

The Special Health Care Needs benefit from Northeast Delta Dental



For 6.5 million people in the U.S. with intellectual or developmental disabilities, oral health care can be inaccessible or overwhelming. Together, we are changing that.

Personalized care

Delta Dental supports dental providers in delivering personalized, patient-centered care to individuals with diverse health care needs, including those with cognitive, physical, behavioral, sensory needs or other factors that may create barriers to receiving dental care.

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.

Benefit verification

Prior to delivering services, dental providers need to complete the patient attestation for Special Health Care Needs available in the PreViser Clinical Suite. Completing this step enables access to applicable benefits for the patient. This benefit is available to eligible members of all ages and does not expire.

Once the attestation has been successfully submitted claims submission for enhanced benefit treatment can proceed as normal.

Questions?

For further information please contact HOWInfo@nedelta.com or the enhanced benefits team at 603-223-1339.

Additional resources

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research:

<https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/health-info/developmental-disabilities#overview>

CareQuest:
[Special Patient Care](#)

UNH Institute on Disability:
<https://iod.unh.edu/nh-disability-health-program/project-trainings/oral-health-professional-training>



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Enhanced Plan	Eligibility Criteria	Enhanced Benefit	Procedure Code	Enhanced Frequency
SHCN	Any physical, developmental, mental, sensory, behavioral, cognitive or emotional impairment or limiting condition that required medical management, health care intervention and/or use of specialized services or programs.	Additional Screenings or Assessments of Patient	D0190, D0191	Up to 4 times in a 12 month period
		Additional Exams	D0120, D0140, D0145, D0150, D0160, D0180	Up to 4 times in a 12 month period
		Additional Cleanings	D1110, D1120, D4910, D4346, D4355	Up to 4 times in a 12 month period
		OHI & Nutritional Counseling & Tobacco Cessation	D1310, D1320, D1330	Once per 12 months
		Flouride Application	D1206, D1208	Up to 4 times in a 12 month period
		Sealants	D1351	Once per 3 years
		Nitrous	D9230	Covered once per day
		Anesthesia	GA = D9222, D9223, D9224, D9225 IV Sedation = D9239, D9243	No procedure limitation to get coverage
		Drugs or Medicaments	D9630	Up to 2 times in a 12 month period