



Special Health Care Needs Benefit — Dentist Instructions

For the nearly 57 million people in the U.S. with intellectual or developmental disabilities,* oral health care can be inaccessible or overwhelming. Together, we can change that.

You are receiving this information because you may have a patient with a qualifying special health care need. Delta Dental of Virginia now provides additional group** dental benefits to help care for these individuals. Information about this benefit and how to submit claims is outlined on the following page.

BENEFIT VERIFICATION

Before rendering services, check the member's eligibility** by calling 800.237.6060. *There is no age limit for the Special Health Care Needs benefit.*



**EXTRA CARE
FOR SPECIAL
NEEDS**



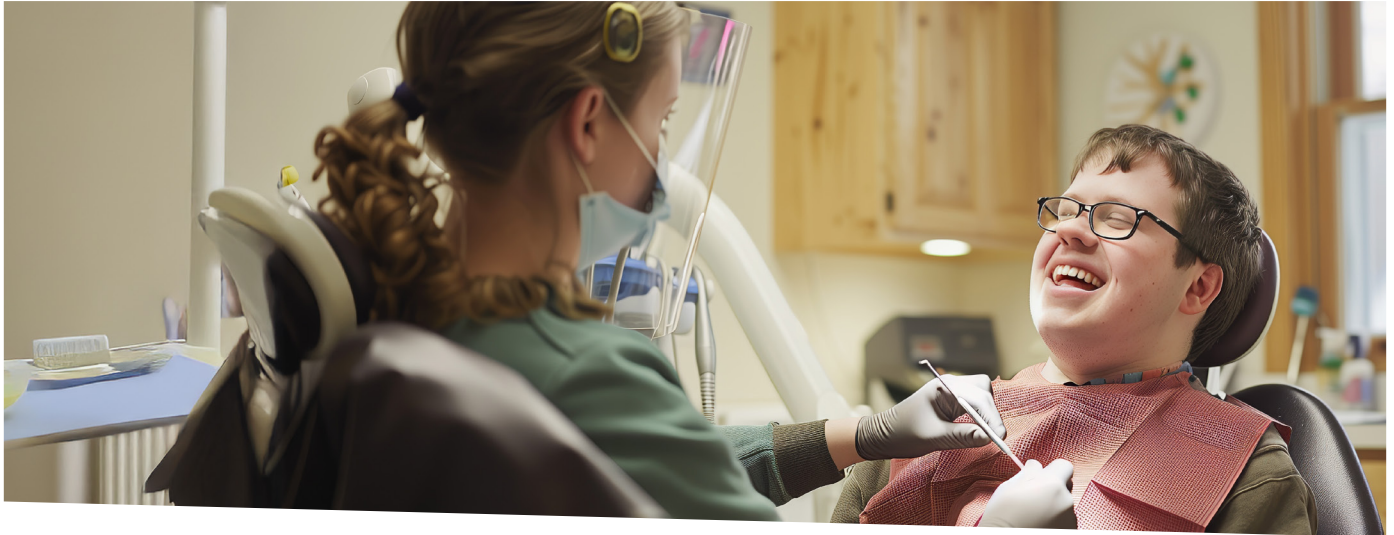
**TREATMENT
MODIFICATIONS
AVAILABLE**



**MAKING ORAL
HEALTH CARE
ACCESSIBLE**

Continued on back page

Special Health Care Needs Benefit (continued)



WHAT'S INCLUDED?***

- 1. Exams:** Additional dental visits are covered, if needed to help patients understand what to expect prior to treatment. Procedure codes: D0120, D0145, D0150, D0160 and D0180.
- 2. Cleanings:** Up to four dental cleanings in a benefit year. Procedure codes: D1110, D1120, D4346, D4355 and D4910.
- 3. Treatment delivery modifications** necessary for dental staff to provide oral health care for patients with sensory sensitivities, behavioral challenges, severe anxiety or other barriers to treatment. Procedure code: D9997.
- 4. The use of anesthesia** when necessary to provide dental care. Procedure codes: D9222, D9223, D9239, D9243.

- 5. Nitrous oxide sedation** for relief of patient anxiety, apprehension and tension. Procedure code: D9230.

SUBMITTING CLAIMS

First, verify the benefit by calling Benefit Services at 800.237.6060. Then **include procedure code D9997 on the claim** with any other services that were rendered.

Penn Dental Medicine created a free series to help provide access to oral health care for individuals with disabilities.



Scan the code, or visit www.dental.upenn.edu/disabilitiescare to learn more.



VISIT DELTAEDENTALVA.COM/SPECIAL-HEALTH-CARE-NEEDS-RESOURCES
OR CALL 800.237.6060 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

*Penn Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. **The Special Health Care Needs benefit is not currently available under Delta Dental of Virginia's Individual and Family™ plans. ***Additional Special Health Care Needs benefits are covered at 100% with no deductible. Some benefits may be subject to the annual maximum based on your group benefit plan.