

An additional benefit when your patient needs it:

The Special Health Care Needs Benefit from Delta Dental of New Jersey and Connecticut

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.

Delta Dental of New Jersey and Connecticut is helping dentists address the growing number of patients who require additional care due to their special health care needs (those with cognitive, physical, significant behavioral issues, medically diagnosed severe anxiety, or other potential barriers to treatment).

Starting January 2024, we're expanding our coverage for group dental plan* members to allow for:

- Additional dental examinations and/or consultations that can be beneficial prior to treatment to help patients learn what to expect and what is needed for a successful dental appointment. Additional exam benefits will be allowed for this purpose. (*Procedure codes D0120, D0145, D0150, D0160, D0180, and D9310*)
- Up to four total dental cleanings in a benefit year. (*Procedure codes D1110, D1120, D4346 and D4910*)
- The use of anesthesia and nitrous oxide necessary to provide dental care (*procedure codes D9222, D9223, D9230, D9239, and D9243*) for patients with sensory processing disorders.

Benefit Verification Before rendering services, please check the member's eligibility on our online dentist portal to verify coverage of our enhanced special needs benefit and other necessary procedures. There is no age limit on this benefit.

Claims Submission The initial claim for the expanded benefit for an eligible member should include D9997 along with the above codes to trigger the enhanced benefit. Subsequent submissions of D9997 should only occur when necessary, as defined in the ADA's current CDT definition for this code.

Questions? Contact a Network Coordinator according to your area code.

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*Does not apply to Flagship, DeltaCare® USA, or Individual and Family Plans.



Additional Resource

With support from the Delta Dental Foundation, Penn Dental Medicine has established a free continuing education series aimed at building awareness of the barriers to equitable oral health care for individuals with disabilities and developing competency to provide oral health care to this vulnerable population.

To learn more, visit the [Center for Persons with Disabilities Presentation Series](#) webpage or scan the QR code below.

