Payments

For Enrollees receiving an Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC):

- If Your Premium payment is not received by the first of the month, a grace period of three (3) months will be granted. During the grace period, this Policy shall continue in force. However, Your coverage for the second and third months of the grace period will be suspended and claims incurred during the second and third months of the grace period will not be paid unless all Premiums due are paid prior to the expiration of the grace period. If Premiums are received during the grace period, then the Enrollees will be reinstated as of the last day of paid coverage. If Premiums are not received prior to the end of the grace period, coverage will be terminated as of the end of the last day of the first month of the grace period.

For Enrollees not receiving an Advanced Premium Tax Credit (non-APTC):

- A grace period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of each Premium falling due after the first Premium. During this time this Policy shall continue in force. Coverage will terminate at the end of the grace period unless We receive Your Premium before the end of this 31 days.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entire Contract; Changes

This Policy, including any application and Attachments, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. No change to this Policy shall be valid until approved by Our executive officer and unless such approval is endorsed hereon or attached hereto. No agent has authority to change this Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

Severability

If any part of this Policy or an amendment of it is found by a court or other authority to be illegal, void or not enforceable, all other portions of this Policy will remain in full force and effect.

Time Limit on Certain Defenses

After two (2) years from the date of issue of this Policy, no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by You in the application for this Policy will be used to void this Policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred or disability commencing after the expiration of such 2-year period.

No claim for loss incurred or disability commencing after two (2) years from the date of issue of this Policy shall be reduced or denied on the grounds that a disease or physical condition not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of loss existed prior to the Effective Date of coverage of this Policy.

Clinical Examination

Before approving a claim, We will be entitled to receive, to such extent as may be lawful, information and records relating to the treatment provided to You as may be required to administer the claim. Examination may be required by a dental consultant retained by Us in or near Your community or residence. We will in every case hold such information and records confidential.

Written Notice of Claim/Proof of Loss

We must be given written proof of loss for which this Policy provides any periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss within 12 months after the date of service or loss. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required will not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided that the proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one (1) year from time proof is otherwise required. A notice of claim submitted by You, on Your behalf, or on behalf of Your beneficiary to Us or to Our authorized agent, with information sufficient to identify You will be considered notice of claim.

Send Your Notice of Claim/Proof of Loss to Us at the address shown below:

Delta Dental Insurance Company
P.O. Box 1809
Alpharetta, GA 30023-1809

Claim Form

We will within 15 days after receiving a notice of a claim provide You or Your Provider with a Claim Form to make claim for Benefits. To make a claim, the form should be completed and signed by the Provider who performed the services and by the patient (or the parent or guardian if the patient is a minor) and submitted to Us at the address above.

If We do not send You or Your Provider a Claim Form within 15 days after You or Your Provider gave Us notice regarding a claim, the requirements for proof of loss outlined in the section "*Written Notice of Claim/Proof of Loss*" above will be deemed to have been complied with as long as You give Us written proof that explains the type and the extent of the loss that You are making a claim for within the time established for filing proofs of loss. You may also download a Claim Form from Our website at deltadentalins.com.

Time of Payment of Claims

Claims payable under this Policy for any loss other than loss for which this Policy provides any periodic payment will be paid no more than 30 days after written proof of loss is received in the form required by the terms of this Policy. We will notify You and Your Provider of any additional information need to process the claim within this 30 day period.

We will pay interest equal to the amount of the claim due plus 10 percent annual interest calculated from the date the claim was due if a claim is not paid or denied;

- within 30 days of receiving written proof of loss if no additional information is requested; or
- within 60 days of receiving all requested information if additional information is requested.

Interest is only payable if the amount due exceeds \$5, and interest payments will be made to the person who receives the claims payment.

To Whom Benefits Are Paid/Payment of Claims

It is not required that the service be provided by a specific Provider. Payment for services provided by a PPO or Premier Provider will be made directly to the Provider. Any other payments provided by this Policy will be made to You unless You request in writing when filing a proof of claim that the payment be made directly to the Provider providing the services. All Benefits not paid to the Provider will be payable to You or to Your estate, or to an alternate recipient as directed by court order, except that if the person is a minor or otherwise not competent to give a valid release, Benefits may be payable to the parent, guardian or other person actually supporting the recipient.

Misstatements on Application; Effect

In the absence of fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact in applying for or procuring coverage under this Policy, all statements made by You will be deemed representations and not warranties. No such statement will be used in defense to a claim under this Policy unless it is contained in a written application. If any misstatement would materially affect the rates, We reserve the right to adjust the Premium to reflect Your actual circumstances at time of application or to terminate Your Policy.

Legal Actions

No action at law or in equity will be brought to recover on this Policy prior to expiration of 60 days after proof of loss has been filed in accordance with requirements of this Policy. No action can be brought at all unless brought within three (3) years from expiration of the time within which proof of loss is required by this Policy.

Change of Beneficiary

Unless the Enrollee makes an irrevocable designation of beneficiary, the right to change a beneficiary is reserved to the Enrollee and the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be requisite to surrender or assignment of this Policy or to any change of beneficiary or beneficiaries or to any other changes in this Policy.

Conformity with Montana Statutes

The provisions of this Policy conform to the minimum requirements of Montana law and control over any conflicting statutes of any state in which the insured resides on or after the effective date of this Policy. Any part of this Policy which conflicts with federal law will be amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such law.

Holding Company

We are a member of the insurance holding company system of Delta Dental of California (the "Enterprise"). There are service agreements between and among the controlled member companies of the Enterprise. We are a party to some of these service agreements. It is expected that the services, which include certain ministerial tasks, will continue to be

performed by these controlled member companies, which operate under strict confidentiality and/or business associate agreements. All such service agreements have been approved by the respective regulatory agencies.

Third Party Administrator (“TPA”)

We may use the services of a TPA, duly registered under applicable state law, to provide services under this Policy. Any TPA providing such services or receiving such information shall enter into a separate business associate agreement with Us providing that the TPA shall meet HIPAA and HITECH requirements for the preservation of protected health information of Enrollees.

Patient’s Right to Know

Montana law provides that each insured person, or agent of the insured, may request a summary of the insured’s coverage for a specific health care service or course of treatment when an actual charge or estimate of charges by a health care provider, surgical center, clinic or hospital exceeds \$500.

If You have received dental care services under this plan exceeding \$500 as stated above, You (or someone You designate) may request a summary of Your plan benefits for those services from Us. To request this information, call Delta Dental’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 888-857-0314 and We will provide You with a summary of Your coverage for those services in writing or electronically within 10 business days of the request. The summary shall not be construed as a binding contract and is not a guarantee that the estimated amount will be the charged amount or account for unforeseen conditions.

Impossibility of Performance

Neither party shall be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of this Policy for any failure or delay in performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control. Such causes are strictly limited to include acts of God or of a public enemy, explosion, fires or unusually severe weather. Dates and times of performance shall be extended to the extent of the delays excused by this paragraph, provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of the delay.

Non-Discrimination

We comply with applicable federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sex stereotypes and gender identity. We do not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

We:

- Provide free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with Us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provide free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If You need these services, contact Delta Dental’s Customer Service Center at 888-857-0314.

If You believe that We have failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, You can file a grievance electronically online, over the phone with a Customer Service representative, or by mail.

Delta Dental

P.O. Box 997330

Sacramento, CA 95899-7330

Telephone Number: 866-530-9675

Website Address: deltadentalins.com

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW

Room 509F, HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Attachment A
Deductibles, Maximums, Policy Benefit Levels and Enrollee Coinsurances

Deductibles & Maximums				
	Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)		Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)	
	Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Provider	Non-Delta Dental Provider	Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Provider	Non-Delta Dental Provider
Annual Deductible Enrollee	\$50 each Calendar Year		\$55 each Calendar Year	\$85 each Calendar Year
			If an Enrollee switches between types of Providers during a Calendar Year, the maximum Deductible he or she will be responsible for is \$85 per Enrollee.	
Family (three or more Enrollees)	\$150 each Calendar Year		No family Deductible	
Annual Maximum Enrollee	\$1,000 each Calendar Year		No annual Maximum	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum*	Not a covered Benefit		\$375 each Calendar Year for only one covered Pediatric Enrollee	\$375 each Calendar Year for only one covered Pediatric Enrollee
Pediatric Enrollee				
Multiple Pediatric Enrollees	Not a covered Benefit		\$750 each Calendar Year for two or more covered Pediatric Enrollees	\$750 each Calendar Year for two or more covered Pediatric Enrollees
			The Out-of-Pocket Maximums for Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Providers and for Non-Delta Dental Providers are separate. If only one Pediatric Enrollee is covered and switches among types of Providers during a Calendar Year, the total paid in Out-of-Pocket Maximums would not exceed \$750 each Calendar Year. If two or more Pediatric Enrollees are covered and Pediatric Enrollee(s) switch among types of Providers during a Calendar Year, the total paid in Out-of-Pocket Maximums would not exceed \$1,500 each Calendar Year.	

*Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies only to Essential Health Benefits for Pediatric Enrollees. Once the amount paid by Pediatric Enrollee(s) equals the Out-of-Pocket Maximum, no further payment will be required by the Pediatric Enrollee(s) for the remainder of the Calendar Year. If an Enrollee switches among types of Providers during a Calendar Year, an Enrollee must satisfy the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Delta Dental PPO Providers and Delta Dental Premier Providers before Enrollee Coinsurance and Deductibles no longer apply to covered services from these Providers. Likewise, an Enrollee must satisfy the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Non-Delta Dental Providers before Enrollee Coinsurance and Deductibles no longer apply to covered services from Non-Delta Dental Providers.

If two or more Pediatric Enrollees are covered, the financial obligation for covered services received is not more than the multiple Pediatric Enrollees Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the Provider used. However, once a Pediatric Enrollee meets the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for one covered Pediatric Enrollee, that Pediatric Enrollee will have satisfied their Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the Provider used. Other covered Pediatric Enrollees must continue to pay Enrollee Coinsurance for covered

services until the total amount paid reaches the Out-of-Pocket Maximum used for multiple Pediatric Enrollees for the Provider used.

Policy Benefit Levels & Enrollee Coinsurances								
	Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)				Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)			
Dental Service Category	Delta Dental PPO ¹				Delta Dental PPO ¹			
	Delta Dental		Enrollee		Delta Dental		Enrollee	
	Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Provider	Non-Delta Dental Provider	Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Provider	Non-Delta Dental Provider	Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Provider	Non-Delta Dental Provider	Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier Provider	Non-Delta Dental Provider
Diagnostic and Preventive Services	100%		0%		100%		0%	
Basic Services	50%		50%		50%		50%	
Major Services	Not a covered Benefit		Not a covered Benefit		50%		50%	
Medically Necessary Orthodontic Services	Not a covered Benefit		Not a covered Benefit		50%		50%	
Waiting Periods	No Waiting Periods				No Waiting Periods			

¹Reimbursement is based on Delta Dental PPO Contracted Fees for Delta Dental PPO Providers, Delta Dental Premier Contracted Fees for Delta Dental Premier Providers and Non-Delta Dental Providers inside Montana, and the Program Allowance for Non-Delta Dental Providers outside of Montana. Note: Delta Dental will pay the same Policy Benefit Level for covered services performed by a PPO Provider, Premier Provider and a Non-Delta Dental Provider. However, the amount charged to Enrollees for covered services performed by a Non-Delta Dental Provider may be above that accepted by PPO Providers or Premier Providers, and Enrollees will be responsible for balance billed amounts.

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