



**Delta Dental PPO plus Premier™**  
**Summary of Dental Plan Benefits**  
**For Group# 10542-0001**  
**Swain County Schools**

This Summary of Dental Plan Benefits should be read along with your Certificate. Your Certificate provides additional information about your Delta Dental plan, including information about plan exclusions and limitations. If a statement in this Summary conflicts with a statement in the Certificate, the statement in this Summary applies to you and you should ignore the conflicting statement in the Certificate. The percentages below are applied to Delta Dental's Maximum Approved Fee for each service and it may vary due to the Dentist's network participation.\*

**Control Plan** – Delta Dental of North Carolina

**Benefit Year** – January 1 through December 31

**Covered Services** –

	Delta Dental PPO™ Dentist Plan Pays	Delta Dental Premier® Dentist Plan Pays	Nonparticipating Dentist Plan Pays*
<b>Diagnostic &amp; Preventive</b>			
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive Services</b> – exams, cleanings, fluoride, and space maintainers	100%	100%	100%
<b>Sealants</b> – to prevent decay of permanent teeth	100%	100%	100%
<b>Brush Biopsy</b> – to detect oral cancer	100%	100%	100%
<b>Bitewing Radiographs</b> – bitewing X-rays	100%	100%	100%
<b>Basic Services</b>			
<b>Emergency Palliative Treatment</b> – to temporarily relieve pain	80%	80%	80%
<b>All Other Radiographs</b> – other X-rays	80%	80%	80%
<b>Minor Restorative Services</b> – fillings and crown repair	80%	80%	80%
<b>Endodontic Services</b> – root canals	80%	80%	80%
<b>Oral Surgery Services</b> – extractions and dental surgery	80%	80%	80%
<b>Major Services</b>			
<b>Periodontic Services</b> – to treat gum disease	50%	50%	50%
<b>Major Restorative Services</b> – crowns	50%	50%	50%
<b>Other Basic Services</b> – misc. services	50%	50%	50%
<b>Relines and Repairs</b> – to bridges, implants, and dentures	50%	50%	50%
<b>Prosthodontic Services</b> – bridges, implants, dentures, and crowns over implants	50%	50%	50%
<b>Orthodontic Services</b>			
<b>Orthodontic Services</b> – braces	50%	50%	50%
<b>Orthodontic Age Limit</b> –	No Age Limit	No Age Limit	No Age Limit

\* When you receive services from a Nonparticipating Dentist, the percentages in this column indicate the portion of Delta Dental's Nonparticipating Dentist Fee that will be paid for those services. This Nonparticipating Dentist Fee may be less than what your dentist charges, which means that you will be responsible for the difference.

The explanation and sample calculation of how these services will be paid can be found in Section VI – How Payment is Made in your Certificate.

- Oral exams (including evaluations by a specialist) are payable twice per calendar year.
- Prophylaxes (cleanings) are payable twice per calendar year. Full mouth debridement is payable once per lifetime.
- People with specific at-risk health conditions may be eligible for additional prophylaxes (cleanings) or fluoride treatment. The patient should talk with his or her Dentist about treatment.
- Fluoride treatments are payable twice per calendar year for people age 18 and under.
- Space maintainers are Covered Services without limitation for people age 18 and under.
- Bitewing X-rays are payable once per calendar year and full mouth X-rays (which include bitewing X-rays) or a panorex are payable once in any five-year period.
- Sealants are payable once per tooth per three-year period for first and second permanent molars for people age 15 and under. The surface must be free from decay and restorations.

- Crowns, onlays and substructures are payable once per tooth in any seven-year period.
- Composite resin (white) restorations are payable on posterior teeth.
- Porcelain and resin facings on crowns are payable on posterior teeth.
- Vestibuloplasty is a Covered Service.
- Full and partial dentures are payable once in any seven-year period. Reline and rebase of dentures are payable once in any 12-month period.
- Bridges are payable once in any seven-year period.
- Implants are payable once per tooth in any seven-year period. Implant related services are Covered Services.
- Crowns over implants are payable once per tooth in any seven-year period. Services related to crowns over implants are Covered Services.

### **Passport Dental**

Having Delta Dental coverage makes it easy for you to get dental care almost everywhere in the world! You can now receive expert dental care when you are outside of the United States through our Passport Dental program. This program gives you access to a worldwide network of dentists and dental clinics. English-speaking operators are available around the clock to answer questions and help you schedule care. For more information, check our website or contact your benefits representative to get a copy of our Passport Dental information sheet.

**Maximum Payment** – \$2,000 per Member total per Benefit Year on all services except orthodontic services. \$1,500 per Member total per lifetime on orthodontic services.

**Payment for Orthodontic Service** – When orthodontic treatment begins, your Dentist will submit a payment plan to Delta Dental based upon your projected course of treatment. In accordance with the agreed upon payment plan, Delta Dental will make an initial payment to you or your Participating Dentist equal to Delta Dental's stated Copayment on 30% of the Maximum Payment for Orthodontic Services as set forth in this Summary of Dental Plan Benefits. Delta Dental will make additional payments as follows: Delta Dental will pay 50% of the per monthly fee charged by your Dentist based upon the agreed upon payment plan provided by Delta Dental to your Dentist.

**Deductible** – \$50 Deductible per Member total per Benefit Year. The Deductible does not apply to oral exams, preventive services, bitewing X-rays, brush biopsy, sealants, and orthodontic services.

**Waiting Period** – Enrollees who are eligible for Benefits are covered on the first day of the month following the date of hire.

**Eligible People** – All full-time employees of the Contractor working at least 20 hours per week who choose the dental plan. The Contractor and Subscriber share the cost of this plan.

Also eligible are your Spouse and your Children to the end of the month in which they turn 26, including your Children who are married, who no longer live with you, who are not your Dependents for Federal income tax purposes, and/or who are not permanently disabled. Also eligible is your domestic partner, as defined by the contractor. Domestic partners will be treated as Spouses under This Plan.

Enrollees and dependents choosing this plan are required to remain enrolled for a minimum of 12 months. Should an Enrollee or Dependent choose to drop coverage after that time, he or she may not re-enroll prior to the date on which 12 months have elapsed. Dependents may only enroll if the Enrollee is enrolled (except under COBRA) and must be enrolled in the same plan as the Enrollee. An election may be revoked or changed at any time if the change is the result of a qualifying event as defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 125.

**Coordination of Benefits** – If you and your Spouse are both eligible to enroll in This Plan as Enrollees, you may be enrolled together on one application or separately on individual applications, but not both. Your Dependent Children may only be enrolled on one application. Delta Dental will not coordinate Benefits between your coverage and your Spouse's coverage if you and your Spouse are both covered as Enrollees under This Plan.

Benefits will cease on the last day of the month in which your employment is terminated.