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Delta Dental PPO™
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Combined Policy and Disclosure Form

Provided by:

Delta Dental Insurance Company

WARNING: LIMITED BENEFITS WILL BE PAID WHEN NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS ARE USED. You should be aware that when you elect to utilize the services of a nonparticipating provider for a covered nonemergency service, benefit payments to the provider are not based upon the amount the provider charges. The basis of the payment will be determined according to your policy's out-of-network reimbursement benefit. Nonparticipating providers may bill insureds for any difference in the amount. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY MORE THAN THE COINSURANCE OR COPAYMENT AMOUNT. Participating providers have agreed to accept discounted payments for services with no additional billing to you other than coinsurance, copayment, and deductible amounts. You may obtain further information about the providers who have contracted with your insurance plan by consulting your insurer's website or contacting your insurer or agent directly.

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Enrollee's Name

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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"). Delta Dental 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. This Policy is Guaranteed Renewable. Please refer to the Renewal provision in this Policy for terms of renewability. All periods will begin and end at 12:01 A.M., Standard Time, where you live.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

READ YOUR POLICY AND ATTACHMENTS CAREFULLY

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

Please read this Policy. Carefully check the application and write to Delta Dental Insurance Company, P.O. Box 1809, Alpharetta, GA 30023-1809 if this Policy was solicited by deceptive advertising or negotiated by deceptive, misleading, or untrue statements. If you are not satisfied, that the information is correct, you may return this Policy within 10 days after you received it. Mail or deliver it to Delta Dental. The application is a part of the Policy and the Policy was issued on the basis that the answers to all questions and the information shown on the application are correct and complete. 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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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 him or her 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 present inquires, to obtain information about Enrollee Benefits, claim status to provide assistance in resolving complaints, and 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, GA 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 We 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 "Florida Federally-Facilitated 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 Submitted Fee or the PPO Provider's Contracted Fee; or
- by a Premier Provider is the lesser of the Submitted Fee or the PPO Provider's Contracted Fee for a PPO Provider in the same geographic area; or
- by a Non-Delta Dental Provider is the lesser of the Submitted Fee or the PPO Provider's Contracted Fee for a PPO Provider in the same geographic area.

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 that a Pediatric Enrollee must satisfy for covered dental services during the Calendar Year provided a PPO Provider is used. Coinsurance and other cost-sharing, including balance billed amounts, will continue to apply for covered services from a Premier or Non-Delta Dental Provider even after the Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been met.

Policy: this agreement between Delta Dental 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®.

Provider: a person licensed to practice dentistry when and where services are performed. 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, children in Enrollee's custodial care);
- dependent child ceases to satisfy eligibility requirements;
- residence (Enrollee moves);
- court order requiring dependent coverage;
- loss of minimal essential coverage; or

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 the end of the month of their 19th birthday; and/or
- a Primary Enrollee's Spouse to the end of the month of their 19th birthday and dependent children from birth to the end of the month of their 19th birthday. Dependent children include natural children, stepchildren, foster children, adopted children, children placed for adoption, children of Spouse and children in your custodial care for which you have been appointed legal guardian.

  Newborn children, including a newborn child of a covered dependent child or a newborn child where a written agreement to adopt has been entered into prior to birth, are eligible from the moment of birth. Adopted children are eligible from the moment of placement in your residence whether or not the agreement is enforceable, or in the case of a newborn child, from the moment of birth, if you have entered into a written agreement to adopt the child prior to the birth of the child.

  Notice of birth, adoption placement, foster home placement or other custodial placement of a child with Enrollee must be received within 31 days of the birth or placement. If notice of birth or adoption is received within the 31 day notice period, no additional premiums are due during the notice period. If notice is received within 60 days of the birth or adoption placement instead of 31 days, coverage will be effective from the date of birth or placement, but the Enrollee must pay any additional Premium from the date of birth or placement.

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, children of Spouse and children for which you have been appointed legal guardian.

  Adopted children are eligible from the moment of placement in your residence, if you have entered into a written agreement to adopt the child prior to the birth of the child.

  Notice of adoption placement, foster home placement or other custodial placement of a child with employee must be received within 31 days of the placement. If notice of adoption is received within the 31 day notice period, no additional premiums are due during the notice period. If notice is received within 60 days of the adoption placement instead of 31 days, coverage will be effective from the date of placement, but the Enrollee must pay any additional Premium from the date of placement.

An unmarried dependent child 26 years of age or older, may continue eligibility for Adult Benefits to the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 30 if:

- they do not have a dependent of his or her own;
- they are a resident of the state of Florida or a full-time or part-time student; and
- is not provided coverage as a named subscriber, insured, enrollee, or covered person under any other group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policy or individual health benefits plan, or is not entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.
- proof of dependent's 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 this dependent reaches the limiting age.

Attainment of the limiting age does not terminate the coverage of the child while the child continues to be both:

- incapable of self-sustaining employment because of an intellectual or physical disability that began prior to reaching the limiting age;
- chiefly dependent on the policyholder or subscriber for support and maintenance.

Open Enrollment Period

Qualified Individuals can enroll under this Policy during an annual open enrollment period. For benefit years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the annual open enrollment period begins November 1, 2024 and extends through December 15, 2024. The Exchange must ensure coverage is effective as of the first day of the following benefit year for a Qualified Individual who has made their selection during the annual open enrollment period.

Special Enrollment Periods

The Exchange is responsible for establishing the Enrollee's Effective Date of coverage for enrollment. Elections made the first through the fifteenth will result in the Enrollee's Effective Date of coverage being the first of the following month and elections made the sixteenth through the end of the month will result in an Enrollee's Effective Date of coverage being the first of the second month following enrollment.

In the case of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care, the Exchange must ensure that coverage is effective on the date of birth, adoption, placement for adoption or placement in foster care.

In the case of marriage, or in the case where a Qualified Individual loses minimum essential coverage, the Exchange must ensure coverage is effective on the first day of the following month.

Unless specifically stated otherwise herein, a Qualified Individual or Enrollee has 60 days from the date of a triggering event to select a qualified dental plan. The Exchange must allow Qualified Individuals and Enrollees to enroll in or change from one qualified dental plan to another as a result of the following triggering events:

- A Qualified Individual or his or her dependent loses minimum essential coverage;
- A Qualified Individual gains a dependent or becomes a dependent through marriage, birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care;
- A Qualified Individual, or his or her dependent, who was not previously a citizen, national, or lawfully present individual gains such status;
- A Qualified Individual's, or his or her dependent's, enrollment or non-enrollment in a qualified dental plan is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and is the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer, employee, or agent of the Exchange or U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, or its instrumentalities as evaluated and determined by the Exchange. In such cases, the Exchange may take such action as may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error, misrepresentation, or inaction;
- An Enrollee, or his or her dependent, adequately demonstrates to the Exchange that the qualified dental plan in which he or she is enrolled substantially violated a material provision of its contract in relation to the Enrollee;
- Newly eligible or ineligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit, or change in eligibility for cost-sharing reductions;
- A Qualified Individual or Enrollee, or his or her dependent, gains access to new qualified dental plans as a result of a permanent move;
- A Qualified Individual who is an Indian, as defined by section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, may enroll in a qualified dental plan or change from one qualified dental plan to another one time per month;
- A Qualified Individual or Enrollee, or his or her dependent, demonstrates to the Exchange, in accordance with guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, that the individual meets other exceptional circumstances as the Exchange may provide; and
- It has been determined by the Exchange that a Qualified Individual or Enrollee, or his or her dependents, was not enrolled in a qualified dental plan coverage; was not enrolled in the qualified dental plan selected by the Qualified Individual or Enrollee; or is eligible for but is not receiving advance payments of the premium tax credit or cost-sharing reductions as a result of misconduct on the part of a non-Exchange entity providing enrollment assistance or conducting enrollment activities.

Guaranteed Renewable

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.

If We decide to discontinue offering this Policy, we will provide you with a minimum of 90 days advance notice before the date of nonrenewal of coverage.

Termination of Coverage

The Primary Enrollee has the right to terminate coverage under this Policy by contacting the Marketplace Call Center. The effective date of a termination will be the date reported by the Exchange. We will refund the unearned portion of any premium paid before this Policy was terminated. 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 will be issued if a written request for a refund is available when Policy cancellation is received.

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; if coverage is terminated, we will provide 45 days written notice prior to termination. If We fail to provide you with 45 days written notice, coverage shall remain in effect at the existing Premium until 45 days after notice is given or until the effective date of replacement coverage is obtained by the Enrollee. Claims received prior to the effective date of cancellation will be processed in accordance with standard processing guidelines under this policy;
- the Primary Enrollee changing to a new policy through the Exchange; or
- Delta Dental ceasing to renew all Policies issued on this form to residents of the state where you live. We will provide you with 90 days written advance notice prior to termination.

If your coverage is terminated, we will send a 45 day advance written notice to you informing you of the reasons(s) why coverage is terminated and the date that your coverage will end. We will not pay for services received after the date coverage ends. However, if We accept Premium from you for coverage extending beyond the date of the event specified for termination listed above, we will continue to provide coverage through the date Premium is paid. However, we will pay for the completion of Single Procedures started while an Enrollee was eligible if they are completed within 31 days of the date coverage ended.

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 the renewal premium is not paid before the grace period ends, this Policy will lapse. Later acceptance of the premium by us, or by an agent authorized to accept payment without requiring an application for reinstatement, will reinstate this Policy. If we or our agent requires an application, you will be given a conditional receipt for the premium. If the application is approved, this Policy will be reinstated as of the approval date. Lacking such approval, this Policy will be reinstated on the 45th day after the date of the conditional receipt unless we have previously written you of its disapproval.

If this Policy is terminated, you may re-enroll in the plan at the next Open Enrollment Period. Any Deductible, Maximum, Out-of-Pocket Maximum and/or Waiting Period applicable to your Benefits will start over. However, this Policy may be reinstated prior to Open Enrollment with no break in coverage provided the full Premium due is received by us (see *"Grace Period on Late Payments")*.

The reinstated Policy will cover only loss that results from an injury sustained after the date of reinstatement or sickness that starts more than ten (10) days after such date. In all other respects, the rights of you and us will remain the same, subject to any provisions noted on or attached to the reinstated Policy. Any premiums we accept for a reinstatement will be applied to a period for which premiums have not been paid. No premiums will be applied to any period more than sixty (60) days before the reinstatement date.

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 Florida, the Provider will be paid according to Our 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.

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 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 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. Payment for covered services performed by a PPO Provider is based on the Maximum Contract Allowance.

Costs incurred by the Pediatric Enrollee for covered services with a PPO Provider apply towards the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Pediatric Benefits.

Choosing a Premier Provider

A Premier Provider is a Delta Dental Provider; however, the Premier Provider has not agreed to the features of the PPO plan. The amount charged may be above that accepted by PPO Providers, and Enrollees will be responsible for balance billed amounts. Payment for covered services performed by a Premier Provider is based on the Maximum Contract Allowance, and the Enrollee may be balance billed up to the Premier Provider's Contracted Fee.

Costs incurred by the Pediatric Enrollee with a Premier Provider do not count towards the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Pediatric Benefits. Coinsurance and other cost-sharing, including balance billed amounts, continue to apply when a Premier Provider is used even if the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Pediatric Enrollees has been met.

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. Payment for covered services performed by a Non-Delta Dental Provider is based on the Maximum Contract Allowance, and the Enrollee may be balance billed up to the Provider's Submitted Fee.

Costs incurred by the Pediatric Enrollee with a Non-Delta Dental Provider do not count towards the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Pediatric Benefits. Enrollee Coinsurance and other cost-sharing, including balance billed amounts, continue to apply when a Non-Delta Dental Provider is used even if the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Pediatric Enrollees has been met.

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 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 files 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 Delta Dental 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 Delta Dental 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 1860
Alpharetta, GA 30023-1860

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 your state insurance regulatory agency.

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 660138
Dallas, TX 75266-0138

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. You will receive at least 45 days advance written notice of a change in rates.

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 is found by a court or other authority to be illegal, void or not enforceable, then such Policy or amendment shall not be rendered invalid, but shall be construed and applied in accordance with such conditions and provisions as would have applied had such Policy or amendment been in full force and effect.

Incontestability

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.

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, at our own expense 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 within 12 months after the date of the 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 written proof in the time required provided that the proof is filed as soon as reasonably possible. 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.

All written proof of loss must be given to us within 12 months of the termination of this Policy.

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

Claims payable under this Policy for any loss other than loss for which this Policy provides any periodic payment will be processed no later than (paid or denied):

- within 45 days after receipt of due written proof of such loss. If additional information is requested to process the claim, we will notify you and your Provider within 45 days of written proof of loss; or
- within 60 days after the requested information is received for any disputed portion of the claim.

We will notify you and your Provider of any additional information needed to process the claim within these time periods.

Claims not processed (paid or denied) within 120 days of receipt are subject to a charge of 10 percent interest per annum.

To Whom Benefits Are Paid

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 his or her parent, guardian or other person actually supporting him or her.

Change of Beneficiary

You may change the beneficiary at any time by giving Us written notice. The beneficiary's consent is not required for this or any other change in the Policy, unless the designation of the beneficiary is irrevocable.

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 such action may be brought after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations from the time written proof of loss is required to be given.

Conformity with Applicable Laws

Any provision of this Policy which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the statutes of the state in which the Enrollee resides on such date is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes.

Holding Company

Delta Dental is 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. Delta Dental is 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 Delta Dental providing that the TPA shall meet HIPAA and HITECH requirements for the preservation of protected health information of Enrollees.

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.

Delta Dental:

- Provides 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)
- Provides 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 Our 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
888-857-0314
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.

POLICY INFORMATION

Policyholder:

Effective Date:

Policy Year:

Policy ID Number:

Premium Remittance:

Each Premium is to be paid to:
Delta Dental Insurance Company
P.O. Box 660138
Dallas, TX 75266-0138

Monthly Premium:

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

Deductibles & Maximums		
	Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)	**Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)**
Annual Deductible	The annual Deductible is waived for Diagnostic and Preventive Services.	
Enrollee	$50 each Calendar Year	$45 each Calendar Year
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*		
Pediatric Enrollee	$425 each Calendar Year for only one covered Pediatric Enrollee	
Multiple Pediatric Enrollees	$850 each Calendar Year for two or more covered Pediatric Enrollees	

* Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies only to Essential Health Benefits that are provided by Delta Dental PPO Providers 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 for covered services received from Delta Dental PPO Providers. Enrollee Coinsurance and other cost sharing, including balance billed amounts, will continue to apply for covered services from Delta Dental Premier or Non-Delta Dental Providers even after the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.

  If two or more Pediatric Enrollees are covered, the financial obligation for covered services received from Delta Dental PPO Providers is not more than the multiple Pediatric Enrollees Out-of-Pocket Maximum. 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. Other covered Pediatric Enrollees must continue to pay Enrollee Coinsurance for covered services received from Delta Dental PPO Providers until the total amount paid reaches the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for multiple Pediatric Enrollees.

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[2]	Enrollee[2]	Delta Dental[2]	Enrollee[2]
Diagnostic and Preventive Services	100%	0%	100%	0%
Basic Services	80%	20%	80%	20%
Major Services	50%	50%	50%	50%
Medically Necessary Orthodontic Services (requires prior authorization)	Not a covered benefit	Not a covered benefit	50%	50%
Waiting Periods	Major Services are limited to Adult Enrollees who have been enrolled under this Policy for 12 consecutive months.[3]		No Waiting Periods	

[1]Reimbursement is based on Delta Dental PPO Contracted Fees for Delta Dental PPO, Delta Dental Premier and Non-Delta Dental Providers.

[2]We will pay or otherwise discharge the Policy Benefit Level according to the Maximum Contract Allowance for covered services. Note: We 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 Premier Provider or Non-Delta Dental Provider may be above that accepted by PPO Providers, and Enrollees will be responsible for balance billed amounts.

[3]Waiting Periods are calculated for each Adult Enrollee from the effective date of coverage reported by the Exchange for said Adult Enrollee. Prior coverage for Adult Enrollees under any Delta Dental Exchange plan that included an adult Waiting Period will be credited towards the adult Waiting Period under this dental plan. In order for prior coverage to be credited, such prior coverage must occur immediately preceding the election of this plan.

Attachment B
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: cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth (periodontal maintenance is considered to be a Basic Service for payment purposes).
  - (3) 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 restorations for treatment of carious lesions (visible destruction of hard tooth structure resulting from the process of decay).

- **Major Services**
  - (1) Crowns and Inlays/Onlays: 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.

- **Note on additional Benefits during pregnancy**

  When an Enrollee is pregnant, We 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.

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.

Examples of Optional Services:
a) a composite restoration instead of an amalgam restoration on posterior teeth;
b) a crown where a filling would restore the tooth;
c) an inlay/onlay instead of an amalgam restoration; or
d) porcelain, resin or similar materials for crowns placed on a maxillary second or third molar, or on any mandibular molar (an allowance will be made for a porcelain fused to high noble metal crown).

If an Enrollee receives Optional Services, an alternate Benefit will be allowed, which means We 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) We will pay for oral examinations (except after hours exams and exams for observation) no more than twice in a calendar year.

(4) We will pay for cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (including periodontal maintenance or any combination thereof) no more than twice in a Calendar Year. 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. 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. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy.

(5) A caries risk assessment is allowed once in 12 months.

(6) Application of caries arresting medicament is limited to twice per tooth per Calendar Year when the Enrollee has a caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of high risk.

(7) Full mouth debridement is not allowed when performed by the same dentist/dental office on the same day as evaluation procedures.

(8) Image limitations:
- a) We will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a comprehensive series of radiographic images when the fees for any combination of intraoral images in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a comprehensive intraoral series.
- b) Benefits are limited to either one (1) comprehensive intraoral series or one (1) panoramic image once every 60 months.
- c) If a panoramic image is taken in conjunction with an comprehensive intraoral series, We will limit reimbursement to the Provider's Accepted Fee for the comprehensive intraoral series, and the fee for the panoramic image will be the responsibility of the enrollee.
- d) Panoramic images are not considered part of a comprehensive intraoral series.
- e) Bitewing images are limited to one (1) time each Calendar Year for age 18 and over. Bitewings of any type are not disallowed within 6 months of a full mouth series unless warranted by special circumstances.
- f) Bitewing images of any type are included in the fee of a comprehensive series when taken within 6 months of the comprehensive images.
- g) Image capture procedures are not separately allowable services.

(9) Cone beam image limitations:
   a) Cone beam capture and interpretation is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.
   b) Interpretation of a diagnostic image only is covered for cone beam services.
   c) This service is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.
   d) Cone beam interpretation is a covered benefit when provided by a different dentist/dental office that provided the cone beam capture only services.

(10) Pulp vitality tests are allowed once per day when definitive treatment is not performed.

(11) Specialist Consultations are limited to once per lifetime per Provider and 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.

(12) We 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.

(13) Protective restorations (sedative fillings) are allowed once per tooth per lifetime when definitive treatment is not performed on the same date of service.

(14) Therapeutic pulpotomy is limited to once per lifetime for baby (deciduous) teeth only and is considered palliative treatment for permanent teeth.

(15) Pulpal debridement and partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis are limited to once per lifetime.

(16) Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) is limited to once in a lifetime. Retreatment of root canal therapy by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.

(17) Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy, root amputation per root, internal root repair of perforation defects and incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth, are limited to once in a lifetime.

(18) Retreatment of apical surgery by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.

(19) Pin retention is covered not more than once in any 24-month period.

(20) Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee includes all treatment provided other than required images or select Diagnostic procedures.

(21) Periodontal limitations:
   a) Benefits for periodontal scaling and root planing in the same quadrant are limited to once in every 24-month period. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy. 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.
   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 bone replacement grafts, guided tissue regeneration, graft procedures and biological materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration 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) Guided tissue regeneration and/or 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 surface, without flap entry and closure is covered as a basic benefit and are limited to once in a 24-month period.

(22) Oral Surgery services are covered once in a lifetime except removal of benign odontogenic cysts or tumors, excision of benign lesions and incision and drainage procedures, which are covered once in the same day.

(23) General anesthesia, intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation is a benefit only when provided by a dentist in conjunction with covered oral surgery procedures or selected endodontic and periodontal surgical procedures.

(24) Crowns and Inlays/Onlays are covered not more often than once in any 60 month period except when We determine 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.

(25) Core buildup, including any pins, is covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(26) Post and core services are covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(27) Crown and Inlay/Onlay repairs are covered not more than once in any 60 month period. Crowns, Inlays/Onlays and fixed bridges include repairs for twenty four (24) months following installation.

(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) Denture Repairs are covered not more than once in any six (6) month period except for fixed Denture Repairs which are covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(30) Prosthodontic appliances, implants and/or implant supported prosthetics that were provided under any Delta Dental program will be replaced only after 60 months have passed, except when We determine 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 We determine it is unsatisfactory and cannot be made satisfactory. Diagnostic and treatment facilitating aids for implants are considered a part of, and included in, the fees for the definitive treatment. Our payment for implant removal is limited to one (1) for each implant in 60 months whether provided under Us or any other dental care plan. Implant/abutment supported removable dentures and fixed dentures will receive a benefit allowance for the corresponding conventional removable appliances. The Enrollee is responsible for the difference in the fee for an implant/abutment supported denture and the fee for a conventional prosthodontic appliance.

(31) Implant maintenance procedures when prostheses are removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prostheses and abutments, are covered once in 36 months.

(32) Debridement of a peri-implant defect or defects surrounding a single implant (with or without osseous contouring), and surface cleaning of the exposed implant surfaces, including flap entry and closure, are covered once in 36 months.

(33) 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.

(34) Recementation of Crowns, Inlays/Onlays, indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core, 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. After six (6) months, payment will be limited to one (1) recementation in a lifetime by the same Provider/Provider office.

(35) 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.

(36) Occlusal adjustment - limited, is allowed once in a 60-month period.

(37) We 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 24-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, adjustments are limited to two (2) per arch in a Calendar Year and relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a six (6) 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, adjustments are limited to two (2) per arch in a Calendar Year and relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a six (6) month period.

c) Tissue conditioning is limited to two (2) per arch in a 12-month period. However, tissue conditioning is not allowed as a separate Benefit when performed on the same day as a denture reline or rebase service.

d) Recementation of fixed partial dentures is limited to once in a lifetime.

(38) Frenulectomy is only considered in cases of ankyloglossia (tongue-tie) interfering with feeding or speech as diagnosed and documented by a physician, or if there is a papilla penetrating frenum interfering with closure of a diastema.

(39) The fees for synchronous/asynchronous Teledentistry services are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not separately payable services.

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 those services provided to newborn children for medically diagnosed congenital defects or birth abnormalities.

(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) 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.

(10) extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).

(11) interim implants.

(12) indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.

(13) charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.

(14) treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.

(15) charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, image duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling or broken appointments are not separately payable procedures.

(16) 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.

(17) procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.

(18) 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.

(19) Deductibles, amounts over plan maximums and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.

(20) 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.

(21) the initial placement of any prosthodontic appliance or implants, 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 Us.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.

(22) 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.

(23) services for any disturbance of the temporomandibular (jaw) joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues.

(24) endodontic endosseous implants.

(25) services or supplies for sealants, fluoride, space maintainers, apexification and transseptal fiberotomy/supra crestal fiberotomy.

(26) missed and/or cancelled appointments.

(27) actions taken to schedule and assure compliance with patient appointments are inclusive with office operations and are not a separately payable service.

(28) the fees for care coordination are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.

(29) dental case management motivational interviewing and patient education to improve oral health literacy.

(30) non-ionizing diagnostic procedure capable of quantifying, monitoring and recording changes in structure of enamel, dentin, and cementum.

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(35) antigen or antibody testing.

(36) counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use.

(37) services or supplies for sleep apnea.

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

We 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. Orthodontic treatment is a benefit of this dental plan only when medically necessary as evidenced by a severe handicapping malocclusion and when a prior authorization is obtained. Severe handicapping malocclusion is not a cosmetic condition. Teeth must be severely misaligned causing functional problems that compromise oral and/or general health. 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, We 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.

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 We 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 Our standard processing policies. The processing policies may be revised from time to time; therefore, We shall use the processing policies that are in effect at the time the claim is processed. 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.

(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) We 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 when the Enrollee has a caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of high risk.

(6) Images limitations:

a) We will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a comprehensive series of radiographic images when the fees for any combination of intraoral images in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a comprehensive intraoral series.

b) Benefits are limited to either one (1) comprehensive intraoral series or one (1) panoramic image once every 36 months.

c) If a panoramic image is taken in conjunction with an comprehensive intraoral series, We will limit reimbursement to the Provider's Accepted Fee for the comprehensive intraoral series, and the fee for the panoramic image will be the responsibility of the enrollee.

d) Panoramic images are not considered part of a comprehensive intraoral series.

e) A set of two or more bitewing images, taken on the same date of service, is limited to once per 6 months per dentist/dental office unless warranted by special circumstances.

f) Bitewing images of any type are included in the fee of a comprehensive series when taken within 6 months of the comprehensive image.

g) Image capture procedures are not separately allowable services.

(7) Cone beam image limitations:

a) Cone beam capture and interpretation is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.

b) Interpretation of a diagnostic image only is covered for cone beam services.

c) This service is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.

d) Cone beam interpretation is a covered benefit when provided by a different dentist/dental office that provided the cone beam capture only services

(8) The fee for pulp vitality tests are included in the fee for any definitive treatment performed on the same date.

(9) Topical application of fluoride solutions is limited to twice within a 12-month period.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) Preventive resin restorations in a moderate to high risk caries risk patient - permanent tooth are limited to once per tooth in 36 months.

(13) 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.

(14) We 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.

(15) 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.

(16) 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.

(17) Therapeutic pulpotomy is limited to baby (deciduous) teeth only; an allowance for an emergency palliative treatment is made when performed on permanent teeth.

(18) 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.

(19) Apexification is only benefited on permanent teeth with incomplete root canal development or for the repair of a perforation.

(20) Retreatment of apical surgery by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.

(21) Fees for additional pins on the same tooth on the same date are considered a component of the initial pin placement.

(22) Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee for palliative treatment provided in conjunction with any procedures other than images or select Diagnostic procedures is considered included in the fee for the definitive treatment.

(23) 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.

(24) Collection and application of autologous blood concentrate product are limited to once every 36 months.

(25) Crowns and Inlays/Onlays are covered not more often than once in any 60 month period except when We determine 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.

(26) Core buildup, including any pins, is covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(27) Prefabricated post and core, in addition to crown is covered once per tooth every 60 month period.

(28) Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions is covered once in any 36 month period.

(29) 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.

(30) 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 We determine 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 We determine 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. Our payment for implant removal is limited to one (1) for each implant within a 60-month period whether provided under Us or any other dental care plan.

(31) 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.

(32) 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.

(33) 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.

(34) 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.

(35) 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.

(36) We limit 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.

(37) 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. We 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.

(38) 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 and when a prior authorization is obtained.

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;

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 and shall be prior authorized.

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, We 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) Orthodontic, 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. All orthodontic services, including direct to consumer orthodontics, must be provided by a licensed dentist authorized to deliver care in Your state. Claims for services that are not provided by a Dentist are not eligible for reimbursement.

m) The removal of fixed orthodontic appliances for reasons other than completion of treatment is not a covered benefit.

(39) The fees for synchronous/asynchronous Teledentistry services are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not separately payable services.

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) 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 those services provided to children for medically diagnosed congenital defects or birth abnormalities.

(7) 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.

(8) any Single Procedure provided prior to the date the Enrollee became eligible for services under this plan.

(9) prescribed drugs, medication, pain killers, antimicrobial agents, or experimental/investigational procedures.

(10) 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.

(11) extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).

(12) laboratory processed crowns for teeth that are not developmentally mature.

(13) endodontic endosseous implants.

(14) indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.

(15) charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.

(16) treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.

(17) charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, images duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling or broken appointments are not separately payable procedures.

(18) 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.

(19) procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.

(20) 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.

(21) Deductibles and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.

(22) 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.

(23) 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 Us.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.

(24) services for any disturbance of the temporomandibular (jaw) joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues.

(25) services for Orthodontic treatment (treatment of malocclusion of teeth and/or jaws) except medically necessary Orthodontics provided a prior authorization is obtained.

(26) missed and/or cancelled appointments.

(27) actions taken to schedule and assure compliance with patient appointments are inclusive with office operations and are not a separately payable service.

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Outline of Coverage

Limited Benefit Health Coverage

Read your Policy carefully. This outline of coverage provides a very brief description of the important features of your Policy. This is not the insurance Policy and only the Policy provisions will control. The Policy itself sets forth in detail the rights and obligations of both you and your insurance company. It is therefore important that you READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY. The Policy provides benefits for dental care only. It does not pay benefits for any other type of loss such as medical or hospital expenses.

If you are not satisfied with the Policy for any reason, you may return the Policy within 10 days after you receive it. Mail or deliver it to Delta Dental Insurance Company ("Delta Dental"). Any premium paid will be refunded. The Policy will then be void from its start.

Renewal and Premium Changes	
Renewability:	Guaranteed Renewable 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. If We decide to discontinue offering this Policy, we will provide you with a minimum of 90 days advance notice before the date of nonrenewal of coverage.
Right to Change Premium	We will provide at least 45 days advance notice of any change in Premium.

Deductibles & Maximums		
	Adult Benefits (age 19 and older)	**Pediatric Benefits (under age 19)**
Annual Deductible	The annual Deductible is waived for Diagnostic and Preventive Services.	
Enrollee	$50 each Calendar Year	$45 each Calendar Year
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*		
Pediatric Enrollee	$425 each Calendar Year for only one covered Pediatric Enrollee	
Multiple Pediatric Enrollees	$850 each Calendar Year for two or more covered Pediatric Enrollees	

* Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies only to Essential Health Benefits that are provided by Delta Dental PPO Providers 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 for covered services received from Delta Dental PPO Providers. Enrollee Coinsurance and other cost sharing, including balance billed amounts, will continue to apply for covered services from Delta Dental Premier or Non-Delta Dental Providers even after the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.

  If two or more Pediatric Enrollees are covered, the financial obligation for covered services received from Delta Dental PPO Providers is not more than the multiple Pediatric Enrollees Out-of-Pocket Maximum. 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. Other covered Pediatric Enrollees must continue to pay Enrollee Coinsurance for covered services received from Delta Dental PPO Providers until the total amount paid reaches the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for multiple Pediatric Enrollees.

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[2]	Enrollee[2]	Delta Dental[2]	Enrollee[2]
Diagnostic and Preventive Services	100%	0%	100%	0%
Basic Services	80%	20%	80%	20%
Major Services	50%	50%	50%	50%
Medically Necessary Orthodontic Services (requires prior authorization)	Not a covered benefit	Not a covered benefit	50%	50%
Waiting Periods	Major Services are limited to Adult Enrollees who have been enrolled under this Policy for 12 consecutive months.[3]		No Waiting Periods	

[1]Reimbursement is based on Delta Dental PPO Contracted Fees for Delta Dental PPO, Delta Dental Premier and Non-Delta Dental Providers.

[2]We will pay or otherwise discharge the Policy Benefit Level according to the Maximum Contract Allowance for covered services. Note: We 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 Premier Provider or Non-Delta Dental Provider may be above that accepted by PPO Providers, and Enrollees will be responsible for balance billed amounts.

[3]Waiting Periods are calculated for each Adult Enrollee from the effective date of coverage reported by the Exchange for said Adult Enrollee. Prior coverage for Adult Enrollees under any Delta Dental Exchange plan that included an adult Waiting Period will be credited towards the adult Waiting Period under this dental plan. In order for prior coverage to be credited, such prior coverage must occur immediately preceding the election of this plan.

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: cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth (periodontal maintenance is considered to be a Basic Service for payment purposes).
  - (3) 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 restorations for treatment of carious lesions (visible destruction of hard tooth structure resulting from the process of decay).

- **Major Services**

(1)	Crowns and Inlays/Onlays:	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.

- **Note on additional Benefits during pregnancy**
  When an Enrollee is pregnant, We 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.

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.

Examples of Optional Services:

a) a composite restoration instead of an amalgam restoration on posterior teeth;

b) a crown where a filling would restore the tooth;

c) an inlay/onlay instead of an amalgam restoration; or

d) porcelain, resin or similar materials for crowns placed on a maxillary second or third molar, or on any mandibular molar (an allowance will be made for a porcelain fused to high noble metal crown).

If an Enrollee receives Optional Services, an alternate Benefit will be allowed, which means We 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) We will pay for oral examinations (except after hours exams and exams for observation) no more than twice in a calendar year.

(4) We will pay for cleanings, including scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (including periodontal maintenance or any combination thereof) no more than twice in a Calendar Year. 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. 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. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy.

(5) A caries risk assessment is allowed once in 12 months.

(6) Application of caries arresting medicament is limited to twice per tooth per Calendar Year when the Enrollee has a caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of high risk.

(7) Full mouth debridement is not allowed when performed by the same dentist/dental office on the same day as evaluation procedures.

(8) Image limitations:

a) We will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a comprehensive series of radiographic images when the fees for any combination of intraoral images in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a comprehensive intraoral series.

b) Benefits are limited to either one (1) comprehensive intraoral series or one (1) panoramic image once every 60 months.

c) If a panoramic image is taken in conjunction with an comprehensive intraoral series, We will limit reimbursement to the Provider's Accepted Fee for the comprehensive intraoral series, and the fee for the panoramic image will be the responsibility of the enrollee.

d) Panoramic images are not considered part of a comprehensive intraoral series.

e) Bitewing images are limited to one (1) time each Calendar Year for age 18 and over. Bitewings of any type are not disallowed within 6 months of a full mouth series unless warranted by special circumstances.

f) Bitewing images of any type are included in the fee of a comprehensive series when taken within 6 months of the comprehensive images.

g) Image capture procedures are not separately allowable services.

(9) Cone beam image limitations:

a) Cone beam capture and interpretation is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.

b) Interpretation of a diagnostic image only is covered for cone beam services.

c) This service is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.

d) Cone beam interpretation is a covered benefit when provided by a different dentist/dental office that provided the cone beam capture only services.

(10) Pulp vitality tests are allowed once per day when definitive treatment is not performed.

(11) Specialist Consultations are limited to once per lifetime per Provider and 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.

(12) We 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.

(13) Protective restorations (sedative fillings) are allowed once per tooth per lifetime when definitive treatment is not performed on the same date of service.

(14) Therapeutic pulpotomy is limited to once per lifetime for baby (deciduous) teeth only and is considered palliative treatment for permanent teeth.

(15) Pulpal debridement and partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis are limited to once per lifetime.

(16) Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) is limited to once in a lifetime. Retreatment of root canal therapy by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.

(17) Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy, root amputation per root, internal root repair of perforation defects and incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth, are limited to once in a lifetime.

(18) Retreatment of apical surgery by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.

(19) Pin retention is covered not more than once in any 24-month period.

(20) Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee includes all treatment provided other than required images or select Diagnostic procedures.

(21) Periodontal limitations:

a) Benefits for periodontal scaling and root planing in the same quadrant are limited to once in every 24-month period. See note on additional Benefits during pregnancy. 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.

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 bone replacement grafts, guided tissue regeneration, graft procedures and biological materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration 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) Guided tissue regeneration and/or 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 surface, without flap entry and closure is covered as a basic benefit and are limited to once in a 24-month period.

(22) Oral Surgery services are covered once in a lifetime except removal of benign odontogenic cysts or tumors, excision of benign lesions and incision and drainage procedures, which are covered once in the same day.

(23) General anesthesia, intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation is a benefit only when provided by a dentist in conjunction with covered oral surgery procedures or selected endodontic and periodontal surgical procedures.

(24) Crowns and Inlays/Onlays are covered not more often than once in any 60 month period except when We determine 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.

(25) Core buildup, including any pins, is covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(26) Post and core services are covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(27) Crown and Inlay/Onlay repairs are covered not more than once in any 60 month period. Crowns, Inlays/Onlays and fixed bridges include repairs for twenty four (24) months following installation.

(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) Denture Repairs are covered not more than once in any six (6) month period except for fixed Denture Repairs which are covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(30) Prosthodontic appliances, implants and/or implant supported prosthetics that were provided under any Delta Dental program will be replaced only after 60 months have passed, except when We determine 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 We determine it is unsatisfactory and cannot be made satisfactory. Diagnostic and treatment facilitating aids for implants are considered a part of, and included in, the fees for the definitive treatment. Our payment for implant removal is limited to one (1) for each implant in 60 months whether provided under Us or any other dental care plan. Implant/abutment supported removable dentures and fixed dentures will receive a benefit allowance for the corresponding conventional removable appliances. The Enrollee is responsible for the difference in the fee for an implant/abutment supported denture and the fee for a conventional prosthodontic appliance.

(31) Implant maintenance procedures when prostheses are removed and reinserted, including cleansing of prostheses and abutments, are covered once in 36 months.

(32) Debridement of a peri-implant defect or defects surrounding a single implant (with or without osseous contouring), and surface cleaning of the exposed implant surfaces, including flap entry and closure, are covered once in 36 months.

(33) 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.

(34) Recementation of Crowns, Inlays/Onlays, indirectly fabricated or prefabricated post and core, 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. After six (6) months, payment will be limited to one (1) recementation in a lifetime by the same Provider/Provider office.

(35) 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.

(36) Occlusal adjustment - limited, is allowed once in a 60-month period.

(37) We 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 24-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, adjustments are limited to two (2) per arch in a Calendar Year and relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a six (6) 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, adjustments are limited to two (2) per arch in a Calendar Year and relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a six (6) month period.

c) Tissue conditioning is limited to two (2) per arch in a 12-month period. However, tissue conditioning is not allowed as a separate Benefit when performed on the same day as a denture reline or rebase service.

d) Recementation of fixed partial dentures is limited to once in a lifetime.

(38) Frenulectomy is only considered in cases of ankyloglossia (tongue-tie) interfering with feeding or speech as diagnosed and documented by a physician, or if there is a papilla penetrating frenum interfering with closure of a diastema.

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

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 those services provided to newborn children for medically diagnosed congenital defects or birth abnormalities.

(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) 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.

(10) extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).

(11) interim implants.

(12) indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.

(13) charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.

(14) treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.

(15) charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, image duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling or broken appointments are not separately payable procedures.

(16) 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.

(17) procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.

(18) 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.

(19) Deductibles, amounts over plan maximums and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.

(20) 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.

(21) the initial placement of any prosthodontic appliance or implants, 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 Us.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.

(22) services for Orthodontic treatment (treatment of malocclusion of teeth and/or jaws) including orthodontic related services such as cephalometric images, 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.

(23) services for any disturbance of the temporomandibular (jaw) joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues.

(24) endodontic endosseous implants.

(25) services or supplies for sealants, fluoride, space maintainers, apexification and transseptal fiberotomy/supra crestal fiberotomy.

(26) missed and/or cancelled appointments.

(27) actions taken to schedule and assure compliance with patient appointments are inclusive with office operations and are not a separately payable service.

(28) the fees for care coordination are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.

(29) dental case management motivational interviewing and patient education to improve oral health literacy.

(30) non-ionizing diagnostic procedure capable of quantifying, monitoring and recording changes in structure of enamel, dentin, and cementum.

(31) extra-oral – 2D projection radiographic image and extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.

(32) cone beam image capture only.

(33) diabetes testing.

(34) corticotomy (specialized oral surgery procedure associated with orthodontics).

(35) antigen or antibody testing.

(36) counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use.

(37) services or supplies for sleep apnea.

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

We 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. Orthodontic treatment is a benefit of this dental plan only when medically necessary as evidenced by a severe handicapping malocclusion and when a prior authorization is obtained. Severe handicapping malocclusion is not a cosmetic condition. Teeth must be severely misaligned causing functional problems that compromise oral and/or general health. 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, We 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.

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 We 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 Our standard processing policies. The processing policies may be revised from time to time; therefore, We shall use the processing policies that are in effect at the time the claim is processed. 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.

(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) We 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 when the Enrollee has a caries risk assessment and documentation with a finding of high risk

(6) Image limitations:

a) We will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Provider's Accepted Fee for a comprehensive series of radiographic images when the fees for any combination of intraoral images in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a comprehensive intraoral series.

b) Benefits are limited to either one (1) comprehensive intraoral series or one (1) panoramic image once every 36 months.

c) If a panoramic image is taken in conjunction with an comprehensive intraoral series, We will limit reimbursement to the Provider's Accepted Fee for the comprehensive intraoral series, and the fee for the panoramic image will be the responsibility of the enrollee.

d) Panoramic images are not considered part of a comprehensive intraoral series.

e) A set of two or more bitewing images, taken on the same date of service, is limited to once per 6 months per dentist/dental office unless warranted by special circumstances.

f) Bitewing images of any type are included in the fee of a comprehensive series when taken within 6 months of the comprehensive image

g) Image capture procedures are not separately allowable services.

(7) Cone beam image limitations:

a) Cone beam capture and interpretation is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.

b) Interpretation of a diagnostic image only is covered for cone beam services.

c) This service is covered no more than once in a 12-month period.

d) Cone beam interpretation is a covered benefit when provided by a different dentist/dental office that provided the cone beam capture only services.

(8) The fee for pulp vitality tests are included in the fee for any definitive treatment performed on the same date.

(9) Topical application of fluoride solutions is limited to twice within a 12-month period.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) Preventive resin restorations in a moderate to high risk caries risk patient - permanent tooth are limited to once per tooth in 36 months.

(13) 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.

(14) We 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.

(15) 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.

(16) 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.

(17) Therapeutic pulpotomy is limited to baby (deciduous) teeth only; an allowance for an emergency palliative treatment is made when performed on permanent teeth.

(18) 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.

(19) Apexification is only benefited on permanent teeth with incomplete root canal development or for the repair of a perforation.

(20) Retreatment of apical surgery by the same Provider/Provider office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.

(21) Fees for additional pins on the same tooth on the same date are considered a component of the initial pin placement.

(22) Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee for palliative treatment provided in conjunction with any procedures other than images or select Diagnostic procedures is considered included in the fee for the definitive treatment.

(23) 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.

(24) 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.

(25) Collection and application of autologous blood concentrate product are limited to once every 36 months.

(26) Crowns and Inlays/Onlays are covered not more often than once in any 60 month period except when We determine 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.

(27) Core buildup, including any pins, is covered not more than once in any 60 month period.

(28) Prefabricated post and core, in addition to crown is covered once per tooth every 60 month period.

(29) Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions is covered once in any 36 month period.

(30) 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.

(31) 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 We determine 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 We determine 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. Our payment for implant removal is limited to one (1) for each implant within a 60-month period whether provided under Us or any other dental care plan.

(32) 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.

(33) 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.

(34) 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.

(35) 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.

(36) 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.

(37) We limit 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.

(38) 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. We 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.

(39) 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 and when a prior authorization is obtained.

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;

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 and shall be prior authorized.

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, We 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) Orthodontic, 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. All orthodontic services, including direct to consumer orthodontics, must be provided by a licensed dentist authorized to deliver care in Your state. Claims for services that are not provided by a Dentist are not eligible for reimbursement.

m) The removal of fixed orthodontic appliances for reasons other than completion of treatment is not a covered benefit.

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

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) 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 those services provided to children for medically diagnosed congenital defects or birth abnormalities.

(7) 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.

(8) any Single Procedure provided prior to the date the Enrollee became eligible for services under this plan.

(9) prescribed drugs, medication, pain killers, antimicrobial agents, or experimental/investigational procedures.

(10) 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.

(11) extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).

(12) laboratory processed crowns for teeth that are not developmentally mature.

(13) endodontic endosseous implants.

(14) indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.

(15) charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.

(16) treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.

(17) charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, image duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling or broken appointments are not separately payable procedures.

(18) 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.

(19) procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.

(20) 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.

(21) Deductibles and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.

(22) 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.

(23) 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 Us.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.

(24) services for any disturbance of the temporomandibular (jaw) joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues.

(25) services for Orthodontic treatment (treatment of malocclusion of teeth and/or jaws) except medically necessary Orthodontics provided a prior authorization is obtained.

(26) missed and/or cancelled appointments.

(27) actions taken to schedule and assure compliance with patient appointments are inclusive with office operations and are not a separately payable service.

(28) the fees for care coordination are considered inclusive in overall patient management and are not a separately payable service.

(29) dental case management motivational interviewing and patient education to improve oral health literacy.

(30) non-ionizing diagnostic procedure capable of quantifying, monitoring and recording changes in structure of enamel, dentin, and cementum.

(31) extra-oral – 2D projection radiographic image and extra-oral posterior dental radiographic image.

(32) cone beam image capture only.

(33) diabetes testing.

(34) corticotomy (specialized oral surgery procedure associated with orthodontics).

(35) antigen or antibody testing.

(36) counseling for the control and prevention of adverse oral, behavioral, and systemic health effects associated with high-risk substance use.

(37) services or supplies for sleep apnena.

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Our privacy practices reflect applicable federal law as well as state law. The privacy laws of a particular state or other federal laws might impose a stricter privacy standard. If these stricter laws apply and are not superseded by federal preemption rules under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plans will comply with the stricter law.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your Protected Health Information (PHI). Protected Health Information (PHI) is information that is maintained or transmitted by Delta Dental, which may identify you and that relates to your past, present, or future physical or mental health condition and related health care services.

Some examples of PHI include your name, address, telephone and/or fax number, electronic mail address, social security number or other identification number, date of birth, date of treatment, treatment records, x-rays, enrollment and claims records. We receive, use and disclose your PHI to administer your benefit plan as permitted or required by law.

We must follow the federal and state privacy requirements described that apply to our administration of your benefits and provide you with a copy of this notice. We reserve the right to change our privacy practices when needed and we promptly post the updated notice within 60 days on our website.

PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PHI

Uses and disclosures of your PHI for treatment, payment or health care operations

Your explicit authorization is not required to disclose information for purposes of health care treatment, payment of claims, billing of premiums, and other health care operations. Examples of this include processing your claims, collecting enrollment information and premiums, reviewing the quality of health care you receive, providing customer service, resolving your grievances, and sharing payment information with other insurers, determine your eligibility for services, billing you or your plan sponsor.

If your benefit plan is sponsored by your employer or another party, we may provide PHI to your employer or plan sponsor to administer your benefits. As permitted by law, we may disclose PHI to third-party affiliates that perform services on our behalf to administer your benefits. Any third-party affiliates performing services on our behalf has signed a contract agreeing to protect the confidentiality of your PHI and has implemented privacy policies and procedures that comply with applicable federal and state law.

Permitted uses and disclosures without an authorization

We are permitted to disclose your PHI upon your request, or to your authorized personal representative (with certain exceptions), when required by the U. S. Secretary of Health and Human

Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the law, and when otherwise required by law. We may disclose your PHI without your prior authorization in response to the following:

- Court order;
- Order of a board, commission, or administrative agency for purposes of adjudication pursuant to its lawful authority;
- Subpoena in a civil action;
- Investigative subpoena of a government board, commission, or agency;
- Subpoena in an arbitration;
- Law enforcement search warrant; or
- Coroner's request during investigations.

Some other examples include: to notify or assist in notifying a family member, another person, or a personal representative of your condition; to assist in disaster relief efforts; to report victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence to appropriate authorities; for organ donation purposes; to avert a serious threat to health or safety; for specialized government functions such as military and veterans activities; for workers' compensation purposes; and, with certain restrictions, we are permitted to use and/or disclose your PHI for underwriting, provided it does not contain genetic information. Information can also be de-identified or summarized so it cannot be traced to you and, in selected instances, for research purposes with the proper oversight.

Disclosures made with your authorization

We will not use or disclose your PHI without your prior written authorization unless permitted by law. If you grant an authorization, you can later revoke that authorization, in writing, to stop the future use and disclosure.

YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING PHI

You have the right to request an inspection of and obtain a copy of your PHI.

You may access your PHI by providing a written request. Your request must include (1) your name, address, telephone number and identification number, and (2) the PHI you are requesting. We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing, or other supplies associated with your request. We will only maintain PHI that we obtain or utilize in providing your health care benefits. We may not maintain some PHI, such as treatment records or x-rays after we have completed our review of that information. You may need to contact your health care provider to obtain PHI that we do not possess.

You may not inspect or copy PHI compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, or PHI that is otherwise not subject to disclosure under federal or state law. In some circumstances, you may have a right to have this decision reviewed.

You have the right to request a restriction of your PHI.

You have the right to ask that we limit how we use and disclose your PHI; however, you may not restrict our legal or permitted uses and disclosures of PHI. While we will consider your request, we are not legally required to accept those requests that we cannot reasonably implement or comply with during an emergency.

You have the right to correct or update your PHI.
You may request to make an amendment of PHI we maintain about you. In certain cases, we may deny your request for an amendment. If we deny your request for amendment, you have the right to file a statement of disagreement with us and we may prepare a rebuttal to your statement and will provide you with a copy of any such rebuttal within 60 days. If your PHI was sent to us by another, we may refer you to that person to amend your PHI. For example, we may refer you to your provider to amend your treatment chart or to your employer, if applicable, to amend your enrollment information.

You have rights related to the use and disclosure of your PHI for marketing.
We will obtain your authorization for the use or disclosure of PHI for marketing when required by law. You have the right to withdraw your authorization at any time. We do not use your PHI for fundraising purposes.

You have the right to request or receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or at a different address.
You have the right to request that we communicate with you in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will accommodate all reasonable requests. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.

You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your PHI.
You have a right to an accounting of disclosures with some restrictions. This right does not apply to disclosures for purposes

of treatment, payment, or health care operations or for information we disclosed after we received a valid authorization from you. Additionally, we do not need to account for disclosures made to you, to family members or friends involved in your care, or for notification purposes. We do not need to account for disclosures made for national security reasons, certain law enforcement purposes or disclosures made as part of a limited data set. We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another accounting within 12 months.

You have the right to a paper copy of this notice.
A copy of this notice is posted on our website. You may also request that a copy be sent to you.

You have the right to be notified following a breach of unsecured protected health information.
We will notify you in writing, at the address on file, if we discover we compromised the privacy of your PHI.

You have the right to choose someone to act for you.
If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information. We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.

COMPLAINTS
You may file a complaint with us and/or with the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe we have violated your privacy rights. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

CONTACTS

You may contact us by calling 866-530-9675, or you may write to the address listed below for further information about the complaint process or any of the information contained in this notice.

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ਕੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ? ਜੇਕਰ ਨਹੀਂ, ਤਾਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਆ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 1-866-530-9675 (TTY: 711) ਨੂੰ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (Punjabi)

Դուք կարո՞ղ եք կարդալ այս փաստաթուղթը: Եթե ոչ, մենք որևէ մեկին կգտնենք, ով կօգնի ձեզ կարդալ: Դուք կարող եք նաև այս փաստաթուղթը ստանալ գրված ձեր լեզվով: Անվճար օգնության համար խնդրում ենք զանգահարել 1-866-530-9675 (TTY՝ 711): (Armenian)

Koj nyeem puas tau daim ntawv no? Yog koj nyeem tsis tau, peb muaj neeg pab nyeem rau koj. Tsis tas li ntawd xwb, tej zaum kuj muab daim ntawv no sau ua koj hom lus tau thiab. Yog yuav thov kev pab dawb, thov hu rau 1-866-530-9675 (TTY: 711). (Hmong)

តើលោកអ្នកអាចអានឯកសារនេះបានទេ? បើសិនមិនអាចទេ យើងអាចឱ្យនរណាម្នាក់ជួយអានឱ្យលោកអ្នក។ លោកអ្នកក៏អាចទទួលបាន ឯកសារនេះជាលាយលក្ខណ៍អក្សរជាភាសារបស់លោកអ្នកផងដែរ។ សម្រាប់ជំនួយឥតគិតថ្លៃ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅ 1-866-530-9675 (TTY: 711)។ (Cambodian)

צי קענט איר לייענען דעם דאָזיקן דאָקומענט? אויב ניט,עמעצער דאָ קען אייַך העלפֿן אים צו לייענען. עס איז אויך מעגלעך, אַז איר קענט באַקומען דעם דאָזיקן דאָקומענט אין אידיש שפּראַך. פֿאַר אומזיסטע הילף קענט איר אָנקלינגען אָט די דאָזיקע נומער: 1-866-530-9675 ס'איז דאָ אַ נומער פֿאַר מענטשען, וואָס הערן ניט: 711 (Yiddish)

Díísh yíníłta'go bíníghah? Doo bíníghahgóó éí nich'į' yídóołtahígíí nihee hóló. Díí naaltsoos t'áá Diné bizaad k'ehjí ályaago ałdó' nich'į' ádoolnį́łgo bíighah. T'áá jíík'e shíká i'doolwoł nínízingo kojį' béésh holdíílnih 1-866-530-9675 (TTY: 711) (Navajo)

Non-Discrimination Disclosure

Discrimination is Against the Law

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 their race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Coverage for medically necessary health services are available on the same terms for all individuals, regardless of sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender. We will not deny or limit coverage to any health service based on the fact that an individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender is different from the one to which such health service is ordinarily available. We will not deny or limit coverage for a specific health service related to gender transition if such denial or limitation results in discriminating against a transgender individual.

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.

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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 DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

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)

We also 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 our Customer Service department.

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ENROLLEE NOTICES

Federal and state laws require enrollees to be notified on a periodic basis about enrollee rights and privacy practices. Below is a summary of the notices that are available under the legal or privacy section of our webpage. To access the most current version and the full text of each notice, please visit our website at deltadentalins.com.

Federal Notices:

- **HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP):** Federal regulations require insurance plans to share information about the company's privacy practices. This is called a "Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP)" and should be read when an individual first becomes an enrollee and reviewed at least every three years thereafter.

- **Gramm-Leach-Bliley (GLB):** Financial institutions and insurance companies must describe how demographic and financial information is collected and shared. California requires a state specific notice called the California Financial Privacy Notice, which is described below under the State Notices section.

- **Notice of 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. If you believe 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.

- **Language Assistance Notice and Survey:** We provide phone interpretation to callers who do not speak English. In California, we will also provide, on request, a translated copy of certain vital documents in either Spanish or Chinese. In Maryland and Washington DC, enrollees may receive grievance materials in Spanish or Chinese.

State Notices:

- **CA Financial Privacy Notice:** This notice to Californians describes our demographic and financial information collection and sharing practices. It is similar to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley (GLB) notice described above.

- **CA Grievance Process:** This notice describes our procedure for processing and resolving enrollee grievances and gives the address and phone number to make a complaint. Californians are encouraged to read this notice when they first enroll and annually thereafter.
- **CA Timely Access to Care:** California law requires health plans to provide timely access to care. This law sets limits on how long enrollees must wait to get appointments and telephone assistance.

- **CA Tissue and Organ Donations:** This notice informs subscribers of the societal benefits of organ donation and the methods they can use to become organ and/or tissue donors. California regulations require every health plan to provide this information upon enrollment and annually thereafter.

- **CA Annual Deductible and OOP Max Accrual Balances:** California law requires health plans to provide enrollees with up-to-date accrual balances towards their annual deductible and out-of-pocket maximum for every month benefits were used until the accrual balances are met. Enrollees have the right to request their most up-to-date accrual balance from the health plan at any time.
- **CA Request Confidential Communications:** This notice informs subscribers of methods of contacting the plan when there is a need or desire to provide and alternative address to received protected health information. Users may also choose to use the "Request for Confidential Communication" form when submitting such request.

For questions concerning the notices, please contact us at 866-530-9675**.** You may also write to us at:

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