



Delta Dental of Illinois'
Smile Smart for Your Health
Enhanced Benefits Program

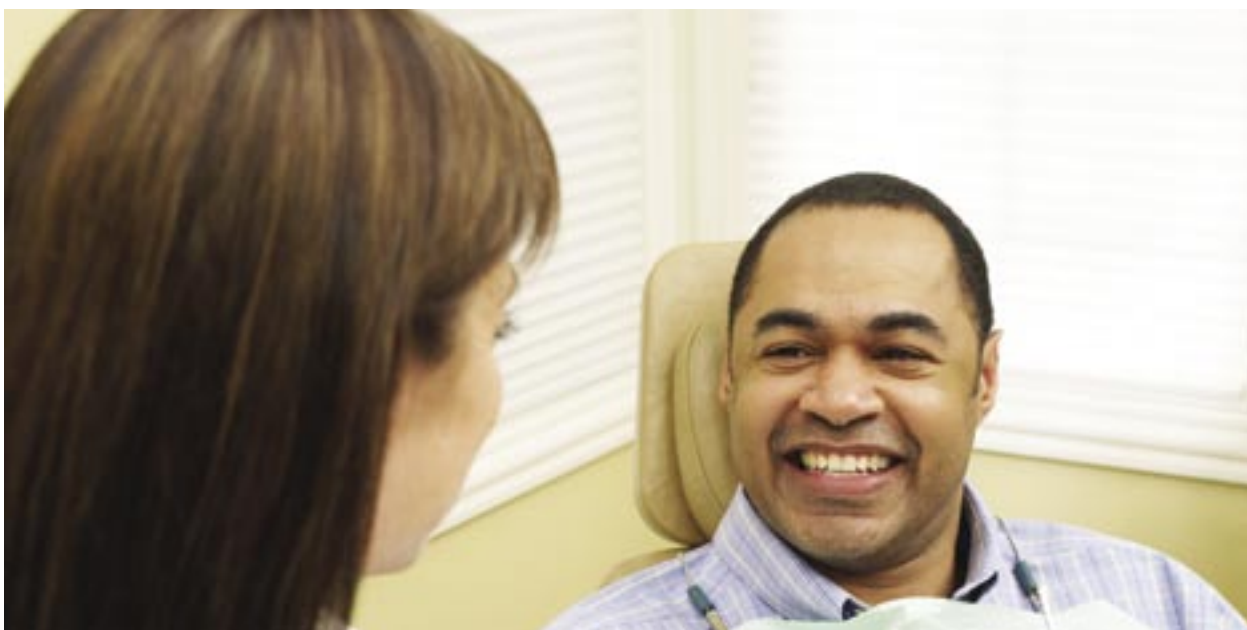
Enhancing your patients' benefits.
Improving overall health.



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We give you a reason to smile.™



Recognizing the connection between oral health and overall health, Delta Dental of Illinois has modified many of our clients' Delta Dental PPO and Delta Dental Premier dental plans to take advantage of the emerging science of evidence-based dentistry. Not all groups will elect to have the modified dental plan. Please check individual Delta Dental of Illinois patients' eligibility and benefit information prior to treatment.

This new Smile Smart for Your Health Enhanced Benefits Program can:

- Help reduce the risk of periodontal disease for diabetic patients
- Give pregnant women who show signs of periodontal disease a better chance of delivering full-term, healthier babies
- Reduce the risk of progressive periodontal diseases and tooth loss for at-risk populations
- Help in the fight against oral cancer

As you know, these research-supported facts come from the emerging science of evidence-based dentistry – and are part of the growing understanding of the connection between oral health and overall health.

Special benefits for specific risks

Delta Dental of Illinois' Smile Smart for Your Health Enhanced Benefits Program provides special benefits to the following groups:

Benefits to Help in the Fight Against Oral Cancer

This year in the United States, 8,000 people will die from oral cancer and over 30,000 new cases will be diagnosed. The OralCDx brush biopsy is the newest tool in the early detection of oral cancer/precancerous cells -- and represents a major breakthrough in the fight against oral cancer. The procedure is indicated to evaluate unexplained tiny white and red lesions -- and the software used to analyze the samples can spot a precancerous/cancerous cell even if it is partially obscured by other cells. Helping to save lives by differentiating a pre-cancer or early cancerous spot from a benign one, the brush biopsy analysis method from OralCDx has been extensively studied and is approved by the American Dental Association. All Delta Dental of Illinois plans cover the OralCDx brush biopsy, if oral surgery coverage is included in the plan*.

Benefits for Persons with Diabetes

With an indicator for diabetes, the enrollee will be eligible for four periodontal maintenance visits in a year (four CDT code 4910 – periodontal maintenance) or two prophylaxis and two periodontal maintenance visits in a year (two CDT code 4910 – periodontal maintenance, or two CDT code 1110 – adult cleaning). Coverage will be at the group-contracted benefit level, with the additional frequency allowance being the only change. There is no end date on this additional coverage, no age requirement and the patient may be the subscriber, spouse or other covered dependent.

Benefits for Pregnant Women

With an indicator for pregnancy, the enrollee will be eligible for one additional prophylaxis or periodontal

maintenance visit during the time of the pregnancy (CDT code 4910 – periodontal maintenance, or CDT code 1110 – adult cleaning). Coverage will be at the group-contracted benefit level, with the additional frequency allowance being the only change. There is no age requirement and the patient may be the subscriber, spouse or other covered dependent.

Benefits for Persons Who Have Had Periodontal Surgery or Disease

With an indicator of periodontal surgery or disease, the enrollee will be eligible for four periodontal maintenance visits in a benefit year (four CDT code 4910 – periodontal maintenance) or two prophylaxis and two periodontal maintenance visits in a year (two CDT code 4910 – periodontal maintenance, or two CDT code 1110 – adult cleaning). Additionally, following periodontal surgery, the enrollee will be eligible for two applications of topical fluoride varnish in a benefit year. Coverage will be at the group-contracted benefit level, with the additional frequency allowance being the only change. There is no end date on this additional coverage, no age requirement and the patient may be the subscriber, spouse or other covered dependent.

How to Enroll Your Patients

You can enroll your patients for the Smile Smart for Your Health Enhanced Benefits Program through the Dentist Connection.

- Click on the “Smile Smart for Your Health” link.
- You will be able to enter or update the small amount of health information required for your Delta Dental of Illinois patient to qualify for extra benefits. The patient will be immediately eligible for those benefits.
- You may also enroll a patient by phone by calling Delta Dental of Illinois' Customer Service Department at 800-323-1743. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

*The OralCDx brush biopsy is standardly covered under oral surgery in Delta Dental of Illinois' plans.