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## **SECTION 1. WELCOME**

Delta Dental Plan of Oregon (abbreviated as Delta Dental), was created in 1955 and is a founding member of the Delta Dental Plans Association.

Delta Dental is pleased to have been chosen by OEGB to administer its dental plan. This handbook is designed to provide members with important information about the Plan's benefits, limitations and procedures.

Members may direct questions to one of the numbers listed in section 2.1 or access tools and resources on Delta Dental's personalized member website, Member Dashboard, at [www.modahealth.com/oebb](http://www.modahealth.com/oebb). Member Dashboard is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week allowing members to access plan information whenever it is convenient.

Delta Dental reserves the right to monitor telephone conversations and email communications between its employees and the members for legitimate business purposes as determined by Delta Dental.

This handbook may be changed or replaced at any time, by OEGB or Delta Dental, without the consent of any member. The most current handbook is available on Member Dashboard, accessed through the Delta Dental website. All plan provisions are governed by OEGB's benefit plan document with Delta Dental and this handbook. This handbook may not contain every plan provision.

Members may call customer service at 866-923-0410 or email [OEGBQuestions@modahealth.com](mailto:OEGBQuestions@modahealth.com) to request a hardcopy of this handbook free of charge.

## SECTION 2. MEMBER RESOURCES

### 2.1 CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **Delta Dental Website (log in to Member Dashboard)**

[www.modahealth.com/oebb](http://www.modahealth.com/oebb)

Includes many helpful features, such as Find Care (use to find a participating dentist)

#### **Members with combined Moda Health Medical and Delta Dental Plans**

Toll-free 866-923-0409

#### **Dental only Customer Service Department**

Toll-free 866-923-0410

En Español 877-299-9063

[OEBBQuestions@modahealth.com](mailto:OEBBQuestions@modahealth.com)

#### **Telecommunications Relay Service for the hearing impaired**

711

#### **Delta Dental**

P.O. Box 40384

Portland, Oregon 97240

### 2.2 MEMBERSHIP CARD

After enrolling, members will receive ID (identification) cards that will include the group and identification numbers. Members will need to present the card each time they receive services. Members may go to Member Dashboard or contact Customer Service for replacement of a lost ID card.

### 2.3 NETWORK

See Network Information (section 3.1) for details about how networks work.

#### **Dental network**

Delta Dental Premier Network

### 2.4 OTHER RESOURCES

Additional member resources providing general information about the Plan can be found in section 11 and section 14.

## **SECTION 3. USING THE PLAN**

For questions about the Plan, members should contact Customer Service. This handbook describes the benefits of the Plan. It is the member's responsibility to review this handbook carefully and to be aware of the Plan's limitations and exclusions.

At a first appointment, members should tell the dentist that they have dental benefits through Delta Dental. Members will need to provide their subscriber identification number and Delta Dental group number to the dentist. These numbers are located on the ID card.

### **3.1 NETWORK INFORMATION**

Delta Dental plans are easy to use and cost effective. If members choose a participating Delta Dental Premier dentist from the Delta Dental Premier Dental Directory (available at [www.modahealth.com/oebb](http://www.modahealth.com/oebb) by using Find Care), all of the paperwork takes place between Delta Dental and the dentist's office. 89% of all licensed dentists in Oregon are participating Delta Dental Premier dentists. For members outside Oregon, Delta Dental's national affiliation with Delta Dental Plans Association provides offices and/or contacts in every state. Also, dental claims incurred any place in the world may be processed in Oregon.

Members needing dental care may go to any dental office. However, there are differences in reimbursement by Delta Dental for participating Delta Dental Premier dentists and non-participating dentists or dental care providers. While a member may choose the services of any dentist, Delta Dental does not guarantee the availability of any particular dentist.

#### **3.1.1 Non-Participating Dentists**

Payment to a non-participating dentist or dental care provider is paid at the applicable coinsurance and is limited to the PPO fee schedule. The allowable fee in states other than Oregon will be that state's Delta Affiliate's non-participating dentist allowance. The member may have to pay the difference between the maximum allowed amount and the billed charge.

### **3.2 PREDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS**

For expensive treatment plans, Delta Dental provides a predetermination service. The dentist may submit a predetermination request to get an estimate of what the Plan would pay. The predetermination will be processed according to the Plan's current contract and returned to the dentist. The member and their dentist should review the information before beginning treatment.

## SECTION 4. BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

The Plan covers the services listed when performed by a dentist or dental care provider (licensed dentist or licensed hygienist), and only when determined to be necessary and customary by the standards of generally accepted dental practice for the prevention or treatment of oral disease or for accidental injury. Delta Dental's dental consultants and dental director shall determine these standards.

Payment of covered expenses is always limited to the maximum plan allowance. In no case will benefits be paid for services provided beyond the scope of a dentist's or dental care provider's license, certificate or registration. Services covered under the medical portion of a member's plan will not be covered on this Plan except when related to an accident.

Covered dental services are outlined in 5 classes that start with preventive care and advance into basic and major dental procedures, including orthodontia. Limitations may apply to these services, and are noted below. See section 7 for exclusions.

Covered services, when generally accepted dental practices and standards determine they can be safely and effectively provided using teledentistry (audio, video or both), are covered when provided by a provider using such telephone or internet conferencing. The application and technology used must meet all state and federal standards for privacy and security of protected health information.

All annual or per year benefits or cost sharing accrue based on a plan year (period commencing October 1<sup>st</sup> of any calendar year and ending September 30<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent calendar year) or portion thereof. Frequency limitations are calculated from the previous date of service or initial placement, unless otherwise specified.

**Deductible: \$50**

Per member per plan year, or portion thereof

Deductible applies to covered Class II, Class III, Class IV, and Class V services

**Plan year maximum plan payment limit: \$1,700**

Per member per year, or portion thereof

All covered services except orthodontia apply to the annual maximum plan payment limit.

Members are responsible for expenses that exceed the annual maximum plan payment limit.

Late enrollees have a 12-month exclusion period for Class II, Class III, Class IV, and Class V services, but are eligible for Class I services (details for Late Enrollees, see section 9.5) after they are enrolled.

If a member moves from one OEBC incentive plan to another OEBC incentive plan, incentive credit will be given and the maximum payment limit and deductible will carry over if the lapse in coverage is 31 days or less. Members who renew their eligibility over 31 days from their prior OEBC incentive plan, will start at the 70% incentive level and will receive a new maximum payment limit and deductible.



If a member moves from a constant plan (Plan 6 or the Exclusive PPO) to an incentive plan (Plans 1, 5, or the Exclusive PPO – Incentive) the incentive level starts at 70% regardless of the original date of hire.

## **4.1 CLASS I PREVENTIVE CARE**

### **COVERED SERVICES PAID AT 70% OF THE MAXIMUM PLAN ALLOWANCE IN THE FIRST PLAN YEAR A MEMBER IS COVERED UNDER AN INCENTIVE PLAN**

Payment increases by 10% each successive plan year to a maximum of 100%. To qualify for this increase, the member must visit the dentist at least once during the plan year. Failure to do so will cause a 10% reduction in payment for the next plan year, although payment will never drop below 70%.

Class I services will be paid at 100% at the end of 3 plan years, assuming at least one visit to the dentist each of these years.

### **4.1.1 Diagnostic**

#### **a. Diagnostic Services:**

- i. Examination
- ii. Intra-oral x-rays to assist in determining required dental treatment.

#### **b. Diagnostic Limitations:**

- i. Periodic (routine) or comprehensive examinations or consultations are covered once in any 6-month period
- ii. Problem focused examinations or re-evaluations are covered twice per year
- iii. Complete series x-rays or a panoramic film is covered once in any 5-year period
- iv. Supplementary bitewing x-rays are covered once in any 12-month period
- v. Separate charges for review of a proposed treatment plan or for diagnostic aids such as study models and certain lab tests are not covered
- vi. Only the following x-rays are covered by the Plan: complete series or panoramic, periapical, occlusal and bitewing

### **4.1.2 Preventive**

#### **a. Preventive Services:**

- i. Prophylaxis (cleanings)
- ii. Periodontal maintenance
- iii. Topical application of fluoride
- iv. Interim caries arresting medicament application
- v. Space maintainers
- vi. Sealants

#### **b. Preventive Limitations:**

- i. Prophylaxis (cleaning) or periodontal maintenance is covered once in any 6-month period.†
- ii. Adult prophylaxis is only covered for members age 12 and over. Child prophylaxis is covered for members under age 12.

- iii. Topical application of fluoride is covered once in any 6-month period for members under age 19. For members age 19 and over, topical application of fluoride is covered once in any 6-month period if there is recent history of periodontal surgery or high risk of decay due to medical disease or chemotherapy or similar type of treatment (poor diet or oral hygiene does not constitute a medical disease).
- iv. Interim caries arresting medicament application is covered twice per tooth per year.
- v. Sealant benefits are limited to the unrestored, occlusal surfaces of permanent molars. Benefits will be limited to one sealant per tooth during any 5-year period.
- vi. Space maintainers are a benefit once per space for members under age 14. Space maintainers for primary anterior teeth, missing permanent teeth or for members age 14 and over are not covered.

†Additional cleaning benefit is available for members with diabetes and members in their third trimester of pregnancy. To be eligible for this additional benefit, members must be enrolled in the Oral Health, Total Health program (see section 5.1).

Members who qualify for Delta Dental's Health through Oral Wellness program may receive enhanced benefits. See section 6 for details.

## 4.2 CLASS II RESTORATIVE SERVICES

**COVERED SERVICES PAID AT 70% OF THE MAXIMUM PLAN ALLOWANCE IN THE FIRST PLAN YEAR A MEMBER IS COVERED UNDER AN INCENTIVE PLAN.**

Payment increases by 10% each successive plan year to a maximum of 100%. To qualify for this increase, the member must visit the dentist at least once during the plan year. Failure to do so will cause a 10% reduction in payment for the next plan year, although payment will never drop below 70%.

Class II services will be paid at 100% at the end of 3 plan years, assuming at least one visit to the dentist each of these years.

### 4.2.1 Restorative

#### a. Restorative Services:

- i. Amalgam fillings and composite fillings for the treatment of decay
- ii. Stainless steel crowns

#### b. Restorative Limitations:

- i. Restorations are not covered within 3 months of interim caries arresting medicament application.
- ii. Inlays are considered an optional service. An alternate benefit of a composite filling will be provided.
- iii. Crown buildups are considered to be included in the crown restoration cost. A buildup will be a benefit only if necessary for tooth retention.
- iv. Prefabricated and indirectly fabricated post and core in addition to a crown are only covered when less than half of the coronal (above the gum) tooth structure remains.
- v. Replacement of a stainless steel crown by the same dentist within a 2-year period of placement is not covered. The replacement is included in the charge for the original crown.

- vi. Additional limitations when teeth are restored with crowns or cast restorations are in section 4.3.1.

#### **4.2.2 Oral Surgery**

##### **a. Oral Surgery Services:**

- i. Extractions (including surgical)
- ii. Other minor surgical procedures

##### **b. Oral Surgery Limitations:**

- i. A separate, additional charge for alveoloplasty done in conjunction with removal of teeth is not covered.
- ii. Surgery on larger lesions or malignant lesions is not considered minor surgery.
- iii. A separate charge for post-operative care done within 30 days following an oral surgery is not covered. Post-operative care is included in the charge of the original surgery.
- iv. Brush biopsy is covered once in any 6-month period. Benefits are limited to the sample collection and do not include coverage for pathology (lab) services.

#### **4.2.3 Endodontic**

##### **a. Endodontic Services:**

- i. Procedures for treatment of teeth with diseased or damaged nerves (for example, pulpal therapy and root canal filling).

##### **b. Endodontic Limitations:**

- i. A separate charge for cultures is not covered.
- ii. A separate charge for pulp removal done with a root canal or root repair is not covered.
- iii. Pulp capping is considered to be included in the fee for the final restoration.
- iv. Retreatment of the same tooth by the same dentist within a 2-year period of a root canal is not eligible for additional coverage. The retreatment is included in the charge for the original care.

#### **4.2.4 Periodontic**

##### **a. Periodontic Services:**

- i. Treatment of diseases of the gums and supporting structures of the teeth and/or implants.

##### **b. Periodontic Limitations:**

- i. Periodontal scaling and root planing is limited to once per quadrant in any 2-year period.
- ii. Periodontal maintenance is covered under Class I, Preventive.
- iii. A separate charge for post-operative care done within 3 months following periodontal surgery is not covered.
- iv. Additional periodontal surgical procedures by the same dentist to the same site within a 3-year period of an initial periodontal surgery are not covered.
- v. Full mouth debridement is limited to once in a 2-year period and, if the member is age 19 or older, only if there has been no cleaning (prophylaxis, periodontal maintenance) within a 2-year period.

#### **4.2.5 Anesthesia Services**

- a. General anesthesia or IV sedation  
Covered only:
  - i. In conjunction with covered surgical procedures performed in a dental office
  - ii. When necessary due to concurrent medical conditions

### **4.3 CLASS III MAJOR DENTAL CARE**

**COVERED SERVICES PAID AT 70% OF THE MAXIMUM PLAN ALLOWANCE.**

#### **4.3.1 Restorative**

- a. **Restorative Services:**
  - i. Cast restorations, such as crowns, onlays or lab veneers, necessary to restore decayed or broken teeth to a state of functional acceptability.
- b. **Restorative Limitations:**
  - i. Cast restorations (including pontics) are covered once in a 7-year period on any tooth. See section 4.2.1 for limitations on buildups.
  - ii. Porcelain restorations are considered cosmetic dentistry if placed on the upper second or third molars or the lower first, second or third molars. Coverage is limited to gold without porcelain, and the member is responsible for paying the difference.
  - iii. If a tooth can be restored by an amalgam or composite filling, but another type of restoration is selected by the member or dentist, covered expense will be limited to a composite. Crowns are only a benefit if the tooth cannot be restored by a routine filling.
  - iv. Restorations are not covered within 3 months of interim caries arresting medicament application.

### **4.4 CLASS IV PROSTHODONTIC SERVICES**

**COVERED SERVICES PAID AT 50% OF THE MAXIMUM PLAN ALLOWANCE.**

#### **4.4.1 Prosthodontic**

- a. **Prosthodontic Services:**
  - i. Bridges
  - ii. Partial and complete dentures
  - iii. Denture relines
  - iv. Repair of an existing prosthetic device
  - v. Implants and implant maintenance
  - vi. Surgical stent in conjunction with a covered surgical procedure

**b. Prosthodontic Limitations:**

- i. A bridge or a full or partial denture will be covered once in a 7-year period and only if the tooth, tooth site, or teeth involved have not received a cast restoration benefit in the last 7 years.
- ii. Full, immediate and overdentures: If personalized or specialized techniques are used, the covered amount will be limited to the cost for a standard full denture. Temporary (interim or provisional) complete dentures are not covered.
- iii. Partial dentures: A temporary (interim) partial denture is only a benefit when placed within 2 months of the extraction of an anterior tooth or for missing anterior permanent teeth of members age 16 or under. If a specialized or precision device is used, covered expense will be limited to the cost of a standard cast partial denture. No payment is provided for cast restorations for partial denture retainer teeth unless the tooth requires a cast restoration due to being decayed or broken.
- iv. Denture adjustments, repairs and relines: A separate, additional charge for denture adjustments, repairs and relines done within 6 months after the initial placement is not covered. Subsequent relines are covered once per denture in a 12-month period. Subsequent adjustments are limited to 2 adjustments per denture in a 12-month period.
- v. Tissue conditioning is covered no more than twice per denture in a 3-year period.
- vi. Surgical placement and removal of implants are covered. Implant placement and implant removal are limited to once per lifetime per tooth space. Implant maintenance is limited to once every 3 years. The Plan will also cover:
  - A. The final crown and implant abutment over a single implant. This benefit is limited to once per tooth or tooth space over the lifetime of the implant; or
  - B. Provide an alternate benefit per arch of a full or partial denture for the final implant-supported full or partial denture prosthetic device when the implant is placed to support a prosthetic device; or
  - C. The final implant-supported bridge retainer and implant abutment, or pontic. The benefit is limited to once per tooth or tooth space over the lifetime of the implant.
  - D. Implant-supported bridges are not covered if 1 or more of the retainers is supported by a natural tooth.
  - E. These benefits or alternate benefits are not provided if the tooth, implant, or tooth space received a cast restoration or prosthodontic benefit, including a pontic, within the previous 7 years.
- vii. Fixed bridges or removable cast partial dentures are not covered for members under age 16.
- viii. Porcelain restorations are considered cosmetic if placed on the upper second or third molars or the lower first, second, or third molars. Coverage is limited to a corresponding metallic prosthetic. The member is responsible for paying the difference.
- ix. Prosthetics needed to replace congenitally missing teeth are covered under Medical
- x. Prosthodontics are not covered within 3 months of interim caries arresting medicament application.

## 4.5 CLASS V OTHER SERVICES

### COVERED SERVICES PAID AT 50% OF THE MAXIMUM PLAN ALLOWANCE.

#### 4.5.1 Other

##### a. Other Services:

- i. Athletic mouthguard
- ii. Nightguard (Occlusal guard)
- iii. Nitrous oxide

##### b. Other Limitations:

- i. An athletic mouthguard is covered once in any 12-month period for members age 15 and under and once in any 2-year period for age 16 and over. These time periods are calculated from the previous date of service. Over-the-counter athletic mouthguards are excluded.
- ii. A nightguard (occlusal guard) is covered once every 5-year period at 50% up to \$250 maximum. Members are responsible for any amount above the \$250 maximum. Over-the-counter nightguards are excluded.
- iii. Nitrous oxide is covered in conjunction with a covered dental procedure performed in a dental office. There is a 12-month exclusion period for this benefit.
- iv. A separate charge for translation or sign language service is not covered. Translation or sign language service is included in the fees for overall patient management.

## 4.6 ORTHODONTIA

### COVERED SERVICES PAID AT 80% OF THE MAXIMUM PLAN ALLOWANCE.

#### 4.6.1 Orthodontia

##### a. Orthodontic Services:

- i. Orthodontia for correcting malocclusioned teeth when necessity is established through an in-person clinical examination of the member

##### b. Orthodontic Limitations:

- i. Lifetime maximum of \$1,800 per member for orthodontic services. This maximum is not included in the plan year maximum plan payment limit. Any deductible is waived.
- ii. There is a 12-month exclusion period for orthodontic services for late enrollees.
- iii. Pre-orthodontic treatment exam is part of the comprehensive orthodontic treatment plan.
- iv. Self-administered orthodontics are not covered.
- v. Payment for orthodontia will end when treatment stops for any reason prior to completion, or upon termination of eligibility or of the Plan. If treatment began before the member was eligible under the Plan, Delta Dental will base its obligation on the balance of the dentist's normal payment pattern. The orthodontic maximum will apply to this amount.
- vi. Repair or replacement of an appliance furnished under the Plan is not covered

#### **4.7 HYPERTENSION IDENTIFICATION PILOT (HIP) PROGRAM**

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, increases the risk of serious health problems. Because many members visit their dentist on a regular basis, Delta Dental has developed a program to provide blood pressure screenings and education about the risks associated with high blood pressure for members at the office of a dental provider participating in the Hypertension Identification Pilot (HIP) program.

A blood pressure screening by a HIP provider is covered twice per year at no cost to members and is not included in the plan year maximum plan payment limit. Members can ask their provider if they participate in the HIP program or contact Customer Service for a list of HIP dental providers.

#### **4.8 GENERAL LIMITATION – OPTIONAL SERVICES**

If a more expensive treatment than is functionally adequate is performed, Delta Dental will pay the applicable percentage of the maximum plan allowance for the least costly treatment. The member will be responsible for the remainder of the dentist's fee.

## **SECTION 5. ORAL HEALTH, TOTAL HEALTH BENEFITS**

Visiting a dentist on a regular basis and keeping the mouth healthy is critical to keeping the rest of the body healthy. Studies have shown a relationship between periodontal disease, bacteria in the mouth, and various health problems including pre-term, low birth weight babies and diabetes.

### **5.1 ORAL HEALTH, TOTAL HEALTH BENEFITS**

Delta Dental has developed a program that provides additional cleanings (prophylaxis or periodontal maintenance) for Delta Dental members based on this evidence. This benefit is for the cleaning only. Coverage for a routine exam and other services is subject to the frequency limitations outlined in section 4.

#### **5.1.1 Diabetes**

For members with diabetes, elevated blood sugar levels can have a negative effect on oral health. Diabetes increases the risk of cavities, gum disease, tooth loss, dry mouth and infection. Poor oral health can make diabetes more difficult to manage. Infections may cause blood sugar to rise and require more insulin to keep it under control. Research confirms that regular visits to the dentist may help in the diagnosis and management of diabetes.

Diabetic members are eligible for a total of 4 cleanings per year.

#### **5.1.2 Pregnancy**

Keeping the mouth healthy during a pregnancy is important for a member and the baby. According to the American Dental Association, pregnant women who have periodontal (gum) disease are more likely to have a baby that is born too early and too small.

Research suggests that periodontal disease triggers increased levels of biological fluids that induce labor. Data also suggests that women whose periodontal condition worsens during pregnancy have an even higher risk of having a premature baby. Dental visits during a woman's third trimester of pregnancy may help prevent pre-term, low birth weight babies.

Members should talk to their dentist about scheduling a routine cleaning or periodontal maintenance during the third trimester of pregnancy. Pregnant members are eligible for a cleaning in the third trimester of pregnancy regardless of when they had a previous cleaning.

### **5.2 HOW TO ENROLL**

Enrolling in the Oral Health, Total Health program is easy. To enroll, a member can contact Customer Service or complete and return the Oral Health, Total Health enrollment form found on Member Dashboard. Members with diabetes must include proof of diagnosis.



## **SECTION 6. HEALTH THROUGH ORAL WELLNESS PROGRAM**

Delta Dental's Health through Oral Wellness program offers enhanced benefits, see section 6.3, to members at high risk of tooth decay, gum disease and oral cancer as determined by a clinical risk assessment administered by a dentist registered with the program.

Dentists registered with the Health through Oral Wellness program are licensed dentists who have agreed to perform a clinical risk assessment as part of a member visit.

### **6.1 HOW TO FIND A DENTIST REGISTERED WITH THE HEALTH THROUGH ORAL WELLNESS PROGRAM**

To find a dentist registered with the Health through Oral Wellness program in Oregon, members can log in to their Member Dashboard account at [www.modahealth.com/oebb](http://www.modahealth.com/oebb) and select Find Care.

- a. Choose the "Dental" option under the Type of search drop down menu
- b. Enter your location and Search

This will bring up a list of local dental providers. Dentists registered with the Health through Oral Wellness program will have a green ribbon (the Health through Oral Wellness badge icon) next to their contact information.

Members may also contact Customer Service for assistance finding a dentist registered with the program.

### **6.2 CLINICAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Clinical risk assessments objectively determine a member's risk of tooth decay, gum disease or oral cancer. A member who is determined to be high risk in one of these three categories is informed of their enhanced benefits by the registered dentist. Members may be eligible for enhanced benefits based on more than one risk category. A clinical risk assessment that covers all three risk categories is called a comprehensive risk assessment.

#### **6.2.1 Tooth Decay Risk Assessment**

A member who is eligible for enhanced benefits based on their risk of tooth decay must take a tooth decay risk assessment or comprehensive risk assessment every 6 to 14 months in order to maintain their eligibility. Eligibility for enhanced benefits will continue regardless of the member's risk score for tooth decay at a subsequent risk assessment provided there is no lapse in eligibility.

#### **6.2.2 Gum Disease Risk Assessment**

A member who is eligible for enhanced benefits based on their risk of gum disease must take a gum disease risk assessment or comprehensive risk assessment every 6 to 14 months in order to maintain their eligibility. Eligibility for enhanced benefits will continue regardless of the

member's risk score for gum disease at a subsequent risk assessment provided there is no lapse in eligibility.

### **6.2.3 Oral Cancer Risk Assessment**

A member who is eligible for enhanced benefits based on their risk of oral cancer must take an oral cancer risk assessment or comprehensive risk assessment every 6 to 14 months in order to maintain their eligibility. A member's oral cancer risk score may affect their eligibility for enhanced benefits, see section 6.4 for more information.

## **6.3 ENHANCED BENEFITS**

### **6.3.1 Tooth Decay and Gum Disease Enhanced Benefits**

Members who qualify for enhanced benefits under the Health through Oral Wellness program based on a high risk of tooth decay or gum disease are eligible for:

- a. Prophylaxis (cleaning) or periodontal maintenance once every 3 months
- b. Fluoride varnish or topical fluoride once every 3 months,
- c. Sealants on the unrestored occlusal surfaces of permanent molars once per tooth every 3 years,
- d. Oral hygiene instruction or nutritional counseling once in any 12-month period, and
- e. Drugs or medicaments dispensed in the office for home use once in any 6-month period.

### **6.3.2 Oral Cancer Enhanced Benefits**

Members who qualify for enhanced benefits under the Health through Oral Wellness program based on a high risk of oral cancer are eligible for tobacco cessation counseling once in a 12-month period.

### **6.3.3 Limitations**

All enhanced benefits are subject to the Plan's annual maximum plan payment limit, deductible, coinsurance and other plan limitations.

Oral hygiene instruction, nutritional counseling, and tobacco cessation counseling, not otherwise covered under the Plan, are covered as Class I benefits.

Drugs and medicaments, not otherwise covered under the plan, are covered as a Class II benefit.

With the exception of tobacco cessation counseling, enhanced benefits may not be combined with the additional benefits available through the Oral Health Total Health program described in section 5.

## **6.4 WHEN ENHANCED BENEFITS END**

If a member does not receive continued clinical risk assessments as required in section 6.2 they will lose their eligibility for enhanced benefits. Standard plan benefits, see section 4, will resume 14 months from the last clinical risk assessment.

A member's tobacco cessation counseling enhanced benefit will end if a subsequent clinical risk assessment determines that the member is no longer at high risk for oral cancer.

## **SECTION 7. EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to the limitations and exclusions described elsewhere in the Plan, the following services, procedures and conditions are not covered, even if otherwise dentally necessary, if they relate to a condition that is otherwise covered by the Plan, or if recommended, referred, or provided by a dentist or dental care provider.

### **Analgesics**

Substances used for pain relief

### **Anesthesia or Sedation**

Local anesthetics, general anesthesia and/or IV sedation except as stated in section 4.2.5

### **Behavior Management**

Additional services, time or assistance to control the actions of a member

### **Benefits Not Stated**

Services or supplies not specifically described in this handbook as covered services

### **Congenital or Developmental Malformations**

Including treatment of cleft palate, maxillary and/or mandibular (upper and lower jaw) malformations, enamel hypoplasia, and fluorosis (discoloration of teeth).

### **Coping**

A thin covering over the visible part of a tooth, usually without anatomic conformity

### **Cosmetic Services**

Services and supplies for the primary purpose of improving or changing appearance, such as tooth bleaching and enamel microabrasion

### **Duplication and Interpretation of X-rays or Records**

### **Experimental or Investigational Procedures**

Including expenses incidental to or incurred as a direct consequence of such procedures

### **Facility Fees**

Including additional fees charged by the dentist for hospital, extended care facility or home care treatment

### **Gnathologic Recordings**

Services to observe the relationship of opposing teeth, including occlusion analysis

### **Hypnosis**

### **Illegal Acts**

Services and supplies for treatment of an injury or condition caused by or arising directly from a member's illegal act. This includes any expense caused by or arising out of illegal acts related to riot, declared or undeclared war, including civil war, martial law, insurrection, revolution, invasion, bombardment or any use of military force or usurped power by any government, military or other authority.

**Inmates**

Services and supplies a member receives while in the custody of any state or federal law enforcement authorities or while in jail or prison

**Instructions, Counseling or Training**

Including tobacco cessation counseling, plaque control, oral hygiene or dietary instruction, and tobacco cessation counseling except as allowed under Health Through Oral Wellness as seen in section 6

**Localized Delivery of Antimicrobial Agents**

Time released antibiotics to remove bacteria from below the gumline

**Maxillofacial Prosthetics**

Except for surgical stents as stated in section 4.4.1

**Medications**

Except as allowed under Health Through Oral Wellness as seen in section 6.

**Missed Appointment Charges****Never Events**

Services and supplies related to never events. These are events that should never happen while receiving services in a dental office, including removing a non-diseased tooth structure or performing a procedure on the wrong patient or wrong tooth.

**Over the Counter**

Including over the counter occlusal guards and athletic mouthguards

**Periodontal Charting**

Measuring and recording the space between a tooth and the gum tissue

**Precision Attachments**

Devices to stabilize or retain a prosthesis when seated in the mouth

**Rebuilding or Maintaining Chewing Surface; Stabilizing Teeth**

Including services only to prevent wear or protect worn or cracked teeth, except occlusal or athletic mouthguards as provided in section 4.5.1. Excluded services include increasing vertical dimension, equilibration, and periodontal splinting.

**Self-Treatment**

Services provided by members to themselves

**Service Related Conditions**

Treatment of any condition caused by or arising out of a member's service in the armed forces of any country or as a military contractor or from an insurrection or war, unless not covered by the member's military or veteran's coverage.

**Services on Tongue, Lip, or Cheek**

### **Services Otherwise Available**

Including those services or supplies:

- a. compensable under workers' compensation or employer's liability laws
- b. provided by any city, county, state or federal law, except for Medicaid coverage
- c. provided without cost to the member by any municipality, county or other political subdivision or community agency, except to the extent that such payments are insufficient to pay for the applicable covered dental services provided under the Plan
- d. provided under separate contracts that are used to provide coordinated coverage for covered persons in a group and are considered parts of the same plan

### **Taxes**

#### **Teledentistry Fees**

A separate charge for teledentistry is not covered. Teledentistry is covered in the normal charge for the service.

#### **Third Party Liability Claims**

Services and supplies for treatment of illness or injury for which a third party is or may be responsible, to the extent of any recovery received from or on behalf of the third party (see section 10.3.2)

#### **TMJ**

Treatment of any disturbance of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ)

#### **Treatment After Coverage Ends**

The only exception is for Class III and Class IV services that were ordered and fitted while still eligible, and then only if such items are cemented within 31 days after a member's eligibility ends. This exception is not applicable if OEGB transfers its plan to another carrier.

#### **Treatment Before Coverage Begins**

#### **Treatment Not Dentally Necessary**

Including services:

- a. not established as necessary for the treatment or prevention of a dental injury or disease otherwise covered under the Plan
- b. that are inappropriate with regard to standards of good dental practice
- c. with poor prognosis

#### **Treatment of Closed Fractures**

## **SECTION 8. ELIGIBILITY**

The Plan's eligibility rules are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-015-0001. The date a person becomes eligible may be different than the date coverage begins. More specific information can be found in the "Enrollment" section (see section 9).

### **8.1 ELIGIBILITY AUDIT**

Delta Dental reserves the right to conduct audits to verify a member's eligibility, and may request documentation including but not limited to employee timecards, member birth certificates, adoption paperwork, marriage certificates, domestic partnership registration and any other evidence necessary to document eligibility for the Plan.

## **SECTION 9. ENROLLMENT**

### **9.1 NEWLY-HIRED AND NEWLY-ELIGIBLE ACTIVE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES**

The Plan's enrollment rules for newly-hired and newly-eligible active eligible employees are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0010.

### **9.2 QUALIFIED STATUS CHANGES**

The Plan's enrollment rules for qualified status changes are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0040.

Eligible employees and their spouse, registered domestic partner, domestic partner or children may also have additional enrollment rights under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. If prior coverage was under Medicaid or a children's health insurance program (CHIP) and such coverage was terminated due to loss of eligibility. Special enrollment must be requested within 60 days of the termination.

In addition, if an eligible employee, spouse, registered domestic partner, domestic partner or child covered under Medicaid or CHIP becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy, and special enrollment is requested within 60 days of the determination of eligibility, they may enroll in the Plan outside of the open enrollment period.

The special enrollment rights as described above apply:

- a. To an eligible employee who loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy
- b. To a subscriber's dependent who loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy
- c. To both an eligible employee and their dependent if neither is enrolled under the Plan, and either loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy

To enroll, an eligible employee must submit a complete and signed application within the required timeframe.

Enrolling a new dependent may cause a premium increase. Premiums will be adjusted accordingly and will apply during the first 60 days of coverage for newborn or adopted children. If payment is required but not received, the child will not be covered. A signed copy of court-ordered guardianship will be required for coverage of a grandchild.

### **9.3 EFFECTIVE DATES**

The Plan's effective dates for enrollment are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0001.

The necessary premiums must also be paid for coverage to become effective.



## **9.4 OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The Plan's open enrollment rules are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0020.

## **9.5 LATE ENROLLMENT**

The Plan's open enrollment rules are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0020.

## **9.6 RETURNING TO ACTIVE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE STATUS**

The Plan's enrollment rules for those individuals returning to active eligible employee status are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0011.

All plan provisions will resume at re-enrollment whether or not there was a lapse in coverage. Any exclusion period that was not completed at the time the subscriber was laid off or had a reduction in hours must be satisfied. However, the period of layoff or reduction in hours will be counted toward the exclusion period. Upon re-enrollment in the Plan, any waiting period required by the Plan will not have to be re-served.

## **9.7 REMOVING AN INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL FROM BENEFIT PLANS**

The Plan's rules for removing an ineligible individual from the Plan are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0015.

A subscriber is responsible for notifying the Group if a dependent becomes ineligible for the Plan within 31 days of the qualified status change. A subscriber's failure to report a qualified status change within 31 days is considered an intentional misrepresentation of fact which is material to enrollment in the Plan and may be grounds to terminate the benefits of an ineligible dependent effective the first of the month following the loss of eligibility.

## **9.8 WHEN COVERAGE ENDS**

Termination dates for loss of eligibility, death of the active eligible employee, and retirement of the active eligible employee are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0005. When the subscriber's coverage ends, coverage for all enrolled dependents also ends. In addition, there are a variety of other circumstances in which a member's coverage will end. These are described in the following paragraphs.

### **9.8.1 Termination of the Group Plan**

If the Plan is terminated for any reason, coverage ends for OEGB and members on the date the Plan ends.

### **9.8.2 Termination by a Subscriber**

A subscriber may end their coverage, or coverage for any enrolled dependent, by giving Delta Dental written notice through OEGB, in accordance with OEGB's Administrative Rules. Coverage ends on the last day of the month through which premiums are paid.

### **9.8.3 Rescission by The Plan**

The Plan's enrollment rules for rescission by the Plan are outlined in OEGB's Administrative Rules.

### **9.8.4 Continuing Coverage**

Information is in Continuation of Dental Coverage (section 12).

## **9.9 DECLINATION OF COVERAGE**

The Plan's rules for declining coverage are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-040-0050.

## SECTION 10. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION & PAYMENT

### 10.1 SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

#### 10.1.1 Claim Submission

A claim is not payable until the service or supply has actually been received. In no event, except absence of legal capacity or in the case of a Medicaid claim, is a claim valid if submitted later than 12 months from the date the expense was incurred at the address listed below. Claims submitted by Medicaid must be sent to Delta Dental within 3 years after the date the expense was incurred.

Delta Dental  
Attn: Dental  
601 SW Second Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97207

#### 10.1.2 Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

Delta Dental will report its action on a claim by providing the member a document called an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Members are encouraged to access their EOBs electronically by signing up through Member Dashboard. Delta Dental may pay claims, deny them or apply the allowable expense toward satisfying any deductible. If all or part of a claim is denied, the reason will be stated in the EOB.

If a member does not receive an EOB or an email indicating that an EOB is available within a few weeks of the date of service, this may indicate that Delta Dental has not received the claim. To be eligible for reimbursement, claims must be received within the claim submission period explained in section 10.1.1.

#### 10.1.3 Claim Inquiries

Customer Service can answer questions about how to file a claim, the status of a pending claim, or any action taken on a claim. Delta Dental will respond to an inquiry within 30 days of receipt.

### 10.2 APPEALS

Before filing an appeal, it may be possible to resolve a dispute with a phone call to Customer Service.

#### 10.2.1 Definitions

For purposes of section 10.2, the following definitions apply:

**Adverse Benefit Determination** means a letter or an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from Delta Dental informing a person, of any of the following: a denial, reduction or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit, including one based on a determination of a person's eligibility to participate in the Plan and one resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be experimental or investigational or not necessary and customary by the standards of generally accepted dental practice for the prevention or treatment of oral disease or accidental injury.

**Appeal** is a written request by a member or a member's representative for Delta Dental to review an adverse benefit determination.

**Utilization Review** means a system of reviewing the dental necessity, appropriateness or quality of dental care services and supplies. An adverse benefit determination that the item or service is not dentally necessary or appropriate, is investigational or experimental, or in which the decision as to whether a benefit is covered involved a dental judgment is a utilization review decision.

### **10.2.2 Time Limit for Submitting Appeals**

A member has **180 days** from the date an adverse benefit determination is received to submit the first written appeal. If appeals are not submitted within the timeframes in these sections, the member will lose the right to any appeal.

### **10.2.3 The Review Process**

The Plan has a 2-level internal review process (a first level appeal and a second level appeal).

The timelines in the sections below do not apply when the member does not reasonably cooperate, or circumstances beyond the control of either party (Delta Dental or the member) makes it impossible to comply with the requirements. Whoever is unable to comply must give notice of the specific reason to the other party when the issue arises.

Upon request and free of charge, the member may have reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim for benefits.

### **10.2.4 First Level Appeals**

An appeal must be submitted in writing. If necessary, Customer Service can help with filing an appeal. Written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim for benefits may be submitted. Delta Dental will send a letter no more than 7 days after receiving an appeal to tell the member that the appeal is received. Appeals are investigated by persons who were not involved in the original decision.

When an investigation is finished, Delta Dental will send a written notice of the decision to the member, including the reason for the decision. The investigation will be completed and notice sent within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

### **10.2.5 Second Level Appeal**

A member who disagrees with the decision on the first level appeal may ask for a review of the decision. The second level appeal must be submitted in writing within 60 days of the date of Delta Dental's action on the first level appeal. Investigations and responses to a second level appeal will be by persons who were not involved in the initial decisions. The member will have the option to submit written comments, documents, records and other information related to the case that were not previously submitted.

Investigations and responses to a second level appeal will follow the same timelines as those for a first level appeal. Delta Dental will notify the member in writing of the decision, including the basis for the decision.

## 10.3 BENEFITS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES

Sometimes dental expenses may be the responsibility of someone other than Delta Dental.

### 10.3.1 Coordination of Benefits (COB)

Coordination of benefits applies when a member has dental coverage under more than one plan.

If the member is covered by another plan or plans, the benefits under this Plan and the other plan(s) will be coordinated. This means one plan pays its full benefits first, then any other plans pay. The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each plan will pay a claim for benefits.

#### 10.3.1.1 Order of Benefit Determination (Which Plan Pays First?)

The first of the following rules that applies will govern:

- a. **Non-dependent/Dependent.** If a plan covers the member as other than a dependent, (e.g., an employee, member of an organization, primary insured or retiree) then that plan will determine its benefits before a plan that covers the member as a dependent. However, if the member is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the member as a dependent and primary to the plan covering the member as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee), then the order of benefits between the 2 plans is reversed.
- b. **Dependent Child/Parents Married or Living Together.** If the member is a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together whether or not they have ever been married or domestic partners, the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the primary plan. If both parents' birthdays are on the same day, the plan that has covered the parent the longest is the primary plan. (This is called the birthday rule.)
- c. **Dependent Child/Parents Separated or Divorced or Not Living Together.** If the member is a dependent child of divorced or separated parents, or parents not living together whether or not they have ever been married or domestic partners, then the following rules apply:
  - i. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the plan is given notice of the court decree.
  - ii. If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, or that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent is responsible, the 'birthday rule' described above applies.
  - iii. If there is not a court decree allocating responsibility for the child's healthcare expenses, the order of benefits is as follows: The plan covering the
    - A. Custodial parent
    - B. Spouse or domestic partner of the custodial parent
    - C. Non-custodial parent
    - D. Spouse or domestic partner of the non-custodial parent
- d. **Dependent Child Covered by Individual Other than Parent.** For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of persons who are not the parents of the child, the first applicable provision (b. or c.) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those persons were the parents of the child.
- e. **Dependent Child Covered by Parent and Spouse/Domestic Partner.** For a dependent child covered under the plans of both a parent and a spouse/domestic partner, the length

of coverage provision below shall determine the order of benefits. If coverage under either or both parents' plans and the spouse's/domestic partner's plan began on the same day, the birthday rule will apply.

- f. **Active/Retired or Laid Off Employee.** The plan that covers a member as an active employee (i.e., one who is neither laid off nor retired) or as that employee's dependent determines its benefits before those of a plan that covers the member as a laid off or retired employee or as that employee's dependent. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of the benefits, this rule is ignored.
- g. **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a member whose coverage is provided under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another plan, the plan covering the member as an employee, member of an organization, primary insured, or retiree or as a dependent of the same, is the primary plan and the COBRA or other continuation coverage is the secondary plan. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of the benefits, this rule is ignored.
- h. **Longer/Shorter Length of Coverage.** The plan that covered a member longer is the primary plan and the plan that covered the member for the shorter period of time is the secondary plan.
- i. **None of the Above.** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the plans. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than it would have paid if it had been the primary plan.

#### 10.3.1.2 How COB Works

The **primary plan** (the plan that pays benefits first) pays the benefits that would be payable under its terms in the absence of this provision.

The **secondary plan** (the plan that pays benefits after the primary plan) will reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all plans do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense.

This Plan will coordinate with a plan that is "excess" or "always secondary" or that uses order of benefit determination rules that are inconsistent with those contained in OAR 836-020-0770 to 836-020-0805 (non-complying plan) on the following basis:

- a. If this Plan is primary, it will provide its benefits first.
- b. If this Plan is secondary and the non-complying plan does not provide its primary payment information within a reasonable time after it is requested to do so, this Plan will assume that the benefits of the non-complying plan are identical to this Plan's benefits. This Plan will provide its benefits first, but the amount of the benefits payable shall be determined as if this Plan were the secondary plan.
- c. If the non-complying plan reduces its benefits so that the member receives less in benefits than they would have received had this Plan provided its benefits as the secondary plan and the non-complying plan provided its benefits as the primary plan, then this Plan shall advance additional benefits equal to the difference between the amount that was actually paid and the amount that should have been paid if the non-complying plan had not improperly reduced its benefits. Additional payment will be limited so that Delta Dental will not pay any more than it would have paid if it had been the primary plan. In consideration of such an advance, this Plan shall be subrogated to all rights of the member against the non-complying plan.

### 10.3.1.3 Effect on the Benefits of This Plan

In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the secondary plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other dental coverage and apply that calculated amount to any allowable expense under its plan that is unpaid by the primary plan. The secondary plan shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other dental coverage.

If the primary plan is a closed panel plan and the member uses an out-of-network provider, the secondary plan shall provide benefits as if it were the primary plan, except for emergency services or authorized referrals that are paid or provided by the primary plan.

### 10.3.1.4 Definitions

For purposes of section 10.3.1, the following definitions apply:

**Plan** means any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for covered persons in a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

Plan includes:

- a. Group or individual insurance contracts and group-type contracts
- b. HMO (health maintenance organization) coverage
- c. Coverage under a labor-management trustee plan, a union welfare plan, an employer organization plan or an employee benefits plan
- d. Medicare or other government programs, other than Medicaid, and any other coverage required or provided by law
- e. Other arrangements of insured or self-insured group or group-type coverage

Plan does not include:

- a. Fixed indemnity coverage
- b. Accident-only coverage
- c. Specified disease or specified accident coverage
- d. School accident coverage
- e. Medicare supplement policies
- f. Medicaid policies
- g. Coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law

Each contract or other arrangement for coverage described above is a separate plan. If a plan has 2 parts and COB rules apply to only one of the 2, each of the parts is treated as a separate plan.

**Complying plan** is a plan that follows these COB rules.

**Non-complying plan** is a plan that does not comply with these COB rules.

**Claim** means a request that benefits of a plan be provided or paid.

**Allowable expense** means a dental expense, including cost sharing, that is covered at least in part by any plan covering the member. When a plan provides benefits in the form of a service instead of cash payments, the reasonable cash value of the service will also be considered an

allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any plan covering the member is not an allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a member is not an allowable expense.

The following are examples of expenses that are not allowable expenses:

- a. The amount of the reduction by the primary plan because a member has not complied with the plan's requirements concerning second opinions or prior authorization, or because the member has a lower benefit due to not using an in-network provider
- b. Any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit, if a member is covered by 2 or more plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology
- c. Any amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees, if a member is covered by 2 or more plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees
- d. If a member is covered by one plan that calculates its benefits on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another plan that provides its benefits on the basis of negotiated fees, the primary plan's arrangement shall be the allowable expense for all plans. However, if the provider has contracted with the secondary plan to provide the benefit for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the primary plan's payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the allowable expense used by the secondary plan to determine its benefits.

**This Plan** is the part of this group policy that provides benefits for dental expenses to which the COB provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the policy providing dental benefits is separate from this Plan. A policy may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

**Closed panel plan** is a plan that provides dental benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a network of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by an in-network provider.

**Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

### **10.3.2 Third Party Liability**

A member may have a legal right to recover benefit or healthcare costs from a third party as a result of an illness or injury for which such costs were paid by Delta Dental, as administrator of the Plan. The Plan does not cover benefits for which a third party may be legally liable, except for those related to a motor vehicle accident (see section 10.3.3 for motor vehicle accident recovery). Because recovery from a third party may be difficult and take a long time, as a service to the member Delta Dental will pay a member's expenses based on the understanding and agreement that Delta Dental is entitled to be reimbursed from any recovery the member may receive for any benefits it paid that are or may be recoverable from a third party, as defined below.



The member agrees that Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, has the rights described in section 10.3.2. Delta Dental may seek recovery under one or more of the procedures outlined in this section. The member agrees to do whatever is necessary to fully secure and protect, and to do nothing to prejudice, Delta Dental's right of recovery on behalf of the Plan or subrogation as discussed in this section. Delta Dental has discretion to interpret and construe these recovery and subrogation provisions.

#### **10.3.2.1 Definitions:**

For purposes of section 10.3.2, the following definitions apply:

**Benefits** means any amount paid by Delta Dental, or submitted for payment to or on behalf of a member. Bills, statements or invoices submitted by a provider to or on behalf of a member are considered requests for payment of benefits by the member.

**Third Party** means any person or entity responsible for the injury or illness, or the aggravation of an injury or illness, of a member. Third party includes any insurer of such person or entity, including different forms of liability insurance, or any other form of insurance that may pay money to or on behalf of the member including uninsured motorist coverage, under-insured motorist coverage, premises med-pay coverage, personal injury protection (PIP) coverage and workers' compensation insurance.

**Third Party Claim** means any claim, lawsuit, settlement, award, verdict, judgment, arbitration decision or other action against a third party (or any right to such an action) by or on behalf of a member.

#### **10.3.2.2 Subrogation**

Upon payment by the Plan, Delta Dental, as administrator of the Plan, has the right to pursue the third party in its own name or in the name of the member. The member shall do whatever is necessary to secure such subrogation rights and do nothing to prejudice them. Delta Dental is entitled to all subrogation rights and remedies under common and statutory law, as well as under the Plan.

#### **10.3.2.3 Right of Recovery**

In addition to its subrogation rights, Delta Dental, as administrator of the Plan, may, at its sole discretion and option, require a member, and the member's attorney, if any, to protect its recovery rights. The following rules apply to all recovery, except for those related to motor vehicle accidents (see section 10.3.3 for motor vehicle recovery rights):

- a. The member holds any rights of recovery against the third party in trust for Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, but only for the amount of benefits Delta Dental paid for that illness or injury.
- b. Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, is entitled to receive the amount of benefits it has paid for an illness or injury out of any settlement or judgment that results from exercising the right of recovery against the third party. This is so whether or not the third party admits liability or claims that the member is also at fault. In addition, Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, is entitled to receive the amount of benefits it has paid whether the dental expenses are itemized or expressly excluded in the third party recovery.

- c. If Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, requires the member and their attorney to protect its recovery rights under this section, then the member may subtract from the money to be paid back to Delta Dental a proportionate share of reasonable attorney fees as an expense for collecting from the other party.
- d. This right of recovery includes the full amount of the benefits paid or pending payment by Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, out of any recovery made by the member from the third party, including without limitation any and all amounts paid or payable to the member (including the member's legal representatives, estate or heirs, or any trust established for the purpose of paying for the future income, care or medical expenses of the member), regardless of the characterization of the recovery, whether or not the member is made whole, or whether or not any amounts are paid or payable directly by the third party, an insurer or another source. The Plan's recovery rights will not be reduced due to the member's own negligence.
- e. If it is reasonable to expect that the member will incur future expenses for which benefits might be paid by Delta Dental, the member shall seek recovery of such future expenses in any third party claim.

#### **10.3.2.4 Additional Provisions**

Members shall comply with the following and agree that Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, may do one or more of the following, at its discretion:

- a. The member shall cooperate with Delta Dental to protect its recovery rights, including by:
  - i. Signing and delivering any documents Delta Dental reasonably requires to protect its rights, including a Third Party Questionnaire and Agreement. If the member has retained an attorney, then the attorney must also sign the agreement.
  - ii. Providing any information to Delta Dental relevant to the application of the provisions of section 10.3.2 including all information available to the member, or any representative or attorney representing the member, relating to the potential third party claim. This may include dental/medical information, settlement correspondence, copies of pleadings or demands, and settlement agreements, releases or judgments
  - iii. Notifying Delta Dental of the potential third party claim for which the Plan may issue benefits. The member has this responsibility even if the first request for payment of benefits is a bill or invoice submitted to Delta Dental by the member's provider.
  - iv. Taking such actions as Delta Dental may reasonably request to assist it in enforcing its third party recovery rights
- b. The member and the member's representatives are obligated to notify Delta Dental in advance of any claim (written or oral) and/or any lawsuit made against a third party seeking recovery of any damages from the third party, whether or not the member is seeking recovery of benefits paid by Delta Dental from the third party
- c. By accepting payment of benefits by the Plan, the member agrees that Delta Dental has the right to intervene in any lawsuit or arbitration filed by or on behalf of a member seeking damages from a third party.
- d. The member agrees that Delta Dental may notify any third party, or third party's representatives or insurers, of its recovery rights described in section 10.3.2.

- e. Even without the member's written authorization, Delta Dental may release to, or obtain from, any other insurer, organization or person, any information it needs to carry out the provisions of section 10.3.2.
- f. Section 10.3.2 applies to any member for whom advance payment of benefits is made by the Plan whether or not the event giving rise to the member's injuries occurred before the member became covered by Delta Dental.
- g. If the member continues to receive treatment for an illness or injury after obtaining a settlement or recovery from a third party, the Plan will provide benefits for the continuing treatment of that illness or injury only to the extent that the member can establish that any sums that may have been recovered from the third party have been exhausted.
- h. If the member or the member's representatives fail to do any of the above mentioned acts, then Delta Dental has the right to not advance payment or to suspend payment of any benefits, or to recover any benefits it has advanced, for any sickness, illness, injury or dental/medical condition resulting from the event giving rise to, or the allegations in, the third party claim except for claims related to motor vehicle accidents (see section 10.3.3). Delta Dental may notify dental providers seeking authorization of payment of benefits that all payments have been suspended and may not be paid.
- i. Coordination of benefits (where the member has dental/medical coverage under more than one plan or health insurance policy) is not considered a third party claim.

### **10.3.3 Motor Vehicle Accident Recovery**

If a claim for healthcare expenses arising out of a motor vehicle accident is filed with the Plan and motor vehicle insurance has not yet paid, then Delta Dental, as administrator of the Plan, will advance benefits. Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, retains the right to repayment of any benefits paid from the proceeds of any settlement, judgment or other payment received by the member that exceeds the amount that fully compensates the member for their motor vehicle accident related injuries.

If Delta Dental, on behalf of the Plan, requires the member and the member's attorney to protect its recovery rights under this section, then the member may subtract from the money to be paid back to Delta Dental a proportionate share of reasonable attorney fees as an expense for collecting from the other party.

The member shall do whatever is proper to secure, and may not prejudice, the rights of the Plan under this section.

## **SECTION 11. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **11.1 RIGHT TO COLLECT AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION**

In order to receive benefits, the member must give or authorize a provider to give Delta Dental any information needed to pay benefits. Delta Dental may release to or collect from any person or organization any needed information about the member.

### **11.2 CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEMBER INFORMATION**

Keeping a member's protected health information confidential is very important to Delta Dental. Protected health information includes enrollment, claims, and medical and dental information. Delta Dental uses such information internally for claims payment, referrals and authorization of services, and business operations such as case management and quality management programs. Delta Dental does not sell this information. The Notice of Privacy Practices provides more detail about how Delta Dental uses members' information. A copy of the notice is available on the Delta Dental website by following the HIPAA link or by calling 800-852-5195 ext. 5033.

### **11.3 TRANSFER OF BENEFITS**

Only members are entitled to benefits under the Plan. These benefits are not assignable or transferable to anyone else. Any attempted assignment or transfer will not be binding on Delta Dental, except that Delta Dental shall pay amounts due under the Plan directly to a provider upon a member's written request.

### **11.4 RECOVERY OF BENEFITS PAID BY MISTAKE**

If Delta Dental makes a payment for a member to which the member is not entitled, or pays a person who is not eligible for payments at all, Delta Dental has the right to initiate recovery of the payment from the person paid or anyone else who benefited from it, including a provider. Delta Dental's right to recovery includes the right to deduct the amount paid from future benefits it would provide for a member even if the mistaken payment was not made on that member's behalf.

### **11.5 CORRECTION OF PAYMENTS**

If benefits that this Plan should have paid are instead paid by another plan, this Plan may reimburse the other plan. Amounts reimbursed are plan benefits and are treated like other plan benefits in satisfying the Plan's liability.

### **11.6 CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

OEBB's benefit plan document with Delta Dental and this handbook plus any endorsements or amendments are the entire contract between the parties. No promises, terms, conditions or

obligations exist other than those contained in such documents. This handbook and the benefit plan document plus any endorsements or amendments shall supersede all other communications, representations or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties. If any term, provision, agreement or condition is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

## **11.7 WARRANTIES**

All statements made by OEGB or a member, unless fraudulent, are considered representations and not warranties. No statement made for the purpose of obtaining coverage will void the coverage or reduce benefits unless contained in a written form and signed by OEGB or the member, a copy of which has been given to OEGB or member or the member's beneficiary.

## **11.8 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Delta Dental shall incur no liability whatsoever to any member concerning the selection of dentists to provide services. In performing or contracting to perform dental service, such dentists shall be solely responsible, and in no case shall Delta Dental be liable for the negligence of any dentist providing such services. Nothing contained in the Plan shall be construed as obligating Delta Dental to provide dental services.

## **11.9 PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS**

Under state law, dentists contracting with Delta Dental to provide services to members agree to look only to Delta Dental for payment of the part of the expense that is covered by the Plan and may not bill the member in the event Delta Dental fails to pay the dentist for whatever reason. The dentist may bill the member for applicable cost sharing or non-covered expenses except as may be restricted in the provider contract.

## **11.10 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DISCLAIMER**

Delta Dental and participating dentists are independent contractors. Delta Dental and participating dentists do not have a relationship of employer and employee nor of principal and agent. No relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of a participating dentist's provision of dental care to Delta Dental members may be deemed or construed to exist between Delta Dental and participating dentists. A participating dentist is solely responsible for the dental care provided to any member, and Delta Dental does not control the detail, manner or methods by which a participating dentist provides care.

## **11.11 NO WAIVER**

Any waiver of any provision of the Plan or any performance under the Plan must be in writing and signed by the waiving party. Any such waiver shall not operate as, or be deemed to be, a waiver of any prior or future performance or enforcement of that provision or any other provision. If Delta Dental or OEGB delays or fails to exercise any right, power or remedy provided

in the Plan, including a delay or omission in denying a claim, that shall not waive Delta Dental's or OEGB's rights to enforce the provisions of the Plan.

### **11.12 GROUP IS THE AGENT**

OEGB is the members' agent for all purposes under the Plan. OEGB is not the agent of Delta Dental. Delta Dental, as administrator of the Plan, is the representative of, and has authority to act for, OEGB under this handbook and the benefit plan document with Delta Dental unless and until a member is otherwise notified in writing by OEGB. Where reference in this handbook is made to "the Plan" or to OEGB, such references shall include Delta Dental acting in its capacity as administrator of the Plan.

### **11.13 GOVERNING LAW**

To the extent the Plan is governed by state law, it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon.

### **11.14 WHERE ANY LEGAL ACTION MUST BE FILED**

Any legal action arising out of the Plan must be filed in either state or federal court in the state of Oregon.

### **11.15 TIME LIMIT FOR FILING A LAWSUIT**

Any legal action arising out of, or related to, the Plan and filed against the Plan, Delta Dental or OEGB by a member or any third party must be filed in court no more than 3 years after the time the claim was filed (see section 10.1). All internal levels of appeal under the Plan must be exhausted before filing a legal action in court.

## **SECTION 12. CONTINUATION OF DENTAL COVERAGE**

The Plan's continuation of coverage rules are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-055-0001 through OAR 111-050-0080. Additional guidance on how to obtain continuation of coverage is outlined in the following sections.

### **12.1 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

If the participating organization grants a leave of absence under state or federal family and medical leave laws, the following rules will apply:

- a. Affected members will remain eligible for coverage during a family and medical leave.
- b. If members elect not to remain enrolled during a family and medical leave, they will be eligible to re-enroll in the Plan on the date the subscriber returns from leave. To re-enroll, a complete and signed application must be submitted within 60 days of the return to work. All of the terms and conditions of the Plan will resume at the time of re-enrollment as if there had been no lapse in coverage. Any group eligibility waiting period under the Plan will not have to be re-served.
- c. A subscriber's rights under family and medical leave will be governed by applicable state or federal statute and regulations.

### **12.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A leave of absence is a period off work granted by the participating organization at a subscriber's request during which they are still considered to be employed and is carried on the employment records of the participating organization. A leave can be granted for any reason acceptable to the participating organization.

If granted a leave of absence by the participating organization, a subscriber may continue coverage based on OAR 111-050-0070. Premiums must be paid through OEGB in order to maintain coverage during a leave of absence.

### **12.3 STRIKE OR LOCKOUT**

If employed under a collective bargaining agreement and involved in a work stoppage because of a strike or lockout, a subscriber may continue coverage for up to 6 months. The subscriber must pay the full premiums, including any part usually paid by the participating organization, directly to the union or trust, and the union or trust must continue to pay Delta Dental the premiums when due.

Continuation of coverage during a strike or lockout will not occur if:

- a. Fewer than 75% of those normally enrolled choose to continue their coverage
- b. A subscriber accepts full-time employment with another employer
- c. A subscriber otherwise loses eligibility under the Plan

## 12.4 RETIREES

The Plan's continuation rules for retirees are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-050-0010 through 111-050-0050.

## 12.5 OREGON CONTINUATION FOR SPOUSES & DOMESTIC PARTNERS AGE 55 AND OVER

### 12.5.1 Introduction

Delta Dental will provide 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage to those members who elect it.

Other than the inclusion of domestic partners, Delta Dental will offer no greater rights than ORS 743B.343 to 743B.345 requires.

### 12.5.2 Eligibility

The spouse or domestic partner of the subscriber may elect 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage for themselves and any enrolled dependents if the following requirements are met:

- a. Coverage is lost because of the death of the subscriber, dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership with the subscriber, or legal separation from the subscriber
- b. The spouse or domestic partner is 55 years of age or older at the time of such event
- c. The spouse or domestic partner is not eligible for Medicare

### 12.5.3 Notice and Election Requirements

OEBB is responsible for providing the required election notice to a spouse or domestic partner eligible under this section. If OEBB fails to provide notices as required under statute, premiums shall be waived from the date the notice was required until the date notice is received by the spouse or domestic partner. OEBB shall be responsible for such premiums.

OEBB will send an election notice within 14 days of receiving notice of an election event. The eligible spouse or domestic partner must return the election form within 60 days from the date mailed, or will lose the right to elect continued coverage under this section.

An eligible spouse or domestic partner who wants to continue coverage, is responsible for providing written notice of the event to OEBB. The notice should include the event date and the eligible individual's mailing address. If notice is not submitted timely, the spouse or domestic partner will lose eligibility rights under this section.

**Notice of Divorce, Dissolution, or Legal Separation.** If coverage is lost due to one of these events, the spouse or domestic partner must provide notice within 60 days of the event.

**Notice of Death.** If coverage is lost due to the subscriber's death, the spouse or domestic partner must provide notice within 30 days of the death.

### 12.5.4 Premiums

The election notice will include information regarding the cost of continuation coverage and the premium due date. Premiums are limited to 102% of the premiums paid by a current subscriber.



### **12.5.5 When Coverage Ends**

55+ Oregon Continuation will end on the earliest of any of the following events:

- a. Failure to pay premiums when due, including any grace period allowed by the Plan
- b. The date the Plan ends, unless a different group policy is made available to members
- c. The date the member becomes insured under any other group dental plan
- d. The date the member remarries or registers another domestic partnership
- e. The date the member becomes eligible for Medicare.

## **12.6 COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

The Plan's general COBRA rules are outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules under OAR 111-050-0001.

### **12.6.1 Introduction**

Delta Dental will provide COBRA continuation coverage to members who have experienced a qualifying event and who elect coverage under COBRA. Other than the exception on domestic partner coverage, Delta Dental will offer no greater COBRA rights than the COBRA statute requires.

For purposes of section 12.6, COBRA Administrator means either OEGB or a third party administrator delegated by OEGB to handle COBRA administration.

A qualified beneficiary is a person who is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage.

### **12.6.2 Qualifying Events**

**Subscriber.** A subscriber may elect continuation coverage if coverage is lost because of termination of employment (other than termination for gross misconduct, which may include misrepresenting immigration status to obtain employment), or a reduction in hours.

**Spouse.** The spouse of a subscriber has the right to continuation coverage if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- a. Death of the subscriber
- b. Termination of the subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in the subscriber's hours of employment with the participating organization
- c. Divorce or legal separation from the subscriber
- d. The subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare

If it can be established that a subscriber has eliminated coverage for the subscriber's spouse in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the later divorce or legal separation will be considered a qualifying event even though the ex-spouse lost coverage earlier. If the ex-spouse notifies the COBRA Administrator within 60 days of the divorce or legal separation, COBRA coverage may be available for the period after the divorce or legal separation.

**Children.** A child of a subscriber has the right to continuation coverage if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- a. Death of the subscriber
- b. Termination of the subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in the subscriber's hours of employment with the participating organization
- c. Parents' divorce or legal separation
- d. Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare
- e. Child ceases to be a child under the Plan

**Domestic Partners.** A domestic partner, who at the time of the qualifying event was covered under the Plan, can elect COBRA continuation coverage. Under the Plan, the domestic partner has the same rights to COBRA continuation coverage as a spouse does, unless otherwise stated. Where this COBRA section refers to divorce or legal separation, termination of domestic partnership would apply for domestic partners.

### **12.6.3 Other Coverage**

The right to elect continuation coverage shall be available to persons who are covered under another group dental plan at the time of the election.

### **12.6.4 Notice and Election Requirements**

**Qualifying Event Notice.** A dependent member's coverage ends as of the last day of the month in which a divorce or legal separation occurs (spouse's coverage is lost) or a child loses dependent status under the Plan (child loses coverage). Under COBRA, the subscriber or a family member has the responsibility to notify the COBRA Administrator if one of these events occurs by mailing or hand-delivering a written notice to the COBRA Administrator. The notice must include the following: 1) the name of the participating organization; 2) the name and social security number of the affected members; 3) the event (e.g. divorce); and 4) the date the event occurred. Notice must be given no later than 60 days after the loss of coverage under the Plan. If notice of the event is not given on time, continuation coverage will not be available.

**Election Notice.** The COBRA administrator will notify qualified beneficiaries of their right to continuation coverage after the COBRA Administrator receives a timely qualifying event notice.

**Election.** A member must elect continuation coverage within 60 days after plan coverage ends, or, if later, 60 days after the COBRA Administrator sends notice of the right to elect continuation coverage to the member. If continuation coverage is not elected, group dental coverage will end.

A subscriber or the spouse may elect continuation coverage for eligible family members. Each family member also has an independent right to elect COBRA coverage. This means that a spouse or child may elect continuation coverage even if the subscriber does not.

If COBRA is elected, the participating organization will provide the same coverage as is available to similarly situated members under the Plan.

### **12.6.5 Length of Continuation Coverage**

If coverage terminates due to the subscriber's employment termination or reduction in hours, COBRA continuation coverage lasts for 18 months.

Spouses, domestic partners and children who lose coverage for qualifying events other than the subscriber's loss of employment or reduction of hours, are eligible for 36 months of continued coverage.

#### **12.6.6 Extending the Length of COBRA Coverage**

An extension of the maximum period of coverage may be available if a member is disabled or a second qualifying event occurs. The COBRA Administrator must be notified of a disability or a second qualifying event in order to extend the period of COBRA coverage. If the member does not provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event, the member will lose the right to extend the period of COBRA coverage.

**Disability.** If any of the members is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled, the maximum COBRA coverage period that results from a subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours may be extended to a total of up to 29 months. The disability must have started before the 61<sup>st</sup> day of the COBRA coverage period and the Social Security Administration determination must be made before the end of the initial 18-month COBRA coverage period. Each family member who has elected COBRA coverage will be entitled to the disability extension if one of them qualifies.

The member must provide a copy of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability to the COBRA Administrator within 60 days after the latest of:

- a. The date of the Social Security Administration's disability determination
- b. The date of the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours
- c. The date on which the member loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the Plan as a result of the subscriber's termination or reduction of hours

However, notice of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability must be made before the end of the initial 18-month COBRA coverage period.

If the notice is not provided to the COBRA Administrator during the 60-day notice period and within 18 months after the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours, then there will be no disability extension of COBRA coverage. The premiums for COBRA coverage may increase after the 18<sup>th</sup> month of coverage to 150% of the premium.

If the Social Security Administration determines the member is no longer disabled, the disability extension ends. The member must notify the COBRA Administrator no more than 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination that they are no longer disabled.

**Second Qualifying Event.** An extension of coverage will be available to spouses and children who are receiving COBRA coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the 18 months (or, in the case of a disability extension, the 29 months) following the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours. The maximum amount of COBRA coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months from the date of the first qualifying event. Second qualifying events may include the death of a subscriber, divorce or legal separation from the subscriber, or a child's ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a dependent under the Plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the member to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. (This extension is not available under the Plan when a subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare after termination of employment or reduction of hours.)

This extension is only available if the COBRA Administrator is notified in writing of the second qualifying event within 60 days after the date of the event. If this notice is not provided to the COBRA Administrator during the 60-day notice period, then there will be no extension of COBRA coverage due to a second qualifying event.

**Note:** Longer continuation coverage may be available under Oregon law for a subscriber's spouse or domestic partner age 55 and older who loses coverage due to the subscriber's death, or due to legal separation or dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership (see section 12.5).

#### **12.6.7 Newborn or Adopted Child**

If, a child is born to or placed for adoption with the subscriber, the child is considered an eligible member. The subscriber may elect continuation coverage for the child provided the child satisfies the otherwise applicable plan eligibility requirements (e.g., age). The participating organization must be notified within 60 days of the birth or placement to obtain coverage. If the participating organization is not notified in the required timeframe, the child will not be eligible for coverage.

Questions about COBRA should be directed to the COBRA Administrator. The COBRA Administrator should be informed of any address changes.

### **12.7 UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT & REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT (USERRA)**

Coverage will end if a subscriber is called to active duty by any of the armed forces of the United States of America. However, if a subscriber asks to continue coverage under USERRA, coverage can be continued for up to 24 months or the period of uniformed service leave, whichever is shortest, if the subscriber pays any required contributions toward the cost of the coverage during the leave. If the leave is 30 days or less, the contribution rate will be the same as for active members. If the leave is longer than 30 days, the required contribution will not exceed 102% of the cost of coverage.

If a subscriber does not elect continuation coverage under USERRA or if continuation coverage is terminated or exhausted, coverage will be reinstated on the first day the subscriber returns to active employment with the participating organization if released under honorable conditions, but only if the subscriber returns to active employment:

- a. On the first full business day following completion of military service for a leave of 30 days or less
- b. Within 14 days of completing military service for a leave of 31 to 180 days
- c. Within 90 days of completing military service for a leave of more than 180 days

Regardless of the length of the leave, a reasonable amount of travel time or recovery time for an illness or injury determined by the Veterans Administration (VA) to be service connected will be allowed.

When coverage under the Plan is reinstated, all plan provisions and limitations will apply to the extent that they would have applied if the subscriber had not taken military leave and coverage had been continuous under the Plan. There will be no additional eligibility waiting period. (This waiver of limitations does not provide coverage for any illness or injury caused or aggravated by military service, as determined by the VA. Complete information regarding rights under USERRA is available from the Participating District).

## SECTION 13. DEFINITIONS

The following are definitions of some important terms used in this handbook. Terms used but not otherwise defined in this handbook shall have the same meaning as those terms in the OEGB Administrative Rules.

**Alveoloplasty** is the surgical shaping of the bone of the upper or the lower jaw. It is performed most commonly in conjunction with the removal of a tooth or multiple teeth to have the gums heal smoothly for the placement of partial denture or denture.

**Amalgam** is a silver-colored material used in restoring teeth.

**Anterior** refers to teeth located at the front of the mouth (tooth chart in section 14).

**Bicuspid** is a premolar tooth, between the front and back teeth (tooth chart in section 14).

**Bridge** is also called a fixed partial denture. A bridge replaces one or more missing teeth using a pontic (false tooth or teeth) permanently attached to the adjacent teeth. Retainer crowns (crowns placed on adjacent teeth) are considered part of the bridge.

**Broken** A tooth is considered broken when a piece or pieces of the tooth have been completely separated from the rest of the tooth. A tooth with cracks is not considered broken.

**Cast Restoration** includes crowns, inlays, onlays, and any other restoration to fit a specific member's tooth that is made at a laboratory or dental office and cemented into the tooth.

**Coinsurance** means the percentages of covered expenses to be paid by a member.

**Composite** is a tooth-colored material used in restoring teeth.

**Cost Sharing** is the share of costs a member must pay when receiving a covered service, including deductible, copayments or coinsurance. Cost sharing does not include premiums, balance billing amounts for non-participating providers or the cost of non-covered services.

**Covered Service** is a service that is specifically described as a benefit of the Plan.

**Debridement** is the removal of excess plaque. A periodontal 'pre-cleaning' procedure done when there is too much plaque for the dentist to perform an exam.

**Deductible** is the amount of covered expenses that are paid by a member before benefits are payable by the Plan.

**Delta Dental** refers to Delta Dental Plan of Oregon. Delta Dental Plan of Oregon is a business name used by Oregon Dental Service, a not-for-profit dental healthcare service contractor.

**Dentally Necessary** means services that:

- a. are established as necessary for the treatment or prevention of a dental injury or disease otherwise covered under the Plan
- b. are appropriate with regard to standards of good dental practice in the service area

- c. have a good prognosis
- d. are the least costly of the alternative supplies or levels of service that can be safely provided. For example, coverage would not be allowed for a crown when a filling would be adequate to restore the tooth appropriately

**The fact that a dentist may recommend or approve a service or supply does not, of itself, make the charge a covered expense.**

**Dentist** means a licensed dentist, operating within the scope of their license as required under law within the state of practice.

**Denture Repair** is a procedure done to fix a complete, immediate, or partial denture. This includes adding a tooth to a partial denture, replacing a broken tooth in a denture, or fixing broken framework and/or base.

**Emergency Services** means services for a dental condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity requiring immediate treatment. Includes services to treat the following conditions: acute infection, acute abscess, severe tooth pain, unusual swelling of the face or gums or a knocked out tooth.

**Exclusion Period** means a period of time during which specified treatments or services are excluded from coverage.

**Group Health Plan** means any plan, fund or program established and maintained by OEGB for the purpose of providing healthcare for its employees or their dependents through insurance, reimbursement or otherwise. This dental benefit plan is a group health plan.

**Implant** is an artificial, permanent tooth root replacement used to replace a missing tooth or teeth. It is surgically placed into the upper or lower jaw bone and supports a single crown, fixed bridge, or partial or full denture.

**Implant Abutment** is an attachment used to connect an implant and an implant supported prosthetic device.

**Implant Supported Prosthetic** is a crown, bridge or removable partial or full denture that is supported by or attached to an implant.

**Limited Exam** is an examination of a specific oral health problem or complaint.

**Maximum Plan Allowance (MPA)** is the maximum amount that Delta Dental will reimburse providers. For a participating Delta Dental Premier dentist, the maximum amount is the dentist's filed or contracted fee with Delta Dental. For non-participating dentists or dental care providers, the maximum amount is based on a PPO fee schedule. When using a non-participating dentist or dental care provider, any amount above the MPA is the member's responsibility.

**Member** means and includes the subscriber, spouse, eligible domestic partner or child.

**Non-participating Dentist or Dental Provider** means a licensed dental provider who has not agreed to the terms and conditions established by Delta Dental that participating Delta Dental Premier dentists have agreed to.

**OEBB** means Oregon Educators Benefit Board

**Participating Delta Dental Premier Dentist** means a licensed dentist who has agreed to provide services in the Delta Dental Premier network in accordance with terms and conditions established by Delta Dental and has satisfied Delta Dental that the provider is in compliance with such terms and conditions.

**Periodic Exam** is a routine exam (check-up), commonly performed every 6 months.

**Periodontal Maintenance** is a periodontal procedure for members who have previously been treated for periodontal disease. In addition to cleaning the visible surfaces of the teeth (as in prophylaxis) surfaces below the gum-line are also cleaned. This is a more comprehensive service than a regular cleaning (prophylaxis).

The **Plan** is the dental benefit plan sponsored by OEBB and offered through a minimum premium arrangement under the terms of the policy between OEBB and Delta Dental as described in the member handbook.

**Plan Year** means the period commencing on the original effective date through the end of the policy term.

**Policy** is the agreement between OEBB and Delta Dental regarding the dental benefit plan sponsored by OEBB. This handbook is a part of the policy.

**Pontic** is an artificial tooth that replaces a missing tooth and is part of a bridge.

**Posterior** refers to teeth located toward the back of the mouth (tooth chart in section 14).

**PPO Fee Schedule** is the amount negotiated between Delta Dental and a participating Delta Dental PPO dentist.

**Prophylaxis** is cleaning and polishing of all teeth.

**Reline** means the process of resurfacing the tissue side of a denture with new base material.

**Restoration** is the treatment that repairs a broken or decayed tooth. Restorations include, but are not limited to, fillings and crowns.

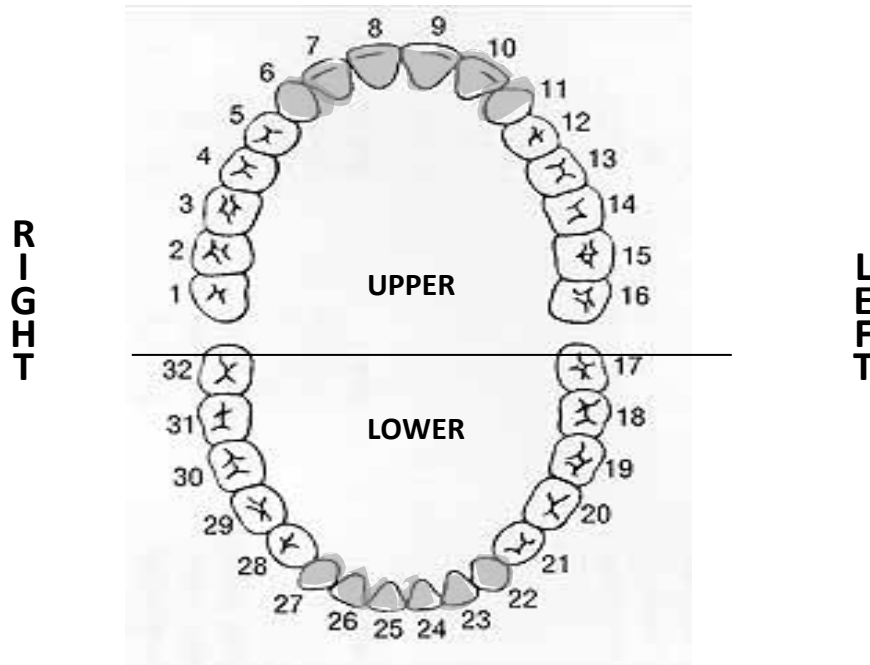
**Retainer** is a tooth used to support a prosthetic device (bridges, partial dentures or overdentures). Also see **Implant Abutment**.

**Subscriber** means an eligible employee or former employee who is enrolled in the Plan.

**Veneer** is a layer of tooth-colored material attached to the surface of an anterior tooth to repair chips or cracks, fix gaps and change the shape and size of teeth. A **chairside veneer** is a restoration created in the dentist's office. A **laboratory veneer** is a restoration that is created (cast) at a laboratory. Chairside and laboratory veneers may be paid at different benefit levels.

## SECTION 14. TOOTH CHART

The Permanent Arch



Anterior teeth are shaded gray.

The Permanent Arch		
Tooth #		Description of Tooth
Upper	Lower	
1	17	3rd Molar (wisdom tooth)
2	18	2nd Molar (12-yr molar)
3	19	1st Molar (6-yr molar)
4	20	2nd Bicuspid (2nd premolar)
5	21	1st Bicuspid (1st premolar)
6	22	Cuspid (canine/eye tooth)
7	23	Lateral Incisor
8	24	Central Incisor
9	25	Central Incisor
10	26	Lateral Incisor
11	27	Cuspid (canine/eye tooth)
12	28	1st Bicuspid (1st premolar)
13	29	2nd Bicuspid (2nd premolar)
14	30	1st Molar (6-yr molar)
15	31	2nd Molar (12-yr molar)
16	32	3rd Molar (wisdom tooth)



# Nondiscrimination notice

**We follow federal civil rights laws. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, gender identity, sex or sexual orientation.**

We provide free services to people with disabilities so that they can communicate with us. These include sign language interpreters and other forms of communication.

If your first language is not English, we will give you free interpretation services and/or materials in other languages.

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**If you need any of the above, call Customer Service at:**

888-217-2365 (TDD/TTY 711)

**If you think we did not offer these services or discriminated, you can file a written complaint.**

**Please mail or fax it to:**

Delta Dental of Oregon and Alaska  
Attention: Appeal Unit  
601 SW Second Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204  
Fax: 503-412-4003

**If you need help filing a complaint, please call Customer Service.**

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights at [ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf](https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf), or by mail or phone:

U.S. Department of Health  
and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave. SW, Room 509F  
HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201  
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

You can get Office for Civil Rights complaint forms at [hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html](https://hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html).

**Dave Nesseler-Cass coordinates our nondiscrimination work:**

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, hay disponibles servicios de ayuda con el idioma sin costo alguno para usted. Llame al 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711).

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói tiếng Việt, có dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí cho bạn. Gọi 1-877-605-3229 (TTY:711)

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