

# Enhanced Benefit: Special Health Care Needs



Millions of people in the U.S. have diverse health care needs, including physical, developmental, mental health, sensory, behavioral, emotional, or cognitive conditions. For many, accessing oral health care can be challenging or overwhelming. Delta Dental is changing that.

Northeast Delta Dental offers an enhanced benefit designed to support covered members of all ages with qualifying health care needs.

## What is included?

We've expanded our coverage for group dental plan members to allow for:

- Additional dental examinations and/or consultations prior to treatment, helping patients understand what to expect and feel comfortable and prepared for a successful dental visit. Additional exam benefits may be available for this purpose.
- Coverage for up to four dental cleanings per benefit year, supporting ongoing preventative care and oral health.
- Treatment delivery modifications (including anesthesia and nitrous oxide) as appropriate, to ensure patients with barriers to care can receive comfortable and effective oral health services.

## How is this benefit accessed?

- Members with a qualifying health care need are encouraged to let their dentist know that their group plan with Northeast Delta Dental includes the Special Health Care Needs benefit.
- To help your dentist understand the benefit and how to submit claims for services provided, you or your provider can download the provider-focused [Special Health Care Needs flyer](#) or scan the QR code below.



## Questions?

For further information please contact Customer Service at 1-800-832-5700 or email [nedelta@nedelta.com](mailto:nedelta@nedelta.com)

## What are special health care needs?

As defined by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, special health care needs include any physical, developmental, mental, sensory, behavioral, cognitive, or emotional impairment or limiting condition that requires medical management, health care intervention, and/or use of specialized services or programs. The condition may impact people of any age, may be congenital, developmental, or acquired through disease, trauma or environmental cause, and may impose limitations in performing daily selfmaintenance activities or substantial limitations in a major life activity.



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