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Healthy Michigan Plan Extends Dental Coverage to Hundreds of Thousands of Michigan Residents

Dear Doctor:

Delta Dental is pleased to share good news with you about the Healthy Michigan Plan, a program that will improve access to dental care for low-income Michigan residents between the ages of 19 and 64 who are in the next income segment above traditional Medicaid. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) expects the program, which goes into effect on April 1, 2014, to eventually cover between 320,000 and 500,000 individuals. The Healthy Michigan Plan is the name given to Michigan’s Medicaid expansion, which applies to individuals between 100–133 percent of the federal poverty level.

This population will be enrolled in Michigan’s existing 13 Medicaid health plans, many of which are expected to partner with Delta Dental to administer the Healthy Michigan Plan dental benefit. Because your office participates in Delta Dental’s Premier® network, you will be automatically eligible to treat enrollees in this plan. Through this program, your office can play an important role in eliminating oral disease among this next income segment above Michigan’s traditional Medicaid population.

The enclosed information packet contains both a Healthy Michigan Plan fee schedule and the addendum to your Delta Dental Premier agreement that will be effective on April 1st.

Reimbursement to all participating dentists for covered services rendered to Healthy Michigan Plan enrollees is based on the Delta Dental PPO™ fee schedule. All covered services will be reimbursed at 100 percent of the dentist’s submitted fee or the amount in the attached Healthy Michigan Plan fee schedule, whichever is less. The participating dentist cannot balance bill the enrollee for any difference between his or her regular fees and the amount in the attached fee schedule. Eligible Healthy Michigan Plan enrollees can receive treatment from any Delta Dental Premier participating dentist who agrees to this reimbursement arrangement.
Delta Dental’s standard time limitations and policies apply to the covered services. Additionally, because the Healthy Michigan Plan is a public program designed to deliver medically necessary treatment, the removal of asymptomatic third molars is not a covered benefit.

For any services not covered by the Healthy Michigan Plan, the cost will be the responsibility of the enrollee or responsible party. **However, such cost must be discussed with these individuals in advance, and treatment should only be rendered if the individual agrees to pay for those noncovered (or alternate) services.** Please refer to the enclosed list of covered procedure codes. If a code is not on this list, it is not a covered service.

As with any Medicaid population, eligibility status can change frequently. For this reason, it is important to verify that each patient is eligible for Healthy Michigan Plan coverage on the date you provide service.

If you would like to be able to treat Healthy Michigan Plan enrollees, you don’t need to do anything. You are automatically participating in this program by virtue of your Delta Dental Premier participation status. If, however, you would prefer to opt out of Delta Dental’s Healthy Michigan Plan, you will need to submit a written statement of nonparticipation in the Healthy Michigan Plan to Delta Dental. Electing to opt out of only the Healthy Michigan Plan does not affect your participation status for any other Delta Dental groups, including Healthy Kids Dental and MIChild. To opt out, mail, fax or email a statement to Delta Dental declaring nonparticipation for the Healthy Michigan Plan. Include the doctor’s name, tax identification number, license number and office address. Nonparticipating status for the Healthy Michigan Plan will be effective 30 days from the date Delta Dental receives the statement. Address your request to Provider Records, Delta Dental, PO Box 30416, Lansing, MI 48909-7916, fax to (888) 404-8725 or send as an email attachment to providerrequests@deltadentalmi.com.

If you have other questions after reviewing the enclosed information, please call Delta Dental’s Customer Service Department at (800) 524-0149.

Sincerely,

Delta Dental of Michigan