



## GREEN your dental benefits!

Every 1 million electronically sent statements conserve 1.22 million gallons of water, save 1,632 trees, and prevent the production of 52.7 tons of solid waste each year.

Make the Earth smile. Sign in to your MySmile account and change your preferences to receive email notifications. Instead of a paper statement, you'll get an email telling you it's ready to view online.

This booklet is designed to help you use your benefits. It is not a summary of your benefits or proof of coverage.

If you have a question, give us a call at 800.554.1907.

We're happy to help.

[DeltaDentalWA.com](http://DeltaDentalWA.com)

Follow us online for fun, helpful tips to keep your smile healthy and get the most from your dental benefits.



Power  
your  
smile  
with your  
Delta Dental  
PPO plan



Delta Dental of Washington



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# Welcome

## Your Delta Dental PPO<sup>SM</sup> plan

It takes more than good oral hygiene to keep your smile healthy. Regular dental care, from cleanings to crowns, are essential to your smile's health. Fortunately, you have **a great service plan**—your dental coverage. It makes dental visits easy and affordable.

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# MySmile<sup>®</sup> personal benefits center



Get the most from your coverage with a MySmile personal benefits center account at [DeltaDentalWA.com](http://DeltaDentalWA.com)

### MySmile is a secure, personalized toolbox where you can:

- > View your coverage
- > Find a high-quality dentist in your plan's network
- > Print your ID card
- > Get instant, personalized out-of-pocket cost estimates
- > Check your claims and claims activity, including current and past Explanation of Benefits (EOB)
- > Sign up for paperless statements
- > And more!

MySmile accounts are available for subscribers and their dependents who are 18+ years of age.

# Before your visit

## ✔ View your benefits

You can view your coverage by signing into MySmile or reading your benefit booklet. Knowing what's covered before you visit the dentist helps eliminate surprises at the office.

## ✔ Find a participating dentist

To get the most from your benefits, we encourage you to see a participating dentist from the Delta Dental PPO<sup>SM</sup> network. They provide services at discounted rates and file all claims paperwork for you. In most cases, you'll get the best out-of-pocket savings by choosing a Delta Dental PPO dentist.

You may also see dentists from the Delta Dental Premier<sup>®</sup> network.

If you choose a non-participating dentist, you're responsible for making sure they complete your claim forms and send them to us.

Finding a participating dentist is easy. Visit [DeltaDentalWA.com](http://DeltaDentalWA.com) and use our Find a Dentist tool. Remember to select the Delta Dental PPO network to filter your search results.

	Delta Dental PPO Dentist	Delta Dental Premier Dentist	Non-participating Dentist
Provides significant discount for services	✔		
Protects you from balance billing	✔	✔	
Files dental service claims paperwork for you	✔	✔	

## ✔ Get out-of-pocket cost estimates

MySmile Cost Genie<sup>SM</sup> is a self-service tool that gives you instant, personalized out-of-pocket cost estimates based on your benefits and dentist.



It's a great way to check costs for different treatment options from any participating dentist.

### Get your estimate in just 3 steps:

- 1 Sign in to MySmile and click "MySmile Cost Genie"
- 2 Use the dropdowns to select patient, dentist and treatment
- 3 Click "Get my estimate"

*It's that easy*



# At your dentist's office

## ✔ Tell your dentist you're covered by Delta Dental of Washington

## ✔ Provide information on other dental coverage you may have

If you're covered by more than one dental plan, your dentist's office will help coordinate your coverage. Your dentist and dental plans will work together to make sure you get the most out of your dental benefits.

Tell your dentist's office about both plans. We recommend bringing both of your ID cards so they can help coordinate your coverage.

## ✔ Request a Predetermination when your dentist recommends treatment

For expensive, extensive treatment, get a precise estimate by asking your dentist to submit a Predetermination. Once submitted, you'll receive a Confirmation of Treatment and Costs.

A Confirmation details your dentist's specific treatment plan, what your benefits pay, and gives you an accurate out-of-pocket estimate. Many dentists are able to get Confirmations in real-time. If not, you can view your Confirmation through your MySmile account or wait for a paper statement via standard mail.



## ✔ Talk about your health

A healthy smile is an important part of your overall health. Research shows there's a link between your oral and overall health.

Talk to your dentist about:

- > **Cancer**  
Many treatments cause dry mouth and painful gums
- > **Diabetes**  
Gum disease makes it harder to control blood sugar
- > **Heart disease**  
People with unhealthy gums are twice as likely to have heart disease
- > **Medications**  
Many can cause dry mouth which can cause bad breath and cavities
- > **Pregnancy**  
Moms can pass cavity-causing bacteria to their babies
- > **Tobacco use**  
Increases your risk of tooth decay, gum disease, tooth loss and oral cancer



Telling your dentist about your health helps them provide better care to your smile.

[Search DeltaDentalWAblog.com to learn more](https://www.deltadentalwa.com)

# After your visit

After your visit, sign in to MySmile and click "My dental activity" to **review your Explanation of Benefits (EOB)**. If you don't have a MySmile account, you'll receive a paper copy via standard mail.

Your EOB tells you how much of your benefits were applied towards your treatment and how much you have left.

## Verify treatment

Treatments listed here should match the ones you received and were billed for. If you notice any inconsistencies, talk to your dentist's office. If you're not satisfied that your EOB is correct, let us know.

## Check your maximums and deductibles

This is helpful if you need more treatments. Use it to work with your dentist on scheduling so you don't exceed your maximums for the year.

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## Welcome

To Your Explanation of Benefits

**THIS IS NOT A BILL**

<b>Patient Name</b>	Chrissy Teeth
<b>Member ID</b>	123456789
<b>Group ID</b>	00000-00000
<b>Claim #</b>	201465432109700
<b>Claim Paid Date</b>	09/18/14
<b>Service Provided By</b>	Steve Extractor

Visit MySmile® Personal Benefits Center at [DeltaDentalWA.com](http://DeltaDentalWA.com) for more information about this claim, your benefits, and to go paperless.

**IN THE KNOW**

Your dentist is out-of-network. Get the most from your benefits with a Delta Dental PPO<sup>SM</sup> network dentist. It's easy to find one at [DeltaDentalWA.com](http://DeltaDentalWA.com)

Total Billed	Other Insurance	Your Share	Network Savings
<b>\$2786.00</b>	<b>\$1491.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$556.00</b>

Claim Notes	Service	Service Date	Amount Billed	Network Discount	Deductible Applied	Paid By Your Dental Plan	Your Share
1	Cm Por Ceramco	08/21/14	\$1123.00	\$238.00	\$50.00	\$250.50	\$50.00
1	Cm Por Ceramco	08/21/14	\$1123.00	\$238.00	\$0.00	\$300.50	\$0.00
1,2	Buildup + Pins	08/21/14	\$270.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$0.00
1,2	Buildup + Pins	08/21/14	\$270.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2786.00</b>	<b>\$556.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$689.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

Questions? Contact Customer Service at: **800.554.1907**

**Claim Notes:**

- A Delta Dental of Washington dental consultant has determined this allowance
- This procedure has been allowed based on information provided and/or the patient's history

**YOUR BENEFITS SUMMARY** | Benefit Period: 01/01/14 – 12/31/14

	paid-to date	annual		paid-to date	lifetime
Patient Deductible:	\$50.00	\$50.00	Orthodontia Maximum:	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Patient Maximum:	\$689.00	\$1,500.00			

**Benefit Period Maximum Remaining: \$811.00**

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## Other dental overage (if applicable)

Use this information to compare to your other plan's EOB and dentist's bill. If you have other coverage that is primary and this is blank, talk to your dentist office. If there is a number here and you don't think it's right, give us a call.

## Shows how your benefits were applied

Here's the math behind your cost share:

- Total Billed
- Network Savings
- Deductible
- Other Insurance (if applicable)
- Amount Paid by Your Dental Plan

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Your Share

## 3 reasons to save your EOBs.



- Itemized deductions on your taxes
- Proof of qualified medical expenses
- HSA, FSA and HRA reimbursement

# Glossary of Terms

## Balance billing

—occurs when a non-participating dentist charges you for fees that exceed those outlined in your plan's coverage level

## Coinsurance

—a type of cost-sharing arrangement based on a percentage you or we pay for a dental service

## Coordination of benefits

—when you have coverage from more than one dental benefits plan, they work together with your dentist to process and pay your claims. Your primary plan is typically the one sponsored through your employer.

## Coverage level

—most dental plans organize coverage in 3 levels; Class I, Class II, and Class III. Class I is preventive, Class II is restorative, and Class III is major.

## Covered dental benefits

—the dental services covered by your plan

## Deductible

—a set dollar amount you pay before your plan benefits start paying. Just like car insurance. You have to satisfy your deductible before we pay our share.

## Exclusions

—the dental services not covered by your plan

## Limitations

—restrictions on dental services covered by your plan

## Network discount/savings

—the difference between what your participating dentist bills for service and what they've agreed to receive from us for that service

## Non-participating dentist

—hasn't signed an agreement with us. They don't have to submit claims forms for you and may bill you for charges not covered by your plan.

## Participating dentist

—signs an agreement with us to provide your care at a discount and file claims paperwork for you. Participating dentists can't bill you for charges exceeding the fees in their agreement.

## Predetermination

—a request your dentist makes to get a detailed explanation from us of your coverage and costs based on a specific treatment plan

## Preventive care

—dental treatments, such as cleanings and fluoride, that help keep your smile healthy and avoid tooth decay

## Restorative care

—dental treatment to protect your teeth from further decay