



# Why you need dental insurance



#### For your budget

Benefits work best when you **use** them, and can save you money in the long run. For each dollar spent on preventive care, up to \$50 is saved on more expensive procedures.<sup>1</sup>



#### For your health

Checkups can help spot other conditions and diseases, not just cavities. This can lead to earlier, less costly, and even life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>



#### For your family

Start your children on the road to good oral health. Families with dental insurance are almost twice as likely to get preventive care as those without it.<sup>3</sup>



# Networks and providers

You can see any provider you like. However, you'll save money if you see an in-network dentist. We have two networks: Delta Dental PPO (these dentists provide the largest discounts to save you the most money) and Delta Dental Premier (additional providers to choose from, but they offer smaller discounts). Together they make the Delta Dental PPO Plus Premier™ network with almost 151,000 providers nationwide to save you money.

But if you don't have a provider, or would like to find one who saves you more on out-of-pocket expenses, use our online provider search tool at deltadentalwi.com.

Other benefits (no pun intended) of using a network provider:

- Treatment guarantees\* (if a procedure like a filling fails, you don't have to pay to get it fixed)
- Providers send in all the claims paperwork, so you don't have to
- Since network dentists agree to set fees, they can't charge you for the difference between their regular and discounted amount (called balance billing)

#### Know your networks

Delta Dental Premier®



- Additional dentists to choose from
- Smaller discounts, but still saves you money

Delta Dental PPO™



- Large network of providers
- Biggest discounts, saving you the most money

Out-of-Network



- No additional savings
- No protections or guarantees

#### Example savings for a common procedure

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Estimated charge	Maximum allowed fees	Percentage paid by Delta Dental	Amount Delta Dental pays	Amount dentist can balance bill	Total amount you pay	Your total cost savings
\$1,200	\$825	80%	<sup>\$</sup> 660	<b>\$O</b>	<sup>\$</sup> 165	\$375
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<sup>\*</sup>Guarantees dependent upon timeframes and procedure codes.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you visit an out-of-network provider you will be responsible for the difference between the provider's charges and the amount your dental plan pays.

# Maximize your benefits

## Register for an online account.

The more you know, the better your oral health can be. And we want to make understanding your dental benefits easy. Delta Dental of Wisconsin's online member portal lets you review your coverage or message with a customer experience specialist when it is convenient for you. You can register or log in any time after your coverage begins.

#### Logging in

Getting started is quick and easy. Just go to deltadentalwi.com and click on "Register" found in the top right corner (on a desktop) or from the menu (on a mobile device). A few simple steps and you'll be able to sign in any time you need to access your dental benefit information. You will need your member ID number (on your ID card) to get registered.

#### Benefit dashboard

Once logged in, the dental dashboard allows you to see the most-requested benefit information first—benefit usage, deductibles and annual maximums, plan features, and more—at a quick glance.

#### Online ID card

You might not think you need to download a dental insurance ID card at four in the morning...until you do. You can download it, print it, or email it to a family member or your provider office.



#### Secure chat and messaging

Don't feel like making a phone call? During regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST), you can securely chat with a customer experience specialist in real time for immediate answers to your benefit questions. You can also send a secure message at your convenience and expect a timely response.

#### Find a provider

The online provider search tool can help you find a Delta Dental network dentist in your area. Search by location, specialty, office hours, and other filtering options.

#### Cost estimator tool

Get an estimate for what procedures cost in your area, or from your preferred provider, so you'll have an idea of what you may pay out-of-pocket for necessary dental procedures.

#### **Paperless EOB**

Sign up to receive Explanation of Benefits (EOB) notifications electronically by clicking on the "My Profile" icon near your name in the top-right corner.

Select "Account Information" and then "Communication Preferences," also near the top-right corner.



### Any questions?

Here are some answers. And if you have a question that's not listed here, contact us. You can call our Contact Center at **800-236-3712**. Or avoid a phone call...if you're logged in to your online account (see previous page) you can secure message or even live chat with a representative.

#### But see if these help...



#### Q: When will I get my ID card?

**A:** Your ID card will be mailed about a week after your enrollment is received and approved. If you are already a member, you can login to your online member account at **deltadentalwi.com** to view, print, or even email your ID card at any time.



#### Q: Are there benefit waiting periods?

**A:** Unless otherwise specified, there are no waiting periods before you can start using your dental benefits.



#### Q: What about existing orthodontic treatments in progress?

**A:** Delta Dental's monthly payments for ortho treatment will work toward the months remaining after your effective date of coverage. Claims for in-progress ortho can be submitted as soon as enrollment with Delta Dental is finalized.

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