

# DeltaCare<sup>®</sup> USA

Dental Health Care Program for Eligible Employees and Dependents

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*Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form*

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# **EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE DISCLOSURE FORM**

DeltaCare® USA Dental HMO Program

This booklet is a Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form (“EOC”) for your DeltaCare USA Dental HMO Program (“Program”) provided by Delta Dental of California (“Delta Dental”). The Program has been established and is administered in accordance with the provisions of a Group Dental Service Contract (“Contract”) issued by Delta Dental.

**THE EOC CONSTITUTES ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAM. AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE CONTRACT MUST BE CONSULTED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER IT.**

A COPY OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE FURNISHED UPON REQUEST. ANY DIRECT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CONTRACT AND THE EOC WILL BE RESOLVED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS WHICH ARE MOST FAVORABLE TO YOU. READ THIS EOC CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY. PERSONS WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS SHOULD READ THE SECTION ENTITLED “SPECIAL NEEDS”.

A STATEMENT DESCRIBING DELTA DENTAL’S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PRESERVING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL RECORDS IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE FURNISHED TO YOU UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO YOU WILL KNOW HOW TO OBTAIN DENTAL BENEFITS.

**IMPORTANT:** If you opt to receive dental services that are not covered services under this plan, a Contract Dentist may charge you his or her usual and customary rate for those services. Prior to providing a patient with dental services that are not a covered benefit, the Dentist should provide to the patient a treatment plan that includes each anticipated service to be provided and the estimated cost of each service. If you would like more information about dental coverage options, you may call Customer Service at 800-422-4234 or your insurance broker. To fully understand your coverage, you may wish to carefully review this evidence of coverage document.

The telephone number where you may obtain information about Benefits is 800-422-4234.

INFORMATION CONCERNING BENEFITS UNDER THE DELTACARE USA PROGRAM

**THIS MATRIX IS INTENDED TO BE USED TO HELP YOU COMPARE COVERAGE BENEFITS AND IS A SUMMARY ONLY. THE COMBINED EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND DISCLOSURE FORM AND THE PLAN CONTRACT SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS.**

(A) Deductibles	None																		
(B) Lifetime Maximums	None																		
(C) Professional Services	<p>An Enrollee may be required to pay a Copayment amount for each procedure as shown in the <i>Description of Benefits and Copayments</i>, subject to the limitations and exclusions.</p> <p>Copayments range by category of service. Examples are as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Diagnostic Services</td> <td>No Cost</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preventive Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$ 45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Restorative Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$ 85.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Endodontic Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$ 95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Periodontic Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$ 140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prosthodontic Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$ 195.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery</td> <td>No Cost-\$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Orthodontic Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$1900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adjunctive General Services</td> <td>No Cost-\$165.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Some services may not be covered. Certain services may be covered only if provided by specified Dentists, or may be subject to an additional charge.</p> <p>Limitations apply to the frequency with which some services may be obtained. For example: bitewing x-rays are limited to one series of four films in each six month period; replacement of complete dentures, crowns and bridges is limited to once in any five year period.</p>	Diagnostic Services	No Cost	Preventive Services	No Cost-\$ 45.00	Restorative Services	No Cost-\$ 85.00	Endodontic Services	No Cost-\$ 95.00	Periodontic Services	No Cost-\$ 140.00	Prosthodontic Services	No Cost-\$ 195.00	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	No Cost-\$ 50.00	Orthodontic Services	No Cost-\$1900.00	Adjunctive General Services	No Cost-\$165.00
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(F) Emergency Dental Coverage	The Enrollee may receive a maximum Benefit of up to \$100 per emergency for out-of-area Emergency Services.																		
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(H) Prescription Drug Services	Not Covered																		
(I) Durable Medical Equipment	Not Covered																		
(J) Mental Health Services	Not Covered																		
(K) Chemical Dependency Services	Not Covered																		
(L) Home Health Services	Not Covered																		
(M) Other	Not Covered																		

Each individual procedure within each category listed above, and which is covered under the Program has a specific Copayment, which is shown in the *Description of Benefits and Copayments*, in the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form.

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## **Definitions**

As used in this booklet:

**Administrator** means Delta Dental Insurance Company, a third party entity designated to perform administrative functions described throughout the Contract, including, but not limited to, the collection of Premium and eligibility.

**Benefits** mean those dental services which are provided under the terms of the Group Dental Service Contract and described in this booklet.

**Client** means the applicant (employer or other organization) contracting to obtain Benefits for Eligible Employees.

**Contract Dentist** means a Dentist who provides services in general dentistry, and who has agreed to provide Benefits to Enrollees under this Program.

**Contract Orthodontist** means a Dentist who specializes in orthodontics, and who has agreed to provide Benefits to Enrollees under this Program.

**Contract Specialist** means a Dentist who provides Specialist Services and has agreed to provide Benefits to Enrollees under this Program.

**Copayment** means the amount charged to an Enrollee by a Contract Dentist for the Benefits provided under this Program.

**Dentist** means a duly licensed Dentist legally entitled to practice dentistry at the time and in the state or jurisdiction in which services are performed.

**Eligible Dependent** means any dependent of an Eligible Employee who is eligible for Benefits as described in this booklet.

**Eligible Employee** means any employee or group member who is eligible for Benefits as described in this booklet.

**Emergency Service** means care provided by a Dentist to treat a dental condition which manifests as a symptom of sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that the absence of immediate attention could reasonably be expected by the Enrollee to result in either: (i) placing the Enrollee's dental health in serious jeopardy, or (ii) serious impairment to dental functions.

**Enrollee** means an Eligible Employee ("Primary Enrollee") or an Eligible Dependent ("Dependent Enrollee") enrolled to receive Benefits.

**Full-Time Student** means a student who is regularly attending an accredited school with an academic schedule of at least 12 credits.

**Open Enrollment Period** means the period preceding the date of commencement of the contract term or the 30-day period immediately preceding the annual anniversary of the contract term.

**Out-of-Network** means treatment by a Dentist who has not signed an agreement with Delta Dental to provide Benefits under this Program.

**Preauthorization** means the process by which Delta Dental determines if a procedure or treatment is a referable covered Benefit under the Enrollee's plan.

**Reasonable** means that an Enrollee exercises prudent judgment in determining that a dental emergency exists and makes at least one attempt to contact his/her Contract Dentist to obtain Emergency Services and, in the event the Dentist is not available, makes at least one attempt to contact Delta Dental for assistance before seeking care from another Dentist.

**Special Health Care Need** means a physical or mental impairment, limitation or condition that substantially interferes with an Enrollee's ability to obtain Benefits. Examples of such a Special Health Care Need are 1) the Enrollee's inability to obtain access to the assigned Contract Dentist's facility because of a physical disability and 2) the Enrollee's inability to comply with the Contract Dentist's instructions during examination or treatment because of physical disability or mental incapacity.

**Specialist Services** mean services performed by a Dentist who specializes in the practice of oral surgery, endodontics, periodontics or pediatric dentistry, and which must be preauthorized in writing by Delta Dental.

**Treatment In Progress** means any single dental procedure, as defined by the CDT Code, that has been started while the Enrollee was eligible to receive Benefits, and for which multiple appointments are necessary to complete the procedure whether or not the Enrollee continues to be eligible for Benefits under the DeltaCare USA plan. Examples include: teeth that have been prepared for crowns, root canals where a working length has been established and full or partial dentures for which an impression has been taken and orthodontics when bands have been placed and tooth movement has begun.

**We, Us or Our** means Delta Dental of California or the Administrator as appropriate.

### **Eligibility for Benefits**

Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents receive Benefits as soon as they are enrolled in the Program. Subject to cancellation as provided under this Program, enrollment of Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents is for a minimum period of one year.

You are eligible to enroll as an Eligible Employee if you meet the eligibility requirements defined by the Client.

Eligible Dependents become eligible on:

- 1) the date you are eligible for coverage;
- 2) as soon as an Eligible Dependent becomes your dependent, or at any time subject to a change in legal custody or lawful order to provide Benefits.

Eligible Dependents include:

- 1) spouse (unless legally separated or divorced);
- 2) unmarried children from birth up to the limiting age as defined by the Client;  
and
- 3) unmarried children beyond the limiting age. Such dependents must be Full-Time Students and wholly dependent on you for support.

Children include natural children, stepchildren, adopted children and foster children provided all such children are dependent on you for support. Newborn children (including newborn adopted children) are covered from and after the moment of birth. Notice of birth must be received within 31 days after the date of birth for coverage to continue beyond 31 days. Legally adopted children (other than newborns) are eligible from and after the moment the child is placed in the physical custody of the Eligible Employee for adoption.

An unmarried dependent child may continue eligibility if:

- 1) he or she is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a physically or mentally disabling injury, illness or condition that began prior to reaching the limiting age;
- 2) he or she is chiefly dependent on you for support; and
- 3) proof of dependent's disability is provided within 60 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. Eligibility will continue as long as the dependent relies on you for support because of a physically or mentally disabling injury, illness or condition that began before he or she reached the limiting age.

Dependents in active military service are not eligible. No one may be an Eligible Dependent of more than one Eligible Employee. Medicare eligibility shall not affect the eligibility of an Eligible Employee or an Eligible Dependent.

### **Prepayment Fees/Premiums**

This Program requires premiums to be paid to us. If you are required to pay all or any portion of the premiums, you will be advised of the amount prior to enrollment and it will be deducted from your earnings by payroll deduction, or you will be requested to pay it directly. The Client will be responsible for sending all payments of premiums to us except payments you are requested to pay directly.

### **How to use the DeltaCare USA Plan - Choice of Contract Dentist**

To enroll in this Program, you must select a Contract Dentist for both yourself and any Dependent Enrollee from the list of Contract Dentists furnished during the enrollment process. Collectively, you and your Eligible Dependents may select no more than three Contract Dentist facilities. If you fail to select a Contract Dentist or the Contract Dentist selected becomes unavailable, we will request the selection of another Contract Dentist or assign you to a Contract Dentist. You may change your assigned Contract Dentist by directing a request to the Customer Service department at 800-422-4234. In order to ensure that your Contract Dentist is notified and our



eligibility lists are correct, changes in Contract Dentists must be requested prior to the 21st of the month for changes to be effective the first day of the following month.

Shortly after enrollment you will receive a DeltaCare USA membership packet that tells you the effective date of your Program and the address and telephone number of your Contract Dentist. After the effective date in your membership packet, you may obtain dental services which are Benefits. To make an appointment, simply call your Contract Dentist's facility and identify yourself as a DeltaCare USA Enrollee. Initial appointments should be scheduled within four weeks unless a specific time has been requested. Inquiries regarding availability of appointments and accessibility of Dentists should be directed to the Customer Service department at 800-422-4234.

**EACH ENROLLEE MUST GO TO HIS OR HER ASSIGNED CONTRACT DENTIST TO OBTAIN COVERED SERVICES, EXCEPT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY A SPECIALIST PREAUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY DELTA DENTAL, OR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AS PROVIDED IN *EMERGENCY SERVICES*. ANY OTHER TREATMENT IS NOT COVERED UNDER THIS PROGRAM.**

If your assigned Contract Dentist's agreement with Delta Dental terminates, that Contract Dentist will complete (a) a partial or full denture for which final impressions have been taken, and (b) all work on every tooth upon which work has started (such as completion of root canals in progress and delivery of crowns when teeth have been prepared).

## **Continuity of Care**

Current Members:

You may have the right to the benefit of completion of care with your terminated Dentist for certain specified dental conditions. Please call Customer Service at 800-422-4234 to see if you may be eligible for this benefit. You may request a copy of our Continuity of Care Policy. You must make a specific request to continue under the care of your terminated Dentist. We are not required to continue your care with that Dentist if you are not eligible under our policy or if we cannot reach agreement with your terminated Dentist on the terms regarding your care in accordance with California law.

New Members:

You may have the right to the qualified benefit of completion of care with an Out-of-Network Dentist for certain specified dental conditions. Please call the Customer Service department at 800-422-4234 to see if you may be eligible for this benefit. You may request a copy of our Continuity of Care Policy. You must make a specific request to continue under the care of your current Dentist. We are not required to continue your care with that Dentist if you are not eligible under our policy or if we cannot reach agreement with your Dentist on the terms regarding your care in accordance with California law. This policy does not apply to new Members of an individual subscriber contract.

## **Special Needs**

If an Enrollee believes he or she has a Special Health Care Need, the Enrollee should contact Delta Dental's Customer Service department at 800-422-4234. Delta Dental will confirm that a Special Health Care Need exists, and what arrangements can be made to assist the Enrollee in obtaining such Benefits. Delta Dental shall not be responsible for the failure of any Contract Dentist to comply with any law or regulation concerning structural office requirements that apply to a Dentist treating persons with Special Health Care Needs.

## **Facility Accessibility**

Many facilities provide Delta Dental with information about special features of their offices, including accessibility information for patients with mobility impairments. To obtain information regarding facility accessibility, contact Delta Dental's Customer Service department at 800-422-4234.

## **Benefits, Limitations and Exclusions**

This Program provides the Benefits described in the *Description of Benefits and Copayments* subject to the limitations and exclusions. The services are performed as deemed appropriate by your attending Contract Dentist. A Contract Dentist may provide services either personally or through associated Dentists, technicians or hygienists who may lawfully perform the services.

## **Copayments and Other Charges**

You are required to pay any Copayments listed in the *Description of Benefits and Copayments* directly to the Dentist who provides treatment. Charges for broken appointments (unless notice is received by the Dentist at least 24 hours in advance or an emergency prevented such notice), and charges for visits after normal visiting hours are listed in the *Description of Benefits and Copayments*.

## **Emergency Services**

If Emergency Services are needed, you should contact your Contract Dentist whenever possible. If you are a new Enrollee needing Emergency Services, but do not have an assigned Contract Dentist yet, contact Delta Dental's Customer Service department at 800-422-4234 for help in locating a Contract Dentist. Benefits for Emergency Services by an Out-of-Network Dentist are limited to necessary care to stabilize your condition and/or provide palliative relief when you:

- 1) have made a Reasonable attempt to contact the Contract Dentist and the Contract Dentist is unavailable or you cannot be seen within 24 hours of making contact; or
- 2) have made a Reasonable attempt to contact Delta Dental prior to receiving Emergency Services, or it is Reasonable for you to access Emergency Services without prior contact with Delta Dental; or
- 3) reasonably believe that your condition makes it dentally/medically inappropriate to travel to the Contract Dentist to receive Emergency Services.

Benefits for Emergency Services not provided by the Contract Dentist are limited to a maximum of \$100.00 per emergency, per Enrollee, less the applicable Copayment.

If the maximum is exceeded, or the above conditions are not met, you are responsible for any charges for services by a provider other than your Contract Dentist.

## **Specialist Services**

Specialist Services must be referred by the assigned Contract Dentist and preauthorized in writing by Delta Dental. All preauthorized Specialist Services will be paid by us less any applicable Copayments. If an Enrollee is assigned to a dental school clinic for Specialist Services, those services may be provided by a Dentist, a dental student, a clinician or a dental instructor.

If the services of a Contract Orthodontist are needed, please refer to Orthodontics in the *Description of Benefits and Copayments*, and the limitations and exclusions to determine which procedures are covered under this Program.

## **Second Opinion**

You may request a second opinion if you disagree with or question the diagnosis and/or treatment plan determination made by your Contract Dentist. Delta Dental may also request that you obtain a second opinion to verify the necessity and appropriateness of dental treatment or the application of Benefits.

Second opinions will be rendered by a licensed Dentist in a timely manner, appropriate to the nature of your condition. Requests involving cases of imminent and serious health threat will be expedited (authorization approved or denied within 72 hours of receipt of the request, whenever possible). For assistance or additional information regarding the procedures and timeframes for second opinion authorizations, contact Delta Dental's Customer Service department at 800-422-4234 or write to Delta Dental.

Second opinions will be provided at another Contract Dentist's facility, unless otherwise authorized by Delta Dental. Delta Dental will authorize a second opinion by an Out-of-Network provider if an appropriately qualified Contract Dentist is not available. Delta Dental will only pay for a second opinion which Delta Dental has approved or authorized. You will be sent a written notification should Delta Dental decide not to authorize a second opinion. If you disagree with this determination, you may file a grievance with the plan or with the Department of Managed Health Care. Refer to the *Enrollee Complaint Procedure* section for more information.

## **Claims for Reimbursement**

Claims for covered Emergency Services or preauthorized Specialist Services should be submitted to Delta Dental within 90 days of the end of treatment. Valid claims received after the 90-day period will be reviewed if you can show that it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within that time. The address for claims submission is: Claims Department, P.O. Box 1810, Alpharetta, GA 30023.

## **Provider Compensation**

A Contract Dentist is compensated by Delta Dental through monthly capitation (an amount based on the number of Enrollees assigned to the Dentist), and by Enrollees through required Copayments for treatment received. A Contract Specialist is compensated by Delta Dental through an agreed-upon amount for each covered

procedure, less the applicable Copayment paid by the Enrollee. In no event does Delta Dental pay a Contract Dentist or a specialist any incentive as an inducement to deny, reduce, limit or delay any appropriate treatment.

In the event we fail to pay a Contract Dentist, you will not be liable to that Dentist for any sums owed by us. By statute, the DeltaCare USA provider contract contains a provision prohibiting a Contract Dentist from charging an Enrollee for any sums owed by Delta Dental. Except for the provisions in *Emergency Services*, if you have not received Preauthorization for treatment from an Out-of-Network Dentist, and we fail to pay that Out-of-Network Dentist, you may be liable to that Dentist for the cost of services.

**You may obtain further information concerning compensation by calling Delta Dental at the toll-free telephone number shown on the back cover of this booklet.**

### **Processing Policies**

The dental care guidelines for the DeltaCare USA Program explain to Contract Dentists what services are covered under the dental Contract. Contract Dentists will use their professional judgment to determine which services are appropriate for the Enrollee. Services performed by the Contract Dentist that fall under the scope of Benefits of the dental Program are provided subject to any Copayments. If a Contract Dentist believes that an Enrollee should seek treatment from a specialist, the Contract Dentist contacts Delta Dental for a determination of whether the proposed treatment is a covered benefit. Delta Dental will also determine whether the proposed treatment requires treatment by a specialist. An Enrollee may contact Delta Dental's Customer Service department at 800-422-4234 for information regarding the dental care guidelines for DeltaCare USA.

### **Coordination of Benefits**

This Program provides Benefits without regard to coverage by any other group insurance policy or any other group health benefits program if the other policy or program covers services or expenses in addition to dental care. Otherwise, Benefits provided under this Program by specialists or Out-of-Network Dentists are coordinated with such other group dental insurance policy or any group dental benefits program. The determination of which policy or program is primary shall be governed by the rules stated in the Contract.

If this plan is secondary, it will pay the lesser of:

- the amount that it would have paid in the absence of any other dental benefit coverage, or
- the enrollee's total out-of-pocket cost payable under the primary dental benefit plan as long as the benefits are covered under this plan.

An Enrollee shall provide to Delta Dental and Delta Dental may release to or obtain from any insurance company or other organization, any information about the Enrollee that is needed to administer coordination of benefits. Delta Dental shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether any reimbursement to an insurance company or other organization is warranted under these coordination of benefits provisions, and any such reimbursement paid shall be deemed to be Benefits under this Contract.

Delta Dental will have the right to recover from a Dentist, Enrollee, insurance company or other organization, as Delta Dental chooses, the amount of any Benefit paid by Delta Dental which exceeds its obligations under these coordination of benefit provisions.

### **Enrollee Complaint Procedure**

Delta Dental shall provide notification if any dental services or claims are denied, in whole or in part, stating the specific reason or reasons for the denial. If you have any complaint regarding eligibility, the denial of dental services or claims, the policies, procedures or operations of Delta Dental, or the quality of dental services performed by a Contract Dentist, you may call the Customer Service department at 800-422-4234, or the complaint may be addressed in writing to:

Quality Management Department  
P.O. Box 6050  
Artesia, CA 90702

Written communication must include 1) the name of the patient, 2) the name, address, telephone number and identification number of the Primary Enrollee, 3) the name of the Client and 4) the Dentist's name and facility location.

For complaints involving an adverse benefit determination (e.g. a denial, modification or termination of a requested benefit or claim) you may file a request for review (a complaint) with Delta Dental at least 180 days after receipt of the adverse determination. Delta Dental's review will take into account all information, regardless of whether such information was submitted or considered initially. The review shall be conducted by a person who is neither the individual who made the original benefit determination, nor the subordinate of such individual. Upon request and free of charge, Delta Dental will provide you with copies of any pertinent documents that are relevant to the benefit determination, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol, and/or explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment if relied upon in making the benefit determination. If the review of a denial is based in whole or in part on a lack of medical necessity, experimental treatment, or a clinical judgment in applying the terms of the Contract, Delta Dental shall consult with a Dentist who has appropriate training and experience. If any consulting Dentist is involved in the review, the identity of such consulting Dentist will be available upon request.

Within 5 calendar days of the receipt of any complaint, including adverse benefit determinations as described above, the quality management coordinator will forward to you an acknowledgment of receipt of the complaint. Certain complaints may require that you be referred to a regional dental consultant for clinical evaluation of the dental services provided. Delta Dental will forward to you a determination, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of a complaint. If the complaint involves severe pain and/or imminent and serious threat to a patient's dental health, Delta Dental will provide the Enrollee written notification regarding the disposition or pending status of the complaint within three days.

If you have completed Delta Dental's grievance process, or you have been involved in Delta Dental's grievance procedure for more than 30 days, you may file a complaint with the California Department of Managed Health Care. You may file a complaint with the Department immediately in an emergency situation, which is one involving severe pain and/or imminent and serious threat to your health.

The California Department of Managed Health Care is responsible for regulating health care service plans. If you have a grievance against your health plan, you should first telephone your health plan at **800-422-4234** and use your health plan's grievance process before contacting the Department. Utilizing this grievance procedure does not prohibit any potential legal rights or remedies that may be available to you. If you need help with a grievance involving an emergency, a grievance that has not been satisfactorily resolved by your health plan, or a grievance that has remained unresolved for more than 30 days, you may call the Department for assistance. You may also be eligible for an Independent Medical Review (IMR). If you are eligible for IMR, the IMR process will provide an impartial review of medical decisions made by a health plan related to the medical necessity of a proposed service or treatment, coverage decisions for treatments that are experimental or investigational in nature and payment disputes for emergency or urgent medical services. The Department also has a toll-free telephone number **(1-888-HMO-2219)** and a TDD line **(1-877-688-9891)** for the hearing and speech impaired. The Department's Internet Web site <http://www.hmohelp.ca.gov> has complaint forms, IMR application forms and instructions online.

IMR is generally not applicable to a dental plan, unless that dental plan covers services related to the practice of medicine or is offered pursuant to a contract with a health plan providing medical, surgical or hospital services.

If the group health plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), you may contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) for further review of the claim or if you have questions about the rights under ERISA. You may also bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA. The address of the U.S. Department of Labor is: U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210.

### **Public Policy Participation by Enrollees**

Delta Dental's Board of Directors includes Enrollees who participate in establishing Delta Dental's public policy regarding Enrollees through periodic review of Delta Dental's Quality Assessment program reports and communication from Enrollees. Enrollees may submit any suggestions regarding Delta Dental's public policy in writing to: Customer Service Department, P.O. Box 1803, Alpharetta, GA 30023.

### **Renewal and Termination of Benefits**

This Program renews on the anniversary of the contract term unless Delta Dental provides notice of a change in premiums or Benefits and the Client does not accept the change. All Benefits terminate for any Enrollee as of the date that this Program is terminated, such person ceases to be eligible under the terms of this Program, or such person's enrollment is cancelled under the terms of this Program. We are not

obligated to continue to provide Benefits to any such person in such event, except for completion of single procedures commenced while this Program was in effect.

## **Cancellation of Enrollment**

Subject to any continued coverage option, an Eligible Employee's or Eligible Dependent's enrollment under this Program may be cancelled, or renewal of enrollment refused, in the following events:

- 1) Immediately upon loss of eligibility as described in this Evidence of Coverage;  
or
- 2) Upon 15 days written notice if:
  - a) an Enrollee engages in conduct detrimental to safe operations and the delivery of services while in a Contract Dentist's facility;
  - b) the premiums are not paid by or on behalf of the Enrollee on the date due. However, the Enrollee may continue to receive Benefits during the 15-day period and may be reinstated during the term of this Program upon payment of any unpaid premium; or
  - c) the Enrollee knowingly commits or permits another person to commit fraud or deception in obtaining Benefits under this Program;
- 3) Upon 30 days written notice if:
  - a) the Contract is terminated or not renewed;
  - b) the Enrollee fails to pay Copayments. However, the Enrollee may be reinstated during the term of this Program upon payment of all delinquent charges.

Cancellation of a Primary Enrollee's enrollment, as described above, shall automatically cancel the enrollment of any of his or her Dependent Enrollees. Any cancellation is subject to the written notification requirements set forth in the Contract.

If you believe that enrollment has been cancelled or not renewed because of your health status or requirements for health care services, or that of your dependent(s), you may request a review by the Director of the California Department of Managed Health Care of the State of California. Please refer to the *Enrollee Complaint Procedure* section for more information.

## **Optional Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)**

**Please examine your options carefully before declining this coverage. You should be aware that companies selling individual health insurance typically require a review of your medical history that could result in a higher premium or you could be denied coverage entirely.**

The federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (or COBRA, pertaining to certain employers having 20 or more employees) and the California Continuation Benefits Replacement Act (or Cal-COBRA, pertaining to employers with two to 19 employees), both require that continued health care coverage be made available to "Qualified Beneficiaries" who lose health care coverage under the group plan as a result of a "Qualifying Event." You may be entitled to continue coverage under this plan, *at your expense*, if certain conditions are met. The period

of continued coverage depends on the Qualifying Event and whether the Enrollee is covered under federal COBRA or Cal-COBRA.

## DEFINITIONS

The meaning of key terms used in this section is shown below and apply to both federal and Cal-COBRA.

**Qualified Beneficiary** means:

- 1) Enrollees who are enrolled in the Delta Dental plan on the day before the Qualifying Event, or
- 2) a child who is born to or placed for adoption with you during the period of continued coverage, provided such child is enrolled within 30 days of birth or placement for adoption.

**Qualifying Event** means any of the following events which, except for the election of this continued coverage, would result in a loss of coverage under the dental plan:

- Event 1. the termination of employment (other than termination for gross misconduct) or the reduction in work hours, by your employer;
- Event 2. your death;
- Event 3. your divorce or legal separation from your spouse;
- Event 4. your dependent's loss of dependent status under the plan; and
- Event 5. as to your dependents only, your entitlement to Medicare.

**You** or **your** means the Primary Enrollee.

## PERIODS OF CONTINUED COVERAGE UNDER FEDERAL COBRA

Qualified Beneficiaries may continue coverage for 18 months following the month in which Qualifying Event 1 occurs.

This 18-month period can be extended for a total of 29 months, provided:

- 1) a determination is made under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act that an individual is disabled on the date of the Qualifying Event or becomes disabled at any time during the first 60 days of continued coverage; and
- 2) notice of the determination is given to the employer during the initial 18 months of continued coverage and within 60 days of the date of the determination.

This period of coverage will end on the first day of the month that begins more than 30 days after the date of the final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled. You must notify your employer within 30 days of any such determination.

If, during the 18 months continuation period resulting from Qualifying Event 1, your dependents, who are Qualified Beneficiaries, experience Qualifying Events 2, 3, 4 or



5, they may choose to extend coverage for up to a total of 36 months (inclusive of the period continued under Qualifying Event 1).

Your dependents, who are Qualified Beneficiaries, may continue coverage for 36 months following the occurrence of Qualifying Events 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Under federal COBRA law only, when an employer has filed for bankruptcy under Title 11, United States Code, benefits may be substantially reduced or eliminated for retired employees and their dependents, or the surviving spouse of a deceased retired employee. If this benefit reduction or elimination occurs within one year before or one year after filing, it is considered a Qualifying Event. If the Primary Enrollee is a retiree, and has lost coverage because of this Qualifying Event, he or she may choose to continue coverage until his or her death. The Primary Enrollee's dependents who have lost coverage because of this Qualifying Event may choose to continue coverage for up to 36 months following the Primary Enrollee's death.

#### PERIODS OF CONTINUED COVERAGE UNDER CAL-COBRA (groups of 2 - 19)

In the case of Cal-COBRA, Delta Dental will act as the administrator. Notification and premium payments should be made directly to Delta Dental. Notifications and payments should be delivered by first-class mail, certified mail, or other reliable means of delivery.

Individuals who are eligible for coverage under the federal COBRA law are not eligible for coverage under Cal-COBRA. The employer must notify Delta Dental in writing within 30 days of the date when the employer becomes subject to COBRA.

Qualified Beneficiaries may continue coverage for 36 months following the month in which Qualifying Events 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 occur.

If, during the 36-month continuation period resulting from Qualifying Event 1, the Qualified Beneficiary is determined under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act to be disabled on the date of the Qualifying Event or became disabled at any time during the first 60 days of continuation coverage; and notice of the determination is given to the employer during the initial period of continuation coverage and within 60 days of the date of the social security determination letter, the Qualified Beneficiary may continue coverage for a total of 36 months following the month in which Qualifying Event 1 occurs.

This period of coverage will end on the first of the month that begins more than 30 days after the date of the final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled. The Qualified Beneficiary must notify the employer, or administrator within 30 days of any such determination.

If, during the 36-month continuation period resulting from Qualifying Event 1, the Qualified Beneficiary experiences Qualifying Events 2, 3, 4, or 5, he or she must notify the employer within 60 days of the second qualifying event and has a total

of 36 months continuation coverage after the date of the date of the first Qualifying Event.

Delta Dental shall notify the Primary Enrollee of the date his or her continued coverage will terminate. This termination notification will be sent during the 180-day period prior to the end of coverage.

#### ELECTION OF CONTINUED COVERAGE

A Qualified Beneficiary will have 60 days from a Qualifying Event to give Delta Dental written notice of the election to continue coverage.

Upon written notice, Delta Dental will provide a Qualified Beneficiary with the necessary Benefits information, monthly premium charge, enrollment forms and instructions to allow election of continued coverage.

Failure to provide this written notice of election to Delta Dental within 60 days will result in the loss of the right to continue coverage.

A Qualified Beneficiary has 45 days from the written election of continued coverage to pay the initial premium to Delta Dental, which includes the premium for each month since the loss of coverage. Failure to pay the required premium within the 45 days will result in the loss of the right to continue coverage and any premiums received after that will be returned to the Qualified Beneficiary.

#### CONTINUED COVERAGE BENEFITS

The Benefits under the continued coverage will be the same as those provided to active employees and their dependents who are still enrolled in the dental plan. If the employer changes the coverage for active employees, the continued coverage will change as well. Premiums will be adjusted to reflect the changes made.

#### TERMINATION OF CONTINUED COVERAGE

A Qualified Beneficiary's coverage will terminate at the end of the month in which any of the following events first occur:

- 1) the allowable number of consecutive months of continued coverage is reached;
- 2) failure to pay the required premiums in a timely manner;
- 3) the employer ceases to provide any group dental plan to its employees;
- 4) the individual moves out of the plan's service area;
- 5) the individual first obtains coverage for dental Benefits, after the date of the election of continued coverage, under another group health plan (as an employee or dependent) which does not contain or apply any exclusion or limitation with respect to any pre-existing condition of such a person, if that pre-existing condition is covered under this plan; or
- 6) entitlement to Medicare.

Once continued coverage ends, it cannot be reinstated.

## TERMINATION OF THE EMPLOYER'S DENTAL CONTRACT

If the dental contract between the employer and Delta Dental terminates prior to the time that the continuation coverage would otherwise terminate, the employer shall notify a Qualified Beneficiary either 30 days prior to the termination or when all Enrollees are notified, whichever is later, of the ability to elect continuation of coverage under the employer's subsequent dental plan, if any. The continuation coverage will be provided only for the balance of the period that a Qualified Beneficiary would have remained covered under the Delta Dental plan had such plan with the former employer not terminated. The employer shall notify the successor plan in writing of the Qualified Beneficiaries receiving continuation coverage so they may be notified of how to continue coverage. The continuation coverage will terminate if a Qualified Beneficiary fails to comply with the requirements pertaining to enrollment in and payment of premiums to the new group benefit plan.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT CHANGE OF COVERAGE

A Qualified Beneficiary may elect to change continuation coverage during any subsequent open enrollment period, if the employer has contracted with another plan to provide coverage to its active employees. The continuation coverage under the other plan will be provided only for the balance of the period that a Qualified Beneficiary would have remained under the Delta Dental plan.

## **Organ and Tissue Donation**

Donating organs and tissue provides many societal benefits. Organ and tissue donation allows recipients of transplants to go on to lead fuller and more meaningful lives. Currently, the need for organ transplants far exceeds availability. If you are interested in organ donation, please speak with your physician. Organ donation begins at the hospital, when a patient is pronounced brain dead and identified as a potential organ donor. An organ procurement organization will become involved to coordinate the activities.

# SCHEDULE A

## Description of Benefits and Copayments

The benefits shown below are performed as deemed appropriate by the attending Contract Dentist subject to the limitations and exclusions of the program. Please refer to *Schedule B* for further clarification of benefits. **Enrollees should discuss all treatment options with their Contract Dentist prior to services being rendered.**

**Text that appears in italics below is specifically intended to clarify the delivery of benefits under the DeltaCare USA program and is not to be interpreted as CDT-2013 procedure codes, descriptors or nomenclature that are under copyright by the American Dental Association. The American Dental Association may periodically change CDT codes or definitions. Such updated codes, descriptors and nomenclature may be used to describe these covered procedures in compliance with federal legislation.**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ENROLLEE PAYS</u>
<b>D0100-D0999</b>	<b>I. DIAGNOSTIC</b>	
D0120	Periodic oral evaluation - established patient .....	No Cost
D0140	Limited oral evaluation - problem focused .....	No Cost
D0145	Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver .....	No Cost
D0150	Comprehensive oral evaluation - new or established patient .....	No Cost
D0160	Detailed and extensive oral evaluation - problem focused, by report .....	No Cost
D0170	Re-evaluation - limited, problem focused (established patient; not post-operative visit) .....	No Cost
D0180	Comprehensive periodontal evaluation - new or established patient .....	No Cost
D0190	Screening of a patient .....	No Cost
D0191	Assessment of a patient .....	No Cost
D0210	Intraoral - complete series of radiographic images - <i>limited to 1 series every 24 months</i> .....	No Cost
D0220	Intraoral - periapical first radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0230	Intraoral - periapical each additional radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0240	Intraoral - occlusal radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0250	Extraoral - first radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0260	Extraoral - each additional radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0270	Bitewing - single radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0272	Bitewings - two radiographic images .....	No Cost
D0273	Bitewings three radiographic images .....	No Cost

D0274	Bitewings - four radiographic images - <i>limited to 1 series every 6 months</i> .....	No Cost
D0277	Vertical bitewings - 7 to 8 radiographic images .....	No Cost
D0330	Panoramic radiographic image .....	No Cost
D0415	Collection of microorganisms for culture and sensitivity .....	No Cost
D0425	Caries susceptibility tests .....	No Cost
D0460	Pulp vitality tests .....	No Cost
D0470	Diagnostic casts .....	No Cost
D0472	Accession of tissue, gross examination, preparation and transmission of written report - <i>available only when performed in conjunction with a covered biopsy</i> .....	No Cost
D0473	Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report - <i>available only when performed in conjunction with a covered biopsy</i> .....	No Cost
D0474	Accession of tissue, gross and microscopic examination, including assessment of surgical margins for presence of disease, preparation and transmission of written report - <i>available only when performed in conjunction with a covered biopsy</i> .....	No Cost
D0999	Unspecified diagnostic procedure, by report - <i>includes office visit, per visit (in addition to other services)</i> .....	No Cost

**D1000-D1999 II. PREVENTIVE**

D1110	Prophylaxis <i>cleaning</i> - adult - <i>1 per 6 month period</i> .....	No Cost
D1110	<i>Additional prophylaxis cleaning</i> - adult ( <i>within the 6 month period</i> ) .....	\$45.00
D1120	Prophylaxis <i>cleaning</i> - child - <i>1 per 6 month period</i> .....	No Cost
D1120	<i>Additional prophylaxis cleaning</i> - child ( <i>within the 6 month period</i> ) .....	\$35.00
D1206	Topical application of fluoride varnish - <i>1 per 6 month period</i> ....	No Cost
D1208	Topical application of fluoride - <i>1 per 6 month period</i> .....	No Cost
D1310	Nutritional counseling for control of dental disease .....	No Cost
D1320	Tobacco counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease	No Cost
D1330	Oral hygiene instructions .....	No Cost
D1351	Sealant - per tooth - <i>limited to permanent molars through age 15</i> .	No Cost
D1352	Preventive resin restoration in a moderate to high caries risk patient - permanent tooth - <i>limited to permanent molars through age 15</i> .....	No Cost
D1510	Space maintainer - fixed - unilateral .....	No Cost
D1515	Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral .....	No Cost
D1520	Space maintainer - removable - unilateral .....	No Cost
D1525	Space maintainer - removable - bilateral .....	No Cost
D1550	Re-cementation of space maintainer .....	No Cost
D1555	Removal of fixed space maintainer .....	No Cost

**D2000-D2999 III. RESTORATIVE**

- Includes polishing, all adhesives and bonding agents, indirect pulp capping, bases, liners and acid etch procedures.

- When there are more than six crowns in the same treatment plan, an Enrollee may be charged an additional \$125.00 per crown, beyond the 6th unit.

- Replacement of crowns, inlays and onlays requires the existing restoration to be 5+ years old.

\* Name brand, laboratory processed or in-office processed crowns/pontics produced through specialized technique or materials are material upgrades. The Contract Dentist may charge an additional fee not to exceed \$325.00 in addition to the listed Copayment. Refer to Limitation of Benefits #4 for additional information.

D2140	Amalgam - one surface, primary or permanent .....	No Cost
D2150	Amalgam - two surfaces, primary or permanent .....	No Cost
D2160	Amalgam - three surfaces, primary or permanent .....	No Cost
D2161	Amalgam - four or more surfaces, primary or permanent .....	No Cost
D2330	Resin-based composite - one surface, anterior .....	No Cost
D2331	Resin-based composite - two surfaces, anterior .....	No Cost
D2332	Resin-based composite - three surfaces, anterior .....	No Cost
D2335	Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces or involving incisal angle (anterior) .....	No Cost
D2390	Resin-based composite crown, anterior .....	No Cost
D2391	Resin-based composite - one surface, posterior .....	\$25.00
D2392	Resin-based composite - two surfaces, posterior .....	\$30.00
D2393	Resin-based composite - three surfaces, posterior .....	\$35.00
D2394	Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces, posterior .....	\$40.00
D2510	Inlay - metallic - one surface .....	No Cost
D2520	Inlay - metallic - two surfaces .....	No Cost
D2530	Inlay - metallic - three or more surfaces .....	No Cost
D2542	Onlay - metallic - two surfaces .....	No Cost
D2543	Onlay - metallic - three surfaces .....	No Cost
D2544	Onlay - metallic - four or more surfaces .....	No Cost
D2610	Inlay - porcelain/ceramic - one surface* .....	\$50.00
D2620	Inlay - porcelain/ceramic - two surfaces* .....	\$60.00
D2630	Inlay - porcelain/ceramic - three or more surfaces* .....	\$65.00
D2642	Onlay - porcelain/ceramic - two surfaces* .....	\$55.00
D2643	Onlay - porcelain/ceramic - three surfaces* .....	\$65.00
D2644	Onlay - porcelain/ceramic - four or more surfaces* .....	\$70.00
D2650	Inlay - resin-based composite - one surface .....	\$15.00
D2651	Inlay - resin-based composite - two surfaces .....	\$20.00
D2652	Inlay - resin-based composite - three or more surfaces .....	\$30.00
D2662	Onlay - resin-based composite - two surfaces .....	\$25.00
D2663	Onlay - resin-based composite - three surfaces .....	\$35.00
D2664	Onlay - resin-based composite - four or more surfaces .....	\$50.00
D2710	Crown - resin-based composite (indirect) .....	No Cost

D2712	Crown - ¾ resin-based composite (indirect) .....	No Cost
D2720	Crown - resin with high noble metal .....	\$30.00
D2721	Crown - resin with predominantly base metal .....	\$15.00
D2722	Crown - resin with noble metal .....	\$20.00
D2740	Crown - porcelain/ceramic substrate* .....	\$85.00
D2750	Crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal* .....	\$70.00
D2751	Crown - porcelain fused to predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D2752	Crown - porcelain fused to noble metal .....	\$60.00
D2780	Crown - ¾ cast high noble metal .....	\$70.00
D2781	Crown - ¾ cast predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D2782	Crown - ¾ cast noble metal .....	\$60.00
D2783	Crown - ¾ porcelain/ceramic* .....	\$70.00
D2790	Crown - full cast high noble metal .....	\$70.00
D2791	Crown - full cast predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D2792	Crown - full cast noble metal .....	\$60.00
D2794	Crown - titanium .....	\$70.00
D2910	Recement inlay, onlay or partial coverage restoration .....	No Cost
D2915	Recement cast or prefabricated post and core .....	No Cost
D2920	Recement crown .....	No Cost
D2929	Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crown - primary tooth - <i>anterior primary tooth</i> .....	No Cost
D2930	Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth .....	No Cost
D2931	Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth .....	No Cost
D2932	Prefabricated resin crown - <i>anterior primary tooth</i> .....	No Cost
D2933	Prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window - <i>anterior primary tooth</i> .....	No Cost
D2940	Protective restoration .....	No Cost
D2950	Core buildup, including any pins .....	No Cost
D2951	Pin retention - per tooth, in addition to restoration .....	No Cost
D2952	Post and core in addition to crown, indirectly fabricated - <i>includes canal preparation</i> .....	No Cost
D2953	Each additional indirectly fabricated post - same tooth - <i>includes canal preparation</i> .....	No Cost
D2954	Prefabricated post and core in addition to crown - <i>base metal post; includes canal preparation</i> .....	No Cost
D2955	Post removal .....	No Cost
D2957	Each additional prefabricated post - same tooth - <i>base metal post; includes canal preparation</i> .....	No Cost
D2960	Labial veneer (resin laminate) - chairside - <i>limited to replacement of significant tooth structure loss due to caries or fracture</i> .....	\$245.00
D2961	Labial veneer (resin laminate) - laboratory - <i>limited to replacement of significant tooth structure loss due to caries or fracture</i> .....	\$295.00

D2962	Labial veneer (porcelain laminate) - laboratory - <i>limited to replacement of significant tooth structure loss due to caries or fracture</i> .....	\$345.00
D2970	Temporary crown (fractured tooth) - <i>palliative treatment only</i> .....	No Cost
D2971	Additional procedures to construct new crown under existing partial denture framework .....	\$14.00
D2980	Crown repair necessitated by restorative material failure .....	No Cost
D2981	Inlay repair necessitated by restorative material failure .....	No Cost
D2982	Onlay repair necessitated by restorative material failure .....	No Cost
D2990	Resin infiltration of incipient smooth surface lesions - <i>limited to permanent molars through age 15</i> .....	No Cost

**D3000-D3999 IV. ENDODONTICS**

D3110	Pulp cap - direct (excluding final restoration) .....	No Cost
D3120	Pulp cap - indirect (excluding final restoration) .....	No Cost
D3220	Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration) - removal of pulp coronal to the dentinocemental junction and application of medicament .....	No Cost
D3221	Pulpal debridement, primary and permanent teeth .....	No Cost
D3222	Partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development .....	No Cost
D3230	Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - anterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration) .....	No Cost
D3240	Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration) .....	No Cost
D3310	<i>Root canal</i> - endodontic therapy, anterior tooth (excluding final restoration) .....	\$20.00
D3320	<i>Root canal</i> - endodontic therapy, bicuspid tooth (excluding final restoration) .....	\$40.00
D3330	<i>Root canal</i> - endodontic therapy, molar (excluding final restoration) .....	\$60.00
D3331	Treatment of root canal obstruction; non-surgical access .....	\$40.00
D3332	Incomplete endodontic therapy; inoperable, unrestorable or fractured tooth .....	\$40.00
D3333	Internal root repair of perforation defects .....	\$40.00
D3346	Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - anterior .....	\$35.00
D3347	Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - bicuspid .....	\$50.00
D3348	Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - molar .....	\$95.00
D3351	Apexification/recalcification/pulpal regeneration - initial visit (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, pulp space disinfection, etc.) .....	\$55.00
D3352	Apexification/recalcification/pulpal regeneration - interim medication replacement (apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, pulp space disinfection, etc.) .....	\$45.00



D3353	Apexification/recalcification - final visit (includes completed root canal therapy - apical closure/calcific repair of perforations, root resorption, etc.) .....	\$45.00
D3410	Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery - anterior .....	No Cost
D3421	Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery - bicuspid (first root) .....	No Cost
D3425	Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery - molar (first root) .....	No Cost
D3426	Apicoectomy/periradicular surgery (each additional root) .....	No Cost
D3430	Retrograde filling - per root .....	No Cost
D3450	Root amputation, per root .....	No Cost
D3920	Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy .....	No Cost

**D4000-D4999 V. PERIODONTICS**

*- Includes preoperative and postoperative evaluations and treatment under a local anesthetic.*

D4210	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant .....	No Cost
D4211	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant .....	No Cost
D4212	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty to allow access for restorative procedure, per tooth .....	No Cost
D4240	Gingival flap procedure, including root planing - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant .....	No Cost
D4241	Gingival flap procedure, including root planing - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant .....	No Cost
D4245	Apically positioned flap .....	\$45.00
D4249	Clinical crown lengthening - hard tissue .....	\$45.00
D4260	Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure) - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant .....	\$75.00
D4261	Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure) - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant .....	\$60.00
D4263	Bone replacement graft - first site in quadrant .....	\$125.00
D4264	Bone replacement graft - each additional site in quadrant .....	\$45.00
D4266	Guided tissue regeneration - resorbable barrier, per site .....	\$100.00
D4267	Guided tissue regeneration - nonresorbable barrier, per site (includes membrane removal) .....	\$140.00
D4270	Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure .....	\$125.00
D4273	Subepithelial connective tissue graft procedures, per tooth .....	\$75.00
D4274	Distal or proximal wedge procedure (when not performed in conjunction with surgical procedures in the same anatomical area) .....	No Cost
D4275	Soft tissue allograft .....	\$115.00
D4277	Free soft tissue graft procedure (including donor site surgery), first tooth or edentulous tooth position in graft .....	\$125.00

D4278	Free soft tissue graft procedure (including donor site surgery), each additional contiguous tooth or edentulous tooth position in same graft site .....	\$125.00
D4341	Periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant - <i>limited to 4 quadrants during any 12 consecutive months</i> .....	No Cost
D4342	Periodontal scaling and root planing - one to three teeth per quadrant - <i>limited to 4 quadrants during any 12 consecutive months</i> .....	No Cost
D4355	Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis - <i>limited to 1 treatment in any 12 consecutive months</i> ...	No Cost
D4381	Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth - <i>for each of the first two teeth treated within a quadrant following root planing or periodontal maintenance</i> .....	\$60.00
D4381	<i>Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents via a controlled release vehicle into diseased crevicular tissue, per tooth - for an additional tooth treated in the same quadrant following root planing or periodontal maintenance</i> .....	No Cost
D4910	Periodontal maintenance - <i>limited to 1 treatment each 6 month period</i> .....	No Cost
D4910	<i>Additional periodontal maintenance (within the 6 month period)</i> .	\$55.00

**D5000-D5899 VI. PROSTHODONTICS (removable)**

- For all listed dentures and partial dentures, Copayment includes after delivery adjustments and tissue conditioning, if needed, for the first six months after placement. The Enrollee must continue to be eligible, and the service must be provided at the Contract Dentist's facility where the denture was originally delivered.

- Rebases, relines and tissue conditioning are limited to 1 per denture during any 12 consecutive months.

- Replacement of a denture or a partial denture requires the existing denture to be 5+ years old.

D5110	Complete denture - maxillary .....	\$75.00
D5120	Complete denture - mandibular .....	\$75.00
D5130	Immediate denture - maxillary .....	\$85.00
D5140	Immediate denture - mandibular .....	\$85.00
D5211	Maxillary partial denture - resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) .....	\$80.00
D5212	Mandibular partial denture - resin base (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) .....	\$80.00
D5213	Maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) .....	\$95.00
D5214	Mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth) .....	\$95.00

D5225	Maxillary partial denture - flexible base (including any clasps, rests and teeth) .....	\$195.00
D5226	Mandibular partial denture - flexible base (including any clasps, rests and teeth) .....	\$195.00
D5281	Removable unilateral partial denture - one piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth) .....	\$80.00
D5410	Adjust complete denture - maxillary .....	No Cost
D5411	Adjust complete denture - mandibular .....	No Cost
D5421	Adjust partial denture - maxillary .....	No Cost
D5422	Adjust partial denture - mandibular .....	No Cost
D5510	Repair broken complete denture base .....	No Cost
D5520	Replace missing or broken teeth - complete denture (each tooth) .	No Cost
D5610	Repair resin denture base .....	No Cost
D5620	Repair cast framework .....	No Cost
D5630	Repair or replace broken clasp .....	No Cost
D5640	Replace broken teeth - per tooth .....	No Cost
D5650	Add tooth to existing partial denture .....	No Cost
D5660	Add clasp to existing partial denture .....	No Cost
D5670	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework (maxillary)	\$65.00
D5671	Replace all teeth and acrylic on cast metal framework (mandibular) .....	\$65.00
D5710	Rebase complete maxillary denture .....	\$30.00
D5711	Rebase complete mandibular denture .....	\$30.00
D5720	Rebase maxillary partial denture .....	\$30.00
D5721	Rebase mandibular partial denture .....	\$30.00
D5730	Reline complete maxillary denture (chairside) .....	No Cost
D5731	Reline complete mandibular denture (chairside) .....	No Cost
D5740	Reline maxillary partial denture (chairside) .....	No Cost
D5741	Reline mandibular partial denture (chairside) .....	No Cost
D5750	Reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) .....	\$25.00
D5751	Reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) .....	\$25.00
D5760	Reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) .....	\$25.00
D5761	Reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) .....	\$25.00
D5820	Interim partial denture (maxillary) - <i>limited to 1 in any 12 consecutive months</i> .....	No Cost
D5821	Interim partial denture (mandibular) - <i>limited to 1 in any 12 consecutive months</i> .....	No Cost
D5850	Tissue conditioning, maxillary .....	No Cost
D5851	Tissue conditioning, mandibular .....	No Cost

**D5900-D5999 VII. MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHETICS - Not Covered**

**D6000-D6199 VIII. IMPLANT SERVICES - Not Covered**

**D6200-D6999 IX. PROSTHODONTICS, fixed (each retainer and each pontic constitutes a unit in a fixed partial denture [bridge])**

- When a crown and/or pontic exceeds six units in the same treatment plan, an Enrollee may be charged an additional \$125.00 per unit, beyond the 6th unit.  
- Replacement of a crown, pontic, inlay, onlay or stress breaker requires the existing bridge to be 5+ years old.

\* Name brand, laboratory processed or in-office processed crowns/pontics produced through specialized technique or materials are material upgrades. The Contract Dentist may charge an additional fee not to exceed \$325.00 in addition to the listed Copayment. Refer to Limitation of Benefits #4 for additional information.

D6205	Pontic - indirect resin based composite .....	\$30.00
D6210	Pontic - cast high noble metal .....	\$70.00
D6211	Pontic - cast predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D6212	Pontic - cast noble metal .....	\$60.00
D6214	Pontic - titanium .....	\$70.00
D6240	Pontic - porcelain fused to high noble metal* .....	\$70.00
D6241	Pontic - porcelain fused to predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D6242	Pontic - porcelain fused to noble metal .....	\$60.00
D6245	Pontic - porcelain/ceramic* .....	\$70.00
D6250	Pontic - resin with high noble metal .....	\$30.00
D6251	Pontic - resin with predominantly base metal .....	\$15.00
D6252	Pontic - resin with noble metal .....	\$20.00
D6600	Inlay - porcelain/ceramic, two surfaces .....	\$60.00
D6601	Inlay - porcelain/ceramic, three or more surfaces .....	\$65.00
D6602	Inlay - cast high noble metal, two surfaces .....	\$70.00
D6603	Inlay - cast high noble metal, three or more surfaces .....	\$70.00
D6604	Inlay - cast predominantly base metal, two surfaces .....	No Cost
D6605	Inlay - cast predominantly base metal, three or more surfaces .....	No Cost
D6606	Inlay - cast noble metal, two surfaces .....	\$60.00
D6607	Inlay - cast noble metal, three or more surfaces .....	\$60.00
D6608	Onlay - porcelain/ceramic, two surfaces .....	\$55.00
D6609	Onlay - porcelain/ceramic, three or more surfaces .....	\$65.00
D6610	Onlay - cast high noble metal, two surfaces .....	\$70.00
D6611	Onlay - cast high noble metal, three or more surfaces .....	\$70.00
D6612	Onlay - cast predominantly base metal, two surfaces .....	No Cost
D6613	Onlay - cast predominantly base metal, three or more surfaces .....	No Cost
D6614	Onlay - cast noble metal, two surfaces .....	\$60.00
D6615	Onlay - cast noble metal, three or more surfaces .....	\$60.00
D6710	Crown - indirect resin based composite .....	\$30.00
D6720	Crown - resin with high noble metal .....	\$30.00

D6721	Crown - resin with predominantly base metal .....	\$15.00
D6722	Crown - resin with noble metal .....	\$20.00
D6740	Crown - porcelain/ceramic* .....	\$70.00
D6750	Crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal* .....	\$70.00
D6751	Crown - porcelain fused to predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D6752	Crown - porcelain fused to noble metal .....	\$60.00
D6780	Crown - ¾ cast high noble metal .....	\$70.00
D6781	Crown - ¾ cast predominantly base metal .....	\$55.00
D6782	Crown - ¾ cast noble metal .....	\$60.00
D6783	Crown - ¾ porcelain/ceramic* .....	\$70.00
D6790	Crown - full cast high noble metal .....	\$70.00
D6791	Crown - full cast predominantly base metal .....	\$50.00
D6792	Crown - full cast noble metal .....	\$60.00
D6794	Crown - titanium .....	\$70.00
D6930	Recement fixed partial denture .....	No Cost
D6940	Stress breaker .....	No Cost
D6980	Fixed partial denture repair necessitated by restorative material failure .....	No Cost

**D7000-D7999 X. ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

- Includes preoperative and postoperative evaluations and treatment under a local anesthetic.

D7111	Extraction, coronal remnants - deciduous tooth .....	No Cost
D7140	Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root (elevation and/or forceps removal) .....	No Cost
D7210	Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring removal of bone and/or sectioning of tooth, and including elevation of mucoperiosteal flap if indicated .....	\$10.00
D7220	Removal of impacted tooth - soft tissue .....	\$15.00
D7230	Removal of impacted tooth - partially bony .....	\$25.00
D7240	Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony .....	\$35.00
D7241	Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony, with unusual surgical complications .....	\$50.00
D7250	Surgical removal of residual tooth roots (cutting procedure) .....	No Cost
D7251	Coronectomy - intentional partial tooth removal .....	\$50.00
D7270	Tooth reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth .....	\$35.00
D7280	Surgical access of an unerupted tooth .....	\$25.00
D7282	Mobilization of erupted or malpositioned tooth to aid eruption ....	\$25.00
D7283	Placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth .....	No Cost
D7286	Biopsy of oral tissue - soft - <i>does not include pathology laboratory procedures</i> .....	No Cost
D7310	Alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions - four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant .....	No Cost

D7311	Alveoloplasty in conjunction with extractions - one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant .....	No Cost
D7320	Alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions - four or more teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant .....	No Cost
D7321	Alveoloplasty not in conjunction with extractions - one to three teeth or tooth spaces, per quadrant .....	No Cost
D7450	Removal of benign odontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter up to 1.25 cm .....	No Cost
D7451	Removal of benign odontogenic cyst or tumor - lesion diameter greater than 1.25 cm .....	No Cost
D7471	Removal of lateral exostosis (maxilla or mandible) .....	No Cost
D7472	Removal of torus palatinus .....	No Cost
D7473	Removal of torus mandibularis .....	No Cost
D7510	Incision and drainage of abscess - intraoral soft tissue .....	No Cost
D7960	Frenulectomy - also known as frenectomy or frenotomy - separate procedure not incidental to another procedure .....	No Cost
D7970	Excision of hyperplastic tissue - per arch .....	No Cost
D7971	Excision of pericoronal gingiva .....	No Cost

**D8000-D8999 XI. ORTHODONTICS**

- The listed Copayment for each phase of orthodontic treatment (limited, interceptive or comprehensive) covers up to 24 months of active treatment. Beyond 24 months, an additional monthly fee, not to exceed \$125.00, may apply.

- The Retention Copayment includes adjustments and/or office visits up to 24 months.

***Pre and post orthodontic records include:***

*The benefit for pre-treatment records and diagnostic services includes: .....* \$200.00

- D0210 Intraoral - complete series of radiographic images
- D0322 Tomographic survey
- D0330 Panoramic radiographic image
- D0340 Cephalometric radiographic image
- D0350 Oral/facial photographic images
- D0470 Diagnostic casts

*The benefit for post-treatment records includes: .....* \$70.00

- D0210 Intraoral - complete series of radiographic images
- D0470 Diagnostic casts

- D8010 Limited orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition ..... \$725.00
- D8020 Limited orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition - *child or adolescent to age 19* ..... \$725.00

D8030	Limited orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition - <i>adolescent to age 19</i> .....	\$725.00
D8040	Limited orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition - <i>adults, including covered dependent adult children</i> .....	\$925.00
D8050	Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition .....	\$725.00
D8060	Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition ....	\$725.00
D8070	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition - <i>child or adolescent to age 19</i> .....	\$1,700.00
D8080	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition - <i>adolescent to age 19</i> .....	\$1,700.00
D8090	Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition - <i>adults, including covered dependent adult children</i> .....	\$1,900.00
D8660	Pre-orthodontic treatment visit .....	\$25.00
D8670	Periodic orthodontic treatment visit (as part of contract)- <i>included in comprehensive case fee</i> .....	No Cost
D8680	Orthodontic retention (removal of appliances, construction and placement of <i>removable</i> retainers) .....	\$275.00
D8693	Rebonding or recementing; and/or repair, as required, of fixed retainers - <i>limited to 2 per 6 month period</i> .....	No Cost
D8999	Unspecified orthodontic procedure, by report - <i>includes treatment planning session</i> .....	\$100.00

**D9000-D9999 XII. ADJUNCTIVE GENERAL SERVICES**

D9110	Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain - minor procedure	No Cost
D9211	Regional block anesthesia .....	No Cost
D9212	Trigeminal division block anesthesia .....	No Cost
D9215	Local anesthesia in conjunction with operative or surgical procedures .....	No Cost
D9220	Deep sedation/general anesthesia - first 30 minutes .....	\$165.00
D9221	Deep sedation/general anesthesia - each additional 15 minutes ....	\$80.00
D9241	Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - first 30 minutes .....	\$165.00
D9242	Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - each additional 15 minutes .....	\$80.00
D9310	Consultation - diagnostic service provided by dentist or physician other than requesting dentist or physician .....	No Cost
D9430	Office visit for observation (during regularly scheduled hours) - no other services performed .....	No Cost
D9440	Office visit - after regularly scheduled hours .....	\$20.00
D9450	Case presentation, detailed and extensive treatment planning .....	No Cost
D9940	Occlusal guard, by report - <i>limited to 1 in 3 years</i> .....	\$75.00
D9951	Occlusal adjustment, limited .....	No Cost
D9952	Occlusal adjustment, complete .....	No Cost

D9975	External bleaching for home application, per arch; includes materials and fabrication of custom trays - <i>limited to one bleaching tray and gel for two weeks of self-treatment</i> .....	\$125.00
D9999	Unspecified adjunctive procedure, by report - <i>includes failed appointment without 24 hour notice - per 15 minutes of appointment time - up to an overall maximum of \$40.00</i> .....	\$10.00

If services for a listed procedure are performed by the assigned Contract Dentist, the Enrollee pays the specified Copayment. Listed procedures which require a Dentist to provide Specialist Services, and are referred by the assigned Contract Dentist, must be preauthorized in writing by Delta Dental. The Enrollee pays the Copayment specified for such services.

Procedures not listed above are not covered, however, may be available at the Contract Dentist's "filed fees." "Filed fees" mean the Contract Dentist's fees on file with Delta Dental. Questions regarding these fees should be directed to the Customer Service department at 800-422-4234.



## **SCHEDULE B**

### **Limitations of Benefits**

1. The frequency of certain Benefits is limited. All frequency limitations are listed in *Schedule A, Description of Benefits and Copayments*.
2. If the Enrollee accepts a treatment plan from the Contract Dentist that includes any combination of more than six crowns, bridge pontics and/or bridge retainers, the Enrollee may be charged an additional \$125.00 above the listed Copayment for each of these services after the sixth unit has been provided.
3. General anesthesia and/or intravenous sedation/analgesia is limited to treatment by a contracted oral surgeon and in conjunction with an approved referral for the removal of one or more partial or full bony impactions, (Procedures D7230, D7240, and D7241).
4. Contract Dentists may offer services that utilize brand or trade names at an additional fee. The Enrollee must be offered the plan benefits of a high quality laboratory processed crown/pontic that may include: porcelain/ceramic; porcelain with base, noble or high-noble metal. If the Enrollee chooses the alternative of a material upgrade (name brand laboratory processed or in-office processed crowns/pontics produced through specialized technique or materials, including but not limited to: Captek, Procera, Lava, Empress and Cerec) the Contract Dentist may charge an additional fee not to exceed \$325.00 in addition to the listed Copayment. Contact the Customer Service department at 800-422-4234 if you have questions regarding the additional fee or name brand services.
5. Benefits provided by a pediatric Dentist are limited to children through age seven following an attempt by the assigned Contract Dentist to treat the child and upon Authorization by Delta Dental, less applicable Copayments. The Plan will consider exceptions on an individual basis if a child has a physical or mental impairment, limitation or condition which substantially interferes with that child's ability to have Benefits provided by a Contract Dentist.
6. The cost to an Enrollee receiving orthodontic treatment whose coverage is cancelled or terminated for any reason will be based on the Contract Orthodontist's usual fee for the treatment plan. The Contract Orthodontist will prorate the amount for the number of months remaining to complete treatment. The Enrollee makes payment directly to the Contract Orthodontist as arranged.

7. Orthodontic treatment in progress is limited to new DeltaCare USA Enrollees who, at the time of their original effective date, are in active treatment started under their previous employer sponsored dental plan, as long as they continue to be eligible under the DeltaCare USA program. Active treatment means tooth movement has begun. Enrollees are responsible for all Copayments and fees subject to the provisions of their prior dental plan. Delta Dental is financially responsible only for amounts unpaid by the prior dental plan for qualifying orthodontic cases.

## **Exclusions of Benefits**

1. Any procedure that is not specifically listed under *Schedule A, Description of Benefits and Copayments*.
2. Any procedure that has poor prognosis for a successful result and reasonable longevity based on the condition of the tooth or teeth and/or surrounding structures, or is inconsistent with generally accepted standards for dentistry.
3. Services solely for cosmetic purposes, with the exception of procedure D9975, (External bleaching for home application, per arch) or for conditions that are a result of hereditary or developmental defects, such as cleft palate, upper and lower jaw malformations, congenitally missing teeth and teeth that are discolored or lacking enamel, except for the treatment of newborn children with congenital defects or birth abnormalities.
4. Porcelain crowns, porcelain fused to metal or resin with metal type crowns and fixed partial dentures (bridges) for children under 16 years of age.
5. Lost, stolen or broken appliances including, but not limited to, full or partial dentures, space maintainers, crowns, fixed partial dentures (bridges) and orthodontic appliances.
6. Procedures, appliances or restorations if the purpose is to change vertical dimension, replace or stabilize tooth structure loss by attrition, realignment of teeth, periodontal splinting, gnathologic recordings, or to diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), with the exception of procedures D9951 and D9952 as shown on Schedule A.
7. Precious metal for removable appliances, metallic or permanent soft bases for complete dentures, porcelain denture teeth, precision abutments for removable partials or fixed partial dentures (overlays, implants, and appliances associated therewith) and personalization and characterization of complete and partial dentures.
8. Implant-supported dental appliances and attachments, implant placement, maintenance, removal and all other services associated with a dental implant.
9. Consultations or other diagnostic services for non-covered benefits.
10. Dental services received from any dental facility other than the assigned Contract Dentist, or an authorized dental specialist (oral surgeon, endodontist, periodontist, pediatric dentist or Contract Orthodontist) except for Emergency Services as described in the Contract and/or Evidence of Coverage.
11. All related fees for admission, use, or stays in a hospital, out-patient surgery center, extended care facility, or other similar care facility.
12. Prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

13. Dental expenses incurred in connection with any dental procedure started before the Enrollee's eligibility with the DeltaCare USA Program. Examples include: teeth prepared for crowns, root canals in progress, full or partial dentures for which an impression has been taken and orthodontics unless qualified for the orthodontic treatment in progress provision.
14. Changes in orthodontic treatment necessitated by accident of any kind.
15. Myofunctional and parafunctional appliances and/or therapies.
16. Composite or ceramic brackets, lingual adaptation of orthodontic bands, Invisalign and other specialized or cosmetic alternatives to standard fixed and removable orthodontic appliances.
17. Treatment or appliances that are provided by a Dentist whose practice specializes in prosthodontic services.

If you have any questions or need additional information,  
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