Limitations

1. The frequency of certain Benefits is limited. All frequency limitations are listed in Schedule A, Description of Benefits and Copayments.

2. Administration of I.V. sedation or general anesthesia is limited to treatment by a contracted oral surgeon and in conjunction with an approved referral for the removal of one or more soft tissue, partial or full bony impactions, (Procedures D7220, D7230, D7240, and D7241).

3. Benefits provided by a contract pediatric Dentist are limited to children through age seven following an attempt by the assigned Contract Dentist to treat the child and upon Authorization by Delta Dental, less applicable Copayments. Exceptions for medical conditions, regardless of age limitation, will be considered on an individual basis.

4. Should an Enrollee's coverage be cancelled or terminated for any reason, and at the time of cancellation or termination the Enrollee is receiving orthodontic treatment, the Enrollee will be solely responsible for payment for treatment provided after cancellation or termination, except:
   a. If an Enrollee is receiving ongoing orthodontic treatment at the time of termination, Delta Dental will continue to provide orthodontic Benefits for:
      b. 60 days if the Enrollee is making monthly payments to the Contract Orthodontist, or
      c. until the later of 60 days or the end of the quarter in progress, if the Enrollee is making quarterly payments to the Contract Orthodontist.

   At the end of 60 days (or at the end of the quarter), the Enrollee's obligation will be based on the Contract Orthodontist's usual fee for the treatment plan. The Contract Orthodontist will prorate the amount over the number of months remaining in the initial 24 months of treatment. The Enrollee will make payments based on an arrangement with the Contract Orthodontist.

5. Orthodontic treatment in progress is limited to new DeltaCare USA Enrollees who, at the time of their original effective date, are in active treatment started under their previous employer sponsored dental plan as long as they continue to be eligible under the DeltaCare USA Program. Active treatment means tooth movement has begun. Enrollees are responsible for all Copayments and fees subject to the provisions of their prior dental plan. Delta Dental is financially responsible only for amounts unpaid by the prior dental plan for qualifying orthodontic cases.

6. Frequently, several alternate methods exist to treat a dental condition. For example, a tooth can be restored with a crown or a filling, and missing teeth can be replaced either with a fixed bridge or a partial denture. **We** will make payment based upon the allowance for the less expensive procedure, provided that the less expensive procedure meets accepted standards of dental treatment. Our decision does not commit You to the less expensive procedure. However, if You and the Dentist choose the more expensive procedure, You are responsible for the additional charges beyond those paid or allowed by the Company.
Exclusions

1. Any procedure that is not specifically listed under Schedule A, Description of Benefits and Copayments.

2. Any procedure that in the professional opinion of the Contract Dentist:
   a. has poor prognosis for a successful result and reasonable longevity based on the condition of the tooth or teeth and/or surrounding structures, or
   b. is inconsistent with generally accepted standards for dentistry.

3. As determined by the treating provider not acting on behalf of Delta Dental, services solely for cosmetic purposes or for conditions that are a result of hereditary or developmental defects, such as cleft palate, upper and lower jaw malformations, congenitally missing teeth and teeth that are discolored or lacking enamel or required as the result of orthognathic surgery.

4. Porcelain crowns, porcelain fused to metal, cast metal or resin with metal type crowns and fixed partial dentures (bridges) for children under 16 years of age.

5. Lost, stolen or damaged appliances including, but not limited to, prosthetic device, full or partial dentures, space maintainers, crowns and fixed partial dentures (bridges) or any duplicative device.

6. For replacement of existing dentures that are, or can be made serviceable.

7. For prosthetic reconstruction or other services which require a prosthodontist.

8. For assistance at surgery.

9. Procedures, appliances or restoration solely for the purpose of changing vertical dimension, including but not limited, to full mouth rehabilitation, splinting, fillings to restore tooth structure lost from attrition, erosion or abrasion, appliances or any other method.

10. Precious metal for removable appliances, metallic or permanent soft bases for complete dentures, porcelain denture teeth, precision abutments for removable partials or fixed partial dentures (overlays, implants, and appliances associated therewith) and personalization and characterization of complete and partial dentures.

11. For diagnostic services and treatment of jaw joint problems by any method. These jaw joint problems include, but are not limited to, such conditions as temporomandibular joint disorder (TMD) and craniofacial disorders or other conditions of the joint linking the jaw bone and the complex muscles, nerves and other tissues related to that joint.


13. Dental services received from any dental facility other than the assigned Contract Dentist, an authorized dental specialist, or a Contract Orthodontist except for Emergency Services as described in the Contract and/or Evidence of Coverage.

14. All related fees for admission, use, or stays in a hospital, out-patient surgery center, extended care facility, or other similar care facility.

15. Prescription drugs or nonprescription drugs, home care items, vitamins or dietary supplements.
16. Dental expenses incurred in connection with any dental procedure started before the Enrollee's eligibility with the DeltaCare USA Program or after the termination date of coverage. Examples include: teeth prepared for crowns, root canals in progress, full or partial dentures for which an impression has been taken.

17. As determined by the treating provider not acting on behalf of Delta Dental, for elective procedures, including prophylactic extractions of third molars.

18. For the following, which are not included as orthodontic benefits: retreatment of orthodontic cases, changes in orthodontic treatment necessitated by patient non-cooperation, repair of orthodontic appliances, replacement of lost or stolen appliances, special appliances (including, but not limited to, headgear, orthopedic appliances, bite planes, functional appliances or palatal expanders), myofunctional therapy, cases involving orthognathic surgery, extractions for orthodontic purposes, and treatment in excess of 24 months.

19. Specialist or orthodontic treatment resulting from a prohibited referral. A prohibited referral is when the Contract Dentist directs an Enrollee to seek specialist or orthodontic care from another dental facility where a) the Contract Dentist owns a beneficial interest in the practice; b) the Contract Dentist's immediate family owns a beneficial interest of 3 percent or greater in the practice; or c) the Contract Dentist, the Contract Dentist's immediate family or a combination of the Contract Dentist and his or her immediate family has a compensation arrangement with the practice.

20. For broken appointments.

21. Dental conditions that are the responsibility of Worker’s Compensation or employer’s liability insurance. The DeltaCare USA benefits would be in excess to the third party benefits and therefore, the Administrator would have the right of recovery for any benefits paid in excess.

22. For any condition caused by or resulting from declared or undeclared war or act thereof, or resulting from service in the National Guard or in the armed forces of any country or international authority.