



Employer *Bulletin*

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Uniform Dental Benefit Changes for 2016

Administration and Enrollment Changes

Effective January 1, 2016, the Uniform Dental Benefit will no longer be offered through the health plans. Delta Dental will administer the Uniform Dental Benefit for 2016. All employees and annuitants participating in the State of Wisconsin group health insurance program for 2015 will default to have dental coverage under the Uniform Dental Benefit for 2016. This includes anyone enrolled in the State Maintenance Plan, Standard Plan or Medicare Plus, which did not previously offer dental coverage. Employees and annuitants have the option to opt-out of the Uniform Dental Benefit during open enrollment (October 5-31, 2015) by filing a change through [myETF Benefits](#) or by filing a [Health Insurance Application/Change Form \(ET-2301\)](#).

Benefit and Provider Network Changes

Any dental benefit changes will be outlined in the Uniform Dental Benefit Certificate, and will be noted in the 2016 It's Your Choice open enrollment materials. Supplemental dental insurance (i.e., EPIC Benefits +, EPIC Dental Wisconsin and Anthem DentalBlue) will remain separate optional plan offerings.

Transitioning to Delta Dental for 2016 includes a change in the in-network dental providers available to employees and annuitants. Employees and annuitants should be encouraged to verify that their current dental provider is in the Delta Dental network in order to receive coverage for dental services. There will be no coverage for services received by out-of-network providers. Employees and annuitants will receive information on how to access the Delta Dental provider network directory in the 2016 It's Your Choice open enrollment materials and in mailings from Delta Dental.

Additional information for employers will be available within the next few weeks. You can currently refer to the [FAQ on the ETF website](#) for up-to-date dental information. The FAQ will continually be updated as new information is available.

Please see information on the next page if you'd like Delta Dental to participate in a benefit fair/open enrollment meeting.

Benefit Fairs

Please contact Delta Dental at etfsales@deltadentalwi.com as soon as possible to request their participation in your benefit fair/open enrollment meeting. Please provide the following information:

- Name of your organization
- Address of your organization
- Contact person at your organization: name, telephone and email
- Date of benefit fair(s)
- Time of benefit fair(s)
- Expected number of participants in benefit fair
- Would you like Delta Dental to bring a door prize?
- Are there any special restrictions or unique circumstances Delta Dental should be aware of? (for example: no phone or computers allowed on premises, no metal or other substances, etc)
- Is there a vendor information form that you need Delta to complete? If so, please attach to your email request.

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