

Limitations

If a more expensive treatment than is functionally adequate is performed, Delta Dental Plan of Oregon will pay the applicable percentage of the maximum plan allowance for the least costly treatment.

Preventive (Class 1 services)

- **Diagnostic** Routine or comprehensive examinations or consultations covered twice per calendar year. Supplementary bitewing x-rays are covered once in any 12-month period. Complete series x-rays or a panoramic film are covered once in any 5-year period.
- **Preventive** Prophylaxis (cleaning) or periodontal maintenance is covered twice per calendar year. Additional periodontal maintenance is covered for members with periodontal disease, up to a total of 2 additional periodontal maintenances per year. Topical application of fluoride is covered twice per calendar year for members age 18 and under. For members age 19 and older, topical application of fluoride is covered once twice per calendar year if there is a recent history of periodontal surgery or high risk of decay due to medical disease or chemotherapy or similar type of treatment. 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.

Basic (Class 2 services)

- **Oral Surgery** Limited to extractions and other minor surgical procedures.
- **Restorative** Amalgam and composite fillings are covered for all teeth. A separate charge for general anesthesia and/or IV sedation is not covered when used for non-surgical procedures.
- **Periodontic** Scaling and root planing is limited to once per quadrant in any 2-year period.

Major (Class 3 services)

- **Implants** and implant removal are limited to once per lifetime per tooth space. A crown over an implant is covered once per lifetime of the implant.
- **Restorative** Cast restorations (including pontics) are covered once in a 5-year period on any tooth.
- **Prosthodontic** A bridge or denture (full or partial, including alternate benefits) will be covered once in a 5-year period only if the tooth, tooth site, or teeth involved have not received a cast restoration benefit in the past 5 years. Specialized or personalized prosthetics are limited to the cost of standard devices.
- **Occlusal Guard** (night guard) covered at 100% once in a 2-year period, up to \$150 maximum. Over-the-counter night guards are excluded.
- **Athletic mouthguard** covered at 50%, once in any 1-year period for members age 15 and under and once in any 2-year period for age 16 and over. Over-the-counter athletic mouth guards are excluded.

Exclusions

- Services covered under worker's compensation or employer's liability laws and services covered by any federal, state, county, municipality or other governmental agency, except Medicaid.
- Services with respect to congenital (hereditary) or developmental (following birth) malformations or cosmetic reasons; including, but not limited to cleft palate, upper and lower jaw malformations, enamel hypoplasia (lack of development), fluorosis and disturbance of the temporomandibular joint.
- Services for rebuilding or maintaining chewing surfaces due to teeth out of alignment or occlusion, or for stabilizing the teeth except for occlusal guards.
- Services started prior to the date the individual became eligible for services under the program.
- Hypnosis, prescribed drugs, premedications or analgesia (e.g. nitrous oxide) or any other euphoric drugs.
- Hospital costs or any additional fees charged by the dentist because the patient is hospitalized.
- General anesthesia and/or IV sedation except when administered by a dentist in conjunction with covered oral surgery in his or her office.
- Plaque control and oral hygiene or dietary instructions.
- Experimental procedures.
- Missed or broken appointments.
- Precision attachments.
- Orthodontic services (except when an orthodontia rider is included).
- Services for cosmetic reasons.
- Claims submitted more than 12 months after the date of service are not covered.
- All other services or supplies, not specifically covered.