


Additional benefits when you need them: Introducing Delta Dental's enhanced dental benefit

Life will get a bit easier and healthier for families with special health care needs—your Delta Dental group benefits plan includes enhanced benefits for covered members (children and adults) with a qualifying special health care need.



For 6.5 million people in the U.S. with intellectual or developmental disabilities, oral health care can be inaccessible or overwhelming.

Delta Dental is changing that.

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What is included in the benefit?

- Additional visits to the dentist's office and/or consultations that can be helpful prior to the first treatment to help patients learn what to expect and what is needed for a successful dental appointment.
- Up to four total dental cleanings in a benefit year.
- The use of silver diamine fluoride that can be applied to cavities for patients who can't tolerate the use of dental instruments.
- Treatment delivery modifications necessary for dental staff to provide oral health care for patients with sensory sensitivities, behavioral challenges, severe anxiety or other barriers to treatment.

How do I/my spouse/my dependent use this benefit?

- Members with a qualifying special health care need should notify their human resources/benefits department.
- The human resources/benefits department must then update that member's dental benefits eligibility information before benefits may be used.
- To help your dentist better understand the benefit and how to bill Delta Dental for services provided, we suggest you take the "Enhanced Dental Benefit Provider Directions" flyer with you to your next dental visit (*download the flyer at deltadental.pub/edb-provider*).

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This includes but is not limited to:

- Intellectual and neurodevelopmental disabilities
 - Intellectual disability moderate to severe
 - Neurodevelopmental disabilities (moderate - severe autism, severe ADHD, developmental delay/disability NOS, developmental delay in conjunction with syndrome)
- Environmental or congenital insult leading to disability
 - Fetal alcohol syndrome
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Neurological injury (shaken baby, head trauma)
- Chromosomal abnormalities
 - Trisomy 21
 - Deletion syndromes (multiple)
 - 22q deletion - DiGeorge syndrome
- Syndromes/sequences with craniofacial/airway abnormalities
 - Orofacial clefting (severe)
 - Treacher Collins
 - Pierre Robin
 - Microsomia/micrognathia
- Other sequences that require special dental care needs
 - Holoprosencephaly
 - Neural tube closure defects

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