



Healthy Start for Kids Benefit

An exclusive plan enhancement for children through age 14

Every year, approximately 30% of children ages 6 -12 miss school due to oral health problems. In fact, 22% of parents report their children miss a half or full day of school because of dental issues.¹ Not only are these children missing school, but their parents are missing work.

Fortunately, many of the oral health problems these kids face are easily preventable with good daily hygiene and regular dental check-ups.

We recognize that second step can be tricky for parents to maintain. That's why we've developed Healthy Start for Kids. It's a pilot benefit offering that removes many of the financial barriers that make it hard for parents to get the dental care their children need.

¹ Source: Delta Dental Plans Association. July 1, 2015. News Release: 31% of U.S. Parents Say Kids Missed School Due to Dental Problems. Available: <http://bit.ly/1KcPDzx>

Here's how:

100% coverage for most dental services through age 14

With this offering, Class I, II, and III services are covered at 100% which means no out-of-pocket costs when they visit a network dentist. These services include cleanings, exams, fillings, and crowns. Orthodontia and TMJ coverage remains at the group level.

No deductible and no annual maximum

There's no upfront cost before benefits kick in. There's also no cap to the amount of money the plan will pay towards dental care for Class I, II, and III services for children through age 14.

Greater access to dental care

This offering gives children access to the Delta Dental PPOSM and Delta Dental Premier[®] networks. The coverage goes farthest with Delta Dental PPO and Premier acts like a safety net in case they're unable to find a PPO dentist nearby.

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Frequently asked questions:

Q: Who can be eligible to be covered under the Healthy Start Benefit?

A: All eligible dependent children 14 and younger.

Q: How does an employee enroll their child for this benefit?

A: An employee may enroll their child at open enrollment.

Q: How can an employee view their child's benefit information?

A: Employees can create or sign in to their **MySmile®** accounts at DeltaDentalWA.com. MySmile gives them easy, online access to view their child's benefits, print ID cards, get out-of-pocket cost estimates, review current and past Explanation of Benefits, and much more.

Q: When does the Healthy Start Benefit for Kids end?

A: The benefit ends on the 1st day of the month after a child turns 15. For example: A child turns 15 on March 15th. The benefit will end for that child on April 1st of the next month.

Q: What happens when the benefit ends?

A: The child is switched over to the plan's standard benefit.

Q: Is there patient outreach for this benefit?

A: Yes. If groups/employees provide email addresses, we will send email.



Over 19% of children ages 2 – 19 have untreated cavities¹



20% of kids ages 1- 17 reported having 1 or more oral health problems during the past 12 months²

¹ National Center for Health Statistics. *Health, United States, 2009 with Special Feature on Medical Technology*

² National Survey of Children's Health, 2011/2012