Dental Benefits Summary
Delta Dental PPO plus Premier

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*Please note: The definitions for the words that appear in italics in the following pages can be found in the Glossary. In the event there appears to be any difference between the benefits described in this booklet and those provided in the group contract, the group contract shall prevail.*
About This Brochure

This brochure contains a general description of your dental care program for your use as a convenient reference. All benefits are governed by the provisions of your group’s contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. This is not a summary plan description designed to meet the requirements of ERISA.

About Delta Dental

Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. covers more than one million people in commercial, school board, and government programs. It is our mission to promote oral health to the greatest number of people by providing accessible dental benefits programs of the highest quality, service, and value.

Since 1969, Delta Dental, a not-for-profit dental service corporation, has led the industry in offering innovative programs designed to control costs while ensuring quality of benefits.

Delta Dental is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national system of not-for-profit dental service corporations covering 28 million people across the country. The national Delta Dental system is the oldest and largest dental benefits system in the country.

How to Use Your Program

Before visiting the *dentist*, check to see whether your *dentist* participates with Delta Dental in your program (e.g., *Delta Dental PPO plus Premier*).

At the time of your first appointment, tell your *dentist* that you are covered under this Delta Dental program. Give him or her your group’s name and group number, as well as your Unique ID number. Your dependents, if covered, also must give your Unique ID number.

After your *dentist* performs an examination, he or she may submit a *Pre-Treatment Estimate* of benefits to Delta Dental to determine how much of the charge will be your responsibility.

Before treatment is started, be sure you discuss with your *dentist* the total amount of his or her fee. Although *Pre-Treatment Estimates* are not required, Delta Dental strongly recommends you ask your *dentist* to submit a *Pre-Treatment Estimate* for treatment costing $300 or more. This is especially important when using a *non-participating dentist* because the *Pre-Treatment Estimate* lets you know in advance how much of the costs are your responsibility. Please keep in mind that *Pre-Treatment Estimates* are only estimates and not a guarantee of payment.
Locating a Dentist

Delta Dental offers two easy ways to locate a participating dentist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Subscribers can either:

- Call 1-(800) DELTA-OK or 1-(800) 335-8265
- Search the Internet at www.deltadentalnj.com

By calling the toll-free number, you can obtain a customized list of participating dentists within the geographic area of your request. Delta Dental mails the list to your home.

By searching on the Internet, you can obtain a list of participating dentists in a specific town. The list can be downloaded immediately, and you can search for as many towns as needed.

Using either method, you can request a list of Delta Dental participating dentists within a designated area. You can specify listings of general dentists only or specialists only. Participating dentist information can be obtained for dentists nationwide.

Why Select a Participating Dentist?

All Delta Dental participating dentists have agreed, in writing, to abide by our claims processing procedures. Through their commitment and support, we, in turn, can provide you with a program that’s tailored to meet your dental health wants and needs.

- Participating dentists have agreed to accept the least of their actual charge, their prefiled fee, or Delta Dental’s maximum allowable fee for the program as payment in full and to not charge patients for amounts in excess of those indicated in the “patient payment” portion of the Notification of Delta Dental Benefits.

- Participating dentists will usually maintain a supply of claim forms (also referred to as Attending Dentist’s Statements) in their office. You may be asked to complete a portion of the form when you visit.

- Participating dentists will complete the rest of the form, including a description of the services that were performed or will be performed in the case of a Pre-Treatment Estimate, and require that you sign the claim form in the appropriate place. For dentists who submit claims electronically to Delta Dental, you will need to authorize your dentist to maintain your signature on file.

- Participating dentists will mail, fax, or electronically submit the claim form, together with the appropriate diagnostic materials, directly to our offices for processing.

- Participating dentists agree to abide by Delta Dental processing policies. For example, participating dentists agree not to bill separate charges for infection control measures. Non-participating dentists are not bound by such policies.
• **Participating dentists** will, in the case of dental services, which have been completed, receive payment directly from Delta Dental for that portion of the treatment plan, which is covered by your dental program. You will receive a *Notification of Delta Dental Benefits* with a detailed description of covered benefits and the amount of your obligation.

• If you visit a **non-participating dentist**, you will be responsible for payment. Delta Dental will reimburse you for the portion of your services covered by your program.

We advise that you check with your *dentist* to confirm whether he or she participates in the Delta Dental program under which you are covered. While a *dentist* may participate with Delta Dental, he or she may not participate in all of our programs.

**Where Do I Call/E-mail?**

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Please note that all calls to our toll-free number first go through our *Interactive Voice Response (IVR)* system. Information available on the **IVR** includes eligibility, benefits, remaining maximum, *deductible*, claim payments, and ordering claim forms. Your question may be answered quicker by the **IVR**, where there is never a wait. You can also use this system to speak with a Customer Service representative. Note: A touch-tone phone is required.

We offer the following services for our non-English speaking and hearing-impaired subscribers:

**Language Line Helper** - a non-English speaking subscriber can also use our toll-free number. When the call is received, a translator will be obtained for the language the caller is fluent in and a three-way conversation will be held among the caller, translator, and a Delta Dental customer service representative.

**TDD Line** - a hearing-impaired subscriber can call 1-(800) 246-1020 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and be connected with a TDD machine to also access our Customer Service representatives.
If You Have Coverage Through Another Plan—Coordination of Benefits

Generally, if you are covered by more than one group dental plan and in some cases a group medical plan, your expenses will be shared between the plans, up to the full amount of the allowable charges. This includes dual Delta Dental coverage, as well as coverage by Delta Dental and another group plan.

Make sure you inform your dentist that you are covered by more than one plan. If you are covered by more than one Delta Dental of New Jersey plan, you just need to submit the claim once, and we will coordinate your benefits. If you are covered by Delta Dental and another group plan, you need to submit the claim to the primary group plan first. After the primary group plan has issued a statement of benefits, you need to send that statement of benefits to the second group plan along with a claim form.

Some groups coordinate benefits according to the birthday rule and some groups coordinate benefits according to the gender rule. Please see the Eligibility Requirements section to determine which rule your group follows for coordination of benefits.

By coordinating benefits, we avoid duplication of payment for the same services, managing your benefits dollars for future procedures and ensuring your group that we are effectively administering your benefits.

Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), you and/or your eligible dependents may have the right to elect to continue certain group health coverage which would otherwise end.

Please see your plan administrator for additional information about COBRA.
Introduction: The United States Department of Labor has adopted regulations governing claim adjudication and appeals for group health plans governed by ERISA. The new claims and appeals procedures apply to all ERISA plans, whether insured ("risk") or self-funded ("ASO" or "ASC").

Below is the Delta Dental of New Jersey (Delta Dental) Benefit Determination and Appeal Process. The procedures apply to ERISA plans. Delta Dental is currently voluntarily applying these procedures to non-ERISA plans whenever feasible.

Applicability: This process applies to all ERISA plans for which Delta Dental provides coverage or administration. Delta Dental has also elected to apply this process to non-ERISA plans for which Delta Dental provides coverage on a risk basis.

Predetermination of Benefits: This group dental plan does not require prior approval of dental services. Nonetheless, a Covered Individual and his/her treating Dentist may request a predetermination of benefits to obtain advance information on the plan's possible coverage of services before they are rendered. Payment, however, is limited to the benefits that are covered under this plan as of the date service is rendered and is subject to any applicable deductible, waiting periods, annual and lifetime coverage limits as well as this plan's payment policies.

Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination: If a claim is denied in whole or in part, Delta Dental shall notify the Subscriber and the treating Dentist of the denial in writing, by issuing an Explanation of Benefits (sometimes referred to as an Adverse Benefit Determination), within 30 days after the claim is filed, unless special circumstances require an extension of time, not exceeding 15 days, for processing. If an extension is necessary, Delta Dental shall notify the Subscriber and the Dentist of the extension and the reason it is necessary within the original 30-day period. If an extension is taken because either the Subscriber or the Dentist did not submit information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension shall specifically describe the required information and the claimant shall be afforded at least 45 days from receipt of the notice within which to provide the specified information.

Explanation of Benefits Form: This form includes the following information:

- The processing policy or policies (numerical code(s)) stating the specific reason(s) why the claim was denied, including a reference to specific plan provisions on which the denial is based; whether a specific rule, guideline or protocol was relied upon in making the Adverse Benefit Determination and if so, that a copy will be provided free of charge upon request; and a description of any additional information needed in order to perfect the claim as well as the reason why such information is necessary
- Reference in the processing policy or policies to the relevant scientific or clinical judgment, if the Adverse Benefit Determination is related to dental necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limitation
- A description of Delta Dental’s claim informal appeal and formal appeal processes and the time limits applicable to the processes, including a statement of the Subscriber's right to bring a civil action under ERISA (if applicable)
Request for Informal Review

If the Subscriber or the billing Dentist disagrees with Delta Dental’s Adverse Benefit Determination, either may within sixty (60) days of the mailing date of the Adverse Benefit Determination deliver a request to Delta Dental for informal review of the Adverse Benefit Determination. The procedure is explained on the reverse side of the Explanation of Benefits form. Except for urgent care claims and pre-service claims, Delta Dental will issue its decision on the Informal Review within 60 days after the mailing date of the Informal Appeal. Subscribers are not required to request informal review. Any appeal relating to the original decision or the Informal Appeals decision must be made within 240 days following the mailing date of the original Adverse Benefit Decision.

Request for Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determination: If the Subscriber disagrees with Delta Dental’s adverse Benefit Determination, he/she may appeal this determination to Delta Dental within 240 days following the mailing date of the original Adverse Benefit Determination. The appeal must be in writing and must state why it is believed that Delta Dental’s benefit decision was incorrect. The denial notice, as well as any other documents or information bearing on the claim, should accompany the appeal request. Delta Dental’s formal review of the claim upon appeal will take into account all comments, documents, records or other information submitted by the claimant, regardless of whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

Delta Dental’s Review: The review shall be conducted by a person who is neither the individual who made the initial claim denial nor the subordinate of such individual. If the review is of an Adverse Benefit Determination based in whole or in part on a determination related to dental 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 in the pertinent field of dentistry and who is neither the person who made the initial claim denial nor the subordinate of such individual. Delta Dental shall provide upon request of the claimant the name of any dental consultant whose advice was obtained in connection with the claim denial, whether or not that advice was relied upon in making the initial benefit determination.

Notice of Review Decision: Delta Dental shall notify the claimant in writing of its decision on the Formal Appeal within 30 days of the mailing date of the appeal, unless it determines that special circumstances require an extension of time for processing as detailed below. In such cases, written notice of the extension shall be furnished to the claimant prior to the end of the initial 30-day period. In no event shall such extension exceed a period of 60 days from the end of the initial 30-day period. The extension notice shall indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which Delta Dental expects to render the determination on the appeal.

If Delta Dental upholds the Adverse Benefit Determination on appeal, the notice to the claimant shall include the following information:

- The processing policy or policies (numerical code(s)) stating the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination, with reference to specific plan provisions upon which the determination is based, whether a specific rule, guideline or protocol relied upon in making the determination, and if so, that a copy will be provided free of charge upon request
• Reference in the processing policy or policies to the relevant scientific or clinical judgment, if the Adverse Benefit Determination is related to dental necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limitation
• A statement that reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records and other information relevant to the denied claim are available free of charge upon request
• Advice that options for further recourse or for obtaining information may include contacting the state regulatory agency or local U.S. Department of Labor office, or bringing a civil action under ERISA

Special Provisions Applicable to DeltaCare Programs

Except as provided below, claims and appeals filed under DeltaCare programs shall be handled in accordance with the procedures set forth above in the sections entitled Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination and Request for Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determination.

Pre-Service Claims (Specialty Referrals): In the case of a request for specialty referral requiring pre-authorization by the DeltaCare Plan Administrator, the Plan Administrator shall notify the referring Panel Dentist and the Subscriber of its benefit determination, whether adverse or not, within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the circumstances, but not later than 15 days after the referral request is filed. This period may be extended one time by the plan for up to 15 days if necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. If an extension is taken, the Plan Administrator shall notify the Panel Dentist and the Subscriber within the original 15-day period, of the circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which the plan expects to render a decision. If an extension is needed because the Subscriber and/or the Panel Dentist did not submit information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension shall specifically describe the required information. The Subscriber and/or Panel Dentist shall be afforded at least 45 days from receipt of the notice within which to provide the specified information.

In the event a specialty referral request requiring pre-authorization is denied, the Panel Dentist or the Subscriber may appeal this determination in writing to the DeltaCare Plan Administrator within 240 days following the mailing date of the denial notice. The Plan Administrator shall notify the claimant in writing of its determination on review within 30 days of the mailing date of the request for review.

Urgent Care Claims (Emergency Referrals): In the case of a request for emergency referral, the DeltaCare Plan Administrator shall notify the Panel Dentist and the Subscriber of its benefit determination, whether adverse or not, as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after the referral request (the “claim”) is filed. The notice shall include a description of the expedited review and appeal process applicable to urgent care claims. If the Panel Dentist fails to provide sufficient information to decide the claim, DeltaCare shall notify the Panel Dentist and the Subscriber of the specific information required to make a determination on the claim as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours after the claim is filed. DeltaCare then shall notify the Panel Dentist and the Subscriber of its determination as soon as possible, but not later than 48 hours after the earlier of (a) the plan’s receipt of the specified information or (b) the end of the period afforded the Panel Dentist to provide the additional information.
If an expedited review of a claim denial involving urgent care is necessary, a request for such review may be submitted orally or in writing by the Subscriber or by the Panel Dentist by telephone, facsimile or other similarly expeditious method. The DeltaCare Plan Administrator shall notify the claimant of the determination on review as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after the request for review is filed.

**For the full version of the appeals process, please contact Delta Dental.**

**Health Care Fraud**

It is insurance fraud to submit false information to a plan in order to obtain a larger payment than you are entitled to receive. False claims include submitting a claim for a service not actually rendered, misdescribing a service which was rendered, misrepresenting the amount of the fee the dentist charged and intended to collect (including failing to disclose that the dentist will waive all or part of the patient’s co-payment), or using an incorrect date for the actual rendering of the dental service.

Insurance fraud hurts everyone because it reduces the funds available to pay bona fide claims and can result in the termination of benefit plans due to increased costs. It has severe criminal and civil consequences to those who participate in the preparation or submission of such claims. We urge all plan participants to refrain from submitting or participating in the submission of false claims and to contact us at (973) 285-4167 if you suspect that a false claim has been submitted.
Frequently Asked Questions

• Do I need to have an assigned dentist?

No, this plan allows you to be treated by any licensed dentist of your choice. Generally, the least out-of-pocket expense can be achieved by using a dentist who participates with your specific plan type (e.g.: Delta Dental PPO plus Premier).

• Do I need a referral to a specialist?

You are not required to have a referral to a specialist if you or your dependents require specialized care. Generally, you will maximize your benefits by utilizing the services of a specialist who participates with Delta Dental.

• Is it required to have a Pre-Treatment Estimate (pre-determination of benefits)?

No, it is not required by Delta Dental that you obtain a Pre-Treatment Estimate of benefits prior to treatment. If your dentist indicates the need for treatment with dental charges in excess of $300, it is strongly recommended that you request an estimate of dental benefits before receiving the treatment. Both you and your dentist will receive a voucher from Delta Dental showing the estimated payable benefit. It will also indicate your estimated patient responsibility including deductible if applicable. Your dentist needs to complete this voucher and submit it for payment when work has been completed. Pre-Treatment Estimates are only estimates and not a guarantee of payment. Payments of the approved services are subject to eligibility and to contract limitations (e.g., annual maximums) at the time services are rendered.

• Do I need an ID card as proof of coverage when I visit a dentist?

If your employer has issued an identification card, you should show it to your dentist. However, it is not required that a dentist see an ID card before rendering treatment. An ID card does not verify active coverage. You or your dentist may obtain your group number, current eligibility and benefit information by contacting Delta Dental at (800) 452-9310, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by accessing Delta Dental’s on-line Benefit Connection tool at www.deltadentalnj.com.

• What if I have questions about my benefits?

You can call our Customer Service Department at (800) 452-9310 and speak to a representative between 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. EST Monday - Friday. Also, our interactive voice response system can provide benefit, eligibility, remaining maximum and deductible information, and history of your recent claims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week along with Delta Dental’s on-line Benefit Connection tool.
• How do I file a claim for dental charges?

There are several easy ways to submit a claim. Your dentist can complete a Delta Dental claim form or an ADA (American Dental Association) approved form and mail it to: Delta Dental of New Jersey, P.O. Box 222, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0222. The claim form may also be faxed to 1-(800) 324-7939. If your dentist files claims electronically through his or her computer, no claim form is required. This method also speeds processing time.

Also, you may download a claim form from our web site and submit the claim as well.

Each individual patient must have his or her own claim filed separately from another family member’s claim. Also, each different dentist visited must submit a separate claim. However, an individual dentist may submit a claim for payment and a Pre-Treatment Estimate on the same claim form.

• What must the claim form contain?

The claim must contain the treating dentist’s signature and either the covered person’s signature or a representation from the treating dentist that the covered person has signed a written authorization for the dentist to submit the claim. The claim must also name the patient, the specified date of service and fee charged, and request approval for payment of a specific treatment, service or product.

• When Will Delta Dental communicate its benefit determination?

Delta Dental will notify you of its benefit determination for urgent care claims as soon as possible but not later than 72 hours after the claim is filed, providing sufficient information was received. If the claim is not complete, then Delta Dental will notify you or your representative within 24 hours after the claim is filed (see p. 7 for more information).

Delta Dental will notify you of its benefit determination for post-service claims within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 30 days after receipt of the claim is filed. If Delta Dental needs to extend their decision another 15 days, they will notify you within the initial 30-day period of the reason for the extension and the estimated determination date.

Delta Dental will notify you of its benefit determination for the pre-service claims (specialty referrals) within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 15 days after the referral request is filed. If Delta Dental needs to extend their decision another 15 days, they will notify you within the initial 15-day period of the reason for the extension and the estimated determination date.
• What will Delta Dental do if there is an adverse benefit determination?

If the benefit determination is adverse, Delta Dental will notify you in writing. The notice will specify the reason(s), refer to the specific plan provision, guideline or protocol upon which the determination was based, describe any additional material or information needed for you to complete the claim and explain why such documentation is necessary, and describe the initial appeal process and time limits. In addition, if the adverse determination was based on medical necessity or exclusion for experimental treatment, the notification will either provide an explanation or offer to provide one free of charge upon request.

• Is there a time limit for submitting dental claims?

Yes, in most cases, you have two full years from the date of service to submit your dental claims. If there is coordination of benefits involved and Delta Dental is not the primary carrier, you have one year from the date on which the primary carrier(s) issues a statement of benefits. If the claim is submitted after these time frames, then the services are not covered.

• What can I do if I am dissatisfied with the initial adverse benefit determination?

You can file a request for informal review within 60 days of the mailing date of the adverse determination. You would send it to:

Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc.
Attn: Appeals Department
P.O. Box 222
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Your request must include the claim number, name and address of the employee, name of the employer, date of service and description of service, your signature and date of signature, date you received Delta Dental’s adverse determination, reason(s) why you think the determination was incorrect and any relevant documents and information.

The person making the decision at Delta Dental will be a person who did not make the initial determination and who is not the subordinate of the initial reviewer. The decision-maker for a determination based in whole or in part on medical judgment will consult with a health care professional who has training and experience involved in medical judgment and who was not consulted in the earlier determination(s).

Delta Dental will notify you in writing of its determination within 72 hours for urgent care claims and within 30 days for pre-service claims. If the benefit determination is adverse, the notice will specify the reason(s), refer to the specific plan provision, guideline or protocol upon which the determination was based, inform you of your right to receive free of charge, upon request, all relevant documentation, and describe any voluntary, external appeal procedures as well as your right to bring civil (court) action. In addition, if the adverse determination was based on medical necessity or exclusion for experimental treatment, the notification will either provide an explanation or offer to provide one free of charge upon request.
• What can I do if I am dissatisfied with the informal appeal decision?

You or your dentist must request a formal review in writing within 240 days of the mailing date of the original adverse benefit determination (whether or not you requested an informal review) and send it to:

Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc.
Attn: Correspondence Department
P.O. Box 601
Parsippany, NJ 07054

The request for a formal review must include the dentist’s name, office name, address and license number, the employees name, social security number and date of birth, the patient’s name, social security number and date of birth, the claim number, the reason(s) why Delta Dental should change its initial decision and the specific decision you are seeking, any relevant information or diagnostic materials, and/or a copy of the claim for the determination you are appealing. You must also sign the request. If the dentist is authorized to act on your behalf he/she must state that and include a DOL authorization form. Delta Dental will notify you in writing of its determination within 72 hours for urgent care claims, and within 30 days for pre- and post-service claims.

• How do eligible children attending college away from home find a participating dentist?

A customized list of participating dentists for a specific geographic location can be obtained by calling 1-(800) DELTA-OK or 1-(800) 335-8265. This list will be mailed or can be faxed in case of an emergency situation. Also, listings of participating dentists throughout the country are available on our web site at www.deltadentalnj.com.

• How is my plan maximum calculated?

Your maximum benefits payable are either based on a calendar year or a coverage period (determined by your employer). All procedures that are paid by Delta Dental will be applied to your plan maximum. If your contract provides benefits for orthodontia or other specific benefits such as TMJ coverage, they may have their own separate annual or lifetime limits. In addition, you may have an individual annual maximum or a combined family maximum for everyone under your coverage.
• If I am not located in the same state as my employer’s headquarters, where do I call?

No matter where you are located in the country, you can still call the same toll-free number (800-452-9310) to reach our Customer Service Department, Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Our Interactive Voice Response system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

• What is an alternate benefit provision and how does it work?

The alternate benefit provision of your group contract is applied when there are two dentally acceptable ways to treat a dental condition and both procedures are covered. In such cases your benefit is based on the treatment that costs less. This does not mean that your dentist made a poor recommendation. In fact, you may use Delta Dental’s payment towards the treatment you choose. Since Delta Dental’s payment is the same no matter which treatment you choose, you may have higher out-of-pocket expenses if you choose the treatment that costs more.

• For more Frequently Asked Question please visit Delta Dental’s web site at www.deltadentalnj.com.
# Dental Claim Form

See reverse for instructions

**HEADER INFORMATION**

1. Type of Transaction (check all applicable boxes)
   - Statement of Actual Services
   - OR
   - Request for Predetermination/Preauthorization
   - EPSDT/Title XIX

2. Predetermination/Preauthorization Number

**PRIMARY MEMBER INFORMATION**

12. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial, Suffix), Address, City, State, Zip Code

13. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)

14. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

15. Members Identifier (SSN or ID#)

**PRIMARY PAYER INFORMATION**

16. Plan/Group Number

17. Employer Name

**OTHER COVERAGE**

18. Relationship to Primary Member (check applicable box)
   - Self
   - Spouse
   - Dependent Child
   - Other

19. Student Status
   - FTS
   - PTS

20. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial, Suffix), Address, City, State, Zip Code

**PATIENT INFORMATION**

21. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)

22. Gender

23. Patient ID/Account # (Assigned by Dentist)

**RECORD OF SERVICES PROVIDED**

24. Procedure Date (MM/DD/YY)

25. Area of Oral Cavity

26. Tooth System

27. Tooth Number(s) or Letter(s)

28. Description

29. Total Fee

30. Fee

31. Other fee(s)

32. Other

**MISSING TEETH INFORMATION**

33. Total Fee

34. (Place an ‘X’ on each missing)

35. Remarks

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

36. I have been informed of the treatment plan and associated charges and I authorize payment of the charges as indicated by date.

37. I hereby authorize and direct payment of the dental benefits otherwise payable to me, directly to the below named dentist or dental entity.

**ANTICILLARY CLAIM/TREATMENT INFORMATION**

38. Place of Treatment (check applicable box)
   - Provider’s Office
   - Hospital
   - ECP
   - Other

39. Number of Enclosures (00 to 99)

40. Is Treatment for Orthodontics?
   - Yes (Complete 41-42)
   - No (skip 41-42)

41. Date Appliance Placed (MM/DD/YY)

42. Months of Treatment Remaining

43. Replacement of Prosthesis?
   - Yes (Complete 44)
   - No

44. Date Prior Placement (MM/DD/YY)

45. Treatment Resulting from (Check applicable box)
   - Occupational illness/injury
   - Auto accident
   - Other accident

46. Date of Accident (MM/DD/YY)

47. Auto Accident State

**BILLING DENTIST OR DENTAL ENTITY**

48. Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code

49. Provider ID

50. License Number

51. SSN or TIN

52. Phone Number

53. Phone Number

54. Provider ID

55. License Number

56. Address, City, State, Zip Code

57. Phone Number

58. Treating Provider Specialty
The patient is defined as an individual who has established a professional relationship with the dentist for the delivery of dental services. Benefits are paid to the provider directly when the patient/insured and dentist wish to have benefits paid directly to the provider. This is an authorization of payment that does not create a contractual relationship between the dentist and the payer.

Data Element Specific Instructions

1. EPSDT/Title XIX – Mark box if patient is covered by state Medicaid’s Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program for persons under age 21.
2. Enter number provided by the payer when submitting a claim for services that have been predetermined or preauthorized.
3. Leave blank if no other coverage.
4. The member’s Social Security Number (SSN) or other identifier (ID#) assigned by the payer.
5. The member’s Social Security Number (SSN) or other identifier (ID#) assigned by the payer.
6. Member’s or employer group’s Plan or Policy Number. May also be known as the Certificate Number (not the member’s identification number).
7. Complete only if the patient is not the Primary Member (i.e., “Self” not checked in Item 18).
8. Check “FTS” if patient is a dependent and full-time student; “PTS” if a part-time student. Otherwise, leave blank.
9. Enter if dentist’s office assigns a unique number to identify the patient that is not the same as the Member Identifier number assigned by the payer (e.g., Chart#).
12. Designate tooth number when procedure code reported directly involves a tooth. If a range of teeth is being reported, use a hyphen (“-”) to separate the first and last tooth in the range. Commas are used to separate individual tooth numbers or ranges applicable to the procedure code reported.
13. Designate tooth(s) when procedure code reported directly involves one or more tooth surfaces. Enter up to five of the following codes, without spaces:
   - B = Buccal;
   - D = Distal;
   - F = Facial;
   - L = Lingual;
   - M = Mesial;
   - O = Occlusal.
14. Use appropriate dental procedure code from current version of Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature.
15. Dentist’s full fee for the dental procedure reported.
16. Use when other fees applicable to dental services provided must be recorded. Such fees include state taxes, where applicable, and other fees imposed by regulatory bodies.
17. Total of all fees listed on the claim form.
18. Report missing teeth on each claim submission.
19. Use “Remarks” space for additional information such as ‘reports’ for ‘999’ codes or multiple supernumerary teeth.
20. Enter the code that indicates the type of dental professional rendering the service from the ‘Dental Service Providers’ section of the code list. The current list is posted at: http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/codes.asp. The available taxonomy codes, as of the first printing of this claim form, follow in boldface.

Other dentists practice in one of nine specialty areas recognized by the American Dental Association:

- 1223D0001X Dental Public Health
- 1223E0200X Endodontics
- 1223P0106X Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology
- 1223D0008X Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology
- 1223S0112X Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- 1223S0400X Orthodontics
- 1223P0221X Pediatric Dentistry (Pedodontics)
- 1223P0300X Periodontics
- 1223P0700X Prosthodontics

Many dentists are general practitioners who handle a wide variety of dental needs.

1223G0001X General Practice
Delta Dental Offers Enhanced Explanation of Benefits Statements

Delta Dental’s Explanation of Benefits statement is presented in a readable, user-friendly format. Developed in consultation with dentists and members, the new form contains more information than before and has been reformatted, making it easier to read.

What Delta Dental’s Improved Explanation of Benefits Statement Offers

1. CONTACT INFORMATION, including a special Customer Service toll-free phone number.

2. A PAYMENT SUMMARY BOX, providing at a glance details about charges, payments, deductibles and patient obligations.

   NEW! Dentist Amount Non Billable, which shows the amount the patient is not billable for.

3. PATIENT INFORMATION, including patient’s name, date of birth, relationship to subscriber, group ID and name, and plan type.

   NEW! Benefit Period, which shows the benefit period for the patient.

4. NEW! CLAIM NUMBER INCREASED, from 9 digits to 15.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS**

1. **Informal Review (Optional to Subscriber)**
   
The covered person (or authorized representative) and/or treating dentist may, within 60 days of the date of mailing of this EOB, request that we informally reconsider this claim decision by following the procedure described in No. 5 below; we will respond within 60 days and notify the subscriber (or authorized representative) and treating dentist of our decision and the reason(s) therefor. If no request is submitted within 60 days, only a formal appeal may be filed. A request for informal review does not constitute an “appeal” for ERISA appeals purposes.

2. **Formal Appeal**
   
The covered person (or authorized representative) may, within 240 days of the date of mailing of this EOB, formally appeal this claim decision by following the procedure described in No. 5 below; we will issue our decision to the subscriber (or authorized representative) within 30 days of our receipt of the appeal for ERISA claims and within 45 days of our receipt of the appeal for non-ERISA claims.

3. **Right to Sue**
   
A covered person must timely file a formal appeal (as described in No. 2 above) and receive our decision on the appeal as a precondition to commencing any legal proceeding challenging the claim determination.

4. **Right to Receive Rules, Guidelines or Detailed Explanations**
   
If the front side of this form indicates that a rule or guideline was relied on, you have a right to receive an explanation of the basis for that decision. To receive either, send your written request to Delta Dental, Attn: Correspondence Department, P.O. Box 222, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Formal appeals must be addressed to Delta Dental, Attn: Formal Appeals Department, P.O. Box 601, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

5. **Procedure for Requesting Informal Reviews and Formal Appeals**
   
Submit the following information and documentation:

   - (a) Dentist name, office name, address and license number
   - (b) Subscriber name, social security number and date of birth
   - (c) Patient name, social security number and date of birth
   - (d) Claim number
   - (e) Whether this is for an informal review or a formal appeal
   - (f) Description of the reasons why Delta Dental should change its initial decision on the claim and the specific decision which you request
   - (g) Any supplemental information or diagnostic materials relevant to the claim in question
   - (h) In lieu of (a), (b), (c) and (d), attach a copy of the claim and the claim determination you are appealing

6. **Potential Voluntary Alternative Dispute Options**
   
You and your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office and your State insurance regulatory agency. Those persons covered under a self-funded program may also have a voluntary appeals program available to them; check with your Human Resources Department or Summary Plan Description (SPD) if applicable.

7. **Notice of Privacy Practices**
   
You may access Delta Dental’s Notice of Privacy Practices on our website at www.deltadentalnj.com. You may also obtain a hard copy of this notice by contacting our compliance manager at (866) 861-4716.

8. **Coordination of Benefits**
   
If you are covered by more than one health benefit plan, you should file all your claims with each plan and provide each plan with information regarding the other plans under which you are covered. You should always submit your claim first to your primary carrier and, after receiving their determination, submit your claim to your secondary or tertiary carriers (if applicable).

9. **Terminology and Definitions**
   
Approved Amount: The total amount which the dentist is permitted to collect as payment in full for the specified service. It includes the dental benefit plan’s payment as well as the patient’s deductible and/or copay.

Amount Used for Benefit Calculation: The fee amount that the dental benefit plan provides for use in calculating the dental benefit plan payment for the specified service. The dental benefit plan payment may be less than this fee amount due to patient deductible, copay, plan limitations or exclusions.

10. **Any procedures which are disallowed resulting in no Delta Dental payment or patient liability are in accordance with the group contract and dentist participation agreement.**

11. **Payment for all services is determined in accordance with the terms of the group’s dental plan and/or with the terms of Delta Dental’s dentist participation agreements.**

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**5. DENTIST INFORMATION**, including the Delta Dental program in which he or she participates for that claim.

**6. NEW! MAXIMUM INFORMATION EXPANDED**, to include all maximums applicable to the plan the patient is covered under instead of showing plan maximum only.

**7. DETAILED EXPLANATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF INFORMATION IN THE COLUMNS**, including descriptions of each procedure number and explanations, if appropriate, of processing policies (up to 3 per line item allowed).

**NEW!** Separate ‘Submitted Procedure No.’ and ‘Paid Procedure No.’ added, to better illustrate when an alternative benefit has been applied.

For questions about specific claims, contact the number for Claims Inquiries on your Explanation of Benefits statement, or e-mail Customer Service at service@deltadentalnj.com.
Description of Covered Services

See following page for program descriptions

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### Preventive & Diagnostic Services (No Deductible)
- Exams, Cleanings, (each twice per calendar year per person, ages 14 and older are considered adults)
- Periodontal prophylaxis
- X-rays-full mouth series or panoramic
- X-rays-bitewing
- X-rays-single films
- Fluoride Treatment
- Space Maintainers (once per space for missing posterior primary teeth)
- Sealants

### Remaining Basic (No Deductible)
- Fillings - composite and amalgam.
- Extractions, Oral Surgery
- Endodontics (root canals on permanent teeth and root surgery)
- Periodontics (have specific frequency limitations, pre-treatment estimate is strongly recommended - e.g. surgery once per 36 months)
- Consultations

### Prosthodontics & Crowns (No Deductible)
- Crowns and crown-related procedures (post and core, core buildup, etc., once every five years, permanent teeth only, for ages 12 and older)
- Bridgework (once every five years, for ages 16 and older) (bridges with four or more missing teeth in that arch may be given an alternate benefit of a partial denture)
- Full & Partial Dentures (either one, once every five years, partial dentures for ages 16 and older) (fixed bridges and removable partial dentures are not benefits in the same arch; benefits will be provided for the removable partial denture only)
- Repair of Dentures (Repair of existing prosthetic appliances)
- Inlays (inlays are only payable when done in conjunction with an onlay; by themselves they are given the alternate benefit of an amalgam filling

### TMJ
- 40%  40%

### Implants
- 40%  40%

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**Delta Dental PPO plus Premier**

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<td>$1,200.00</td>
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<td><strong>Calendar Year Maximum (per person)</strong></td>
<td>UNLIMITED</td>
<td>$1,000.00 (Employee &amp; Spouse)</td>
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<td><strong>Lifetime Maximum for TMJ (per person)</strong></td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td><strong>Calendar Year Deductible</strong></td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>- Individual - Family (family deductible is accumulated by individual deductibles)</td>
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<td><strong>Orthodontia (Employee &amp; Dependents)</strong></td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>Orthodontic treatment is a benefit limited to once in a lifetime.</strong></td>
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**Description of Programs**

**Delta Dental PPO plus Premier** - See Explanation under "Product Descriptions” section at back of booklet.

Under all programs, non-participating dentists may balance bill above the maximum allowable charge.
Orthodontic Payment Schedule

Payment for comprehensive orthodontics will be processed in one (1) payment.

The payment will be made upon insertion of appliances. This payment will represent Delta Dental’s full liability.

Eligibility Requirements

For complete details of eligibility provisions, please refer to your International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 478 Health Benefits Plan summary plan description.

Eligible Dependents

- Your spouse.

- Unmarried dependent children (subject to age limitations).
  
  - Unmarried children include step-children, adopted children, and foster children, provided such children are dependent upon the employee for support and maintenance.
  
  - Unmarried children from birth to age 26.
  
  - Your legally adopted child (including a child for whom legal adoption proceedings have already been started).
  
  - Handicapped children - in order for mentally or physically handicapped children to remain covered, you must show proof of the child’s incapacity. This proof must be submitted to Local 478 Health Fund.

When does coverage terminate?

Coverage for employees and their eligible dependents shall cease upon the earliest of:

- Termination of employee’s employment
- Death of employee
- Termination of group contract

Coverage for dependent spouse shall terminate on divorce from the covered employee unless otherwise stated by divorce decree.

Coverage for a dependent child shall terminate upon the end of the calendar month in which attaining the limiting contract age (see eligibility section).

For coordination of benefits, your group follows the birthday rule.
Exclusions and Limitations: Services Not Covered by This Dental Plan

- To be eligible for coverage, a service must be required for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a dental disease, injury, or condition. Services not dentally necessary are not covered benefits. Your dental plan is designed to assist you in maintaining dental health. The fact that a procedure is prescribed by your dentist does not make it dentally necessary or eligible under this program. We can request proof (such as x-rays, pathology reports, or study models) to determine whether services are necessary. Failure to provide this proof may cause adjustment or denial of any procedure performed.
- Services for injuries or conditions which are related to employment or self-employment, without regard to whether they are compensable under Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Laws.
- Services provided to the eligible patient by any Federal or State Government Agency or provided without cost to the eligible patient by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision or community agency except to the extend that such payments are insufficient to pay for the applicable eligible dental benefits under this program.
- Services with respect to congenital or developmental malformations (including TMJ and replacing congenitally missing teeth), cosmetic surgery, and dentistry for purely cosmetic reasons (e.g., bleaching, veneers, or crowns to improve appearance).
- Specialized or personalized services (e.g., overdentures and root canals associated with overdentures, gold foils) are excluded and a benefit will be allowed for a conventional procedure (e.g., benefiting a conventional denture towards the cost of an overdenture and the root canals associated with it. The patient is responsible for additional costs.)
- Prescribed drugs, analgesics (pain relievers), fluoride gel rinses, and preparations for home use.
- Procedures to correct minor tooth movement.
- Experimental procedures, materials, and techniques and procedures not meeting generally accepted standards of care.
- Educational services such as nutritional or tobacco counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease. Oral hygiene instruction or any equipment or supplies required.
- Services rendered by anyone who does not qualify as a fully licensed dentist.
- Charges for hospitalization including hospital visits or broken appointments, office visits, and house calls.
- Services performed prior to effective date or after termination of coverage. Benefits are payable based on date of completion of treatment.
- Services performed for diagnosis such as laboratory tests, caries tests, bacterial studies, diagnostic casts, or photographs.
- Temporary procedures and appliances, pulp caps, occlusal adjustments, inhalation of nitrous oxide, analgesia, local anesthetic, and behavior management.
- Procedures or preparations, which are part of or included in the final restoration (bases, acid etch, or micro abrasion).
- Periodontal charting, chemical irrigation, delivery of local chemotherapeutic substances, application of desensitizing medicine, synthetic bone grafts, and guided tissue regeneration.
- Post removal (not in conjunction with root canal therapy).
- Completion of claim forms, providing documentation, requests for pre-determination, and services submitted for payment more than twenty-four (24) months following completion.
- Separate fee for infection control and OSHA compliance.
- Maxillofacial surgery and prosthetic appliances.
- Services with respect to any conditions, disease, ailment or injury occurring while the eligible patient is on active duty during military service, or for service or items provided under the laws of the United States of America or of any state of the United States or any foreign country or of any political subdivision of any of the foregoing.

This is a general description of your dental plan to be used as a convenient reference, and some exclusions and limitations may not be listed. All benefits are governed by your group contract.
Statement of Participants and Beneficiaries’ Rights Under ERISA

As a participant in this Group Dental Health Program, you may be entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Obtain copies of all plan documents and other plan information upon written request to the plan administrator. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

- Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as work sites and union halls, all plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of all documents filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, such as detailed annual reports and plan descriptions.

- Receive a summary of the plans annual financial report. Also, unless the plan has fewer than 100 participants, the plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

In addition to creating rights for the participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called “fiduciaries” of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA. If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied in whole or in part, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have the right to have Delta Dental review and reconsider your claim. Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights.

For instance, if you requested materials from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in state or federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan’s money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees if it finds your claim is frivolous.

If you have any questions about this statement or your rights under ERISA, you should contact the plan administrator (see above) or the nearest Area Office of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.
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<td>Alternate Benefit</td>
<td>A provision in a dental plan contract that allows the third-party payer to determine the benefit based on an alternative procedure that is generally less expensive than the one provided or proposed. Patient financial liability is dependent upon the treatment chosen.</td>
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<td>Amalgam</td>
<td>A silver material used to fill cavities that is placed on the tooth surface that is used for chewing because it is a particularly durable material.</td>
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<td>Birthday Rule</td>
<td>Coordination-of-benefits regulation stipulating that the primary payer of benefits for dependent children is determined by the parents’ birth dates. Regardless of which parent is older, the dental benefits program of the parent whose birthday falls first in a calendar year is considered primary.</td>
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<td>Bitewing</td>
<td>A dental x-ray showing approximately the coronal (crown) halves of the upper and lower jaw.</td>
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<td>Calendar Year</td>
<td>For benefit determinations based on a calendar year, this refers to the period of one year beginning with January 1 and ending December 31.</td>
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<td>Claim Form</td>
<td>The paper form the dentist must file for reimbursement for services rendered.</td>
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<td>COB</td>
<td>Coordination of Benefits. A method of integrating benefits payable under more than one plan.</td>
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<td>COBRA</td>
<td>Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. A law that requires certain employers to offer continued health insurance coverage to eligible employees and/or their dependents who have had their health insurance coverage terminated.</td>
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<td>Completion Date</td>
<td>The date a procedure is completed. It is the insertion date for dentures and partial dentures. It is the cementation date (regardless of the type of cement used) for inlays, onlays, crowns, and fixed bridges.</td>
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<td>Composite</td>
<td>White resin material used to fill cavities. It is used primarily because the color more closely resembles the natural tooth than does the color of amalgam.</td>
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<td>Consultation</td>
<td>A discussion between the patient and the dentist where the dentist offers professional advice for the proposed treatment plan.</td>
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<td>A period of one year beginning with January 1st.</td>
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Covered Family Members
You and your spouse and dependent children who are covered under this program.

Deductible
The amount of dental expense your group requires you to pay before Delta Dental assumes any liability for payment of benefits. Deductible may be an annual or one-time charge, and may vary in amount from program to program.

Delta Dental PPO
Delta Dental’s basic preferred provider option (PPO).

Delta Dental Premier
Delta Dental’s traditional fee-for-service dental benefits program.

Dentist
A person licensed to practice dentistry by the appropriate authority in the area where and at the time that the dental service is given.

Endodontist
A dentist who specializes in diseases of the tooth pulp, performing such services as root canals.

Gender Rule
Coordination-of-benefits regulation stipulating that the primary payer of benefits for dependent children is determined by the gender of the parents. The dental benefits program of the parent of a specified gender is considered primary.

General Dentist
A dentist who provides a full range of dental services for the entire family.

IVR
Interactive Voice Response system. Information can be accessed by touch-tone telephone 24 hours a day on: eligibility, benefits, claim information, and ordering claim forms.

Maximum Benefit
The maximum dollar amount a program will pay toward the cost of dental care incurred by an individual or family in a specified period, usually a calendar year.

Non-Participating Dentist
A state-licensed dentist who does not have a written participation agreement with Delta Dental.

Notification of Delta Dental Benefits
A statement that explains how your claim was processed, payment by Delta Dental, your responsibility, and other pertinent information. Also referred to as an EOB (Explanation of Benefits) or Notification of Payment (NOP).

Oral Pathologist
A dentist who is concerned with recognition, diagnosis, and management of the diseases of the mouth, jaws, and surrounding structures.

Oral Surgeon
A dentist who removes teeth, including impacted wisdom teeth, repairs fractures of the jaw and performs surgery on the mouth, jaws, and surrounding structures.
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<td>Orthodontist</td>
<td>A dentist who corrects misaligned teeth and jaws, usually by applying braces.</td>
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<td>Participating Dentist</td>
<td>A state-licensed dentist who has a written agreement with a Delta Dental Plan to perform services and receive payment under this program.</td>
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<td>Participating Specialist</td>
<td>A participating dentist with Delta Dental of New Jersey who holds a specialty permit in endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral surgery, or orthodontics; limits his/her practice to that specialty; and has registered with Delta Dental as a specialist.</td>
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<td>Pediatric Dentist</td>
<td>A dentist who generally limits his/her practice to children and teenagers and the handicapped. Also known as Pedodontist.</td>
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<td>Periodontist</td>
<td>A dentist who treats diseases of the gums.</td>
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<td>Pre-Treatment Estimate</td>
<td>Pre-authorized estimate of services detailing payment of allowable benefits.</td>
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<td>Prevailing Fee</td>
<td>The lowest fee for a single procedure, which equals or exceeds the fee for that procedure which Delta Dental has determined, will satisfy the majority of dentists in the pertinent geographic location.</td>
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<td>Prophylaxis</td>
<td>Prevention of disease by removal of calculus, stains, and other extraneous materials from the teeth. The cleaning of the teeth by a dentist or dental hygienist.</td>
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<td>Pro-rated</td>
<td>For subscribers whose orthodontic coverage begins after treatment has begun, payments are divided proportionately over the course of the treatment and Delta Dental’s payment is based on the portion during which the subscriber has coverage.</td>
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<td>Prosthodontist</td>
<td>A dentist who generally specializes in ways to replace missing natural teeth with bridges and dentures.</td>
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<td>Sealant</td>
<td>An adhesive material bonded to the tooth surface to retard decay by shielding the tooth from exposure to the oral environment. This includes preventive resin restorations.</td>
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<td>Treatment Plan</td>
<td>A written report prepared by a dentist showing the dentist’s recommended treatment of any dental disease, defect, or injury.</td>
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<td>UCR</td>
<td>The Usual, Customary, and Reasonable fee level as determined by Delta Dental for the pertinent geographic location.</td>
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**Product Descriptions**

**Delta Dental PPO plus Premier**
Where the eligible patient is treated by a Delta Dental PPO dentist, the fee for the covered service(s) will not exceed the Delta Dental PPO maximum allowable charge(s). Where the eligible patient is treated by a Delta Dental Premier dentist who does not participate in the Delta Dental PPO Program or by a **Participating Specialist**, the dentist has agreed not to charge eligible patients more than the dentist's filed fee or Delta Dental's established UCR, and Delta Dental will pay such dentists based on the least of the actual fee, the filed fee, or Delta Dental’s established UCR for the procedure(s). Claims for services provided by dentists who are neither Delta Dental Premier, Delta Dental PPO Program dentists, or **Participating Specialists** are paid based on the lesser of the dentist's actual charge or the prevailing fee.

Your benefit levels may vary based on the program in which your dentist participates as indicated in the schedule of benefits which appears in this booklet.

You are responsible for payment of the difference between Delta Dental’s payment and the fee approved by Delta Dental.