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Subscriber's Certificate for Delta Dental Premier Individual Dental Insurance Policy

*Delta Dental** certifies that you have the right to benefits for services according to the terms of your *contract*. This certificate is part of your *contract*.

Your Right to Examine This Policy - Your satisfaction is our number one priority. You have the right to examine this policy for 10 business days from the date of delivery. Should this policy not meet your needs please return to us, within 10 business days, the original policy with a written letter informing us of your intent to cancel. You will receive a full refund of all premiums paid towards the cancelled policy and your policy will be void from its effective date. We will subtract from the refund any payments made for claims under this *contract*. If we have paid more for claims under this *contract* than you have paid us in subscription charges, we have the right to collect the excess from you.

Pre-existing conditions - Dental expenses incurred in connection with any dental procedure started prior to coverage are excluded. No benefits are available for the replacement of teeth missing prior to the member's effective date of coverage.

This Policy is guaranteed renewable for life. - This policy will be up for renewal 12 months from your effective date. We reserve the right to change premium rates upon renewal of the policy. We agree to keep your coverage in force as long as you continue to pay the premiums on time and as long as you retain your residency in the state of Massachusetts.

Entire Contract; Changes - This policy, including endorsements and attached papers, if any, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. No change in this policy shall be valid until approved by an executive officer of the insurer and unless such approval be endorsed hereon or attached hereto. No agent has authority to change this policy or to waive any of its provisions.

ATTEST: Dental Service of Massachusetts, Inc.

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Part I
Delta Dental of Massachusetts
Outline of Coverage - Delta Dental Premier National

Policy number:

1. Description of Benefits and Coinsurance Amounts:

This coverage includes the following types of services:

Type 1 services prevent or detect tooth decay and other forms of oral disease. Type 1 services are covered at 100%. There is no deductible on Type 1 services.

Examples of Type 1 services include:

1. Comprehensive oral examination, including the initial dental history and charting of teeth: This is covered once every 60 months.
2. Periodic oral evaluation. This is covered once every 6 months.
3. X-rays of the entire mouth. This is covered once every 60 months.
4. Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth). This is covered once every 6 months when oral conditions indicate need.
5. Single tooth x-rays are covered as needed.
6. Study models and casts used in planning treatment are covered.
7. Routine cleaning, scaling, and polishing of teeth are covered once every 6 months.
8. Periodontal cleanings: These are limited to once every 3 months, and are not to be combined with regular cleanings.
9. Fluoride treatment for *covered individuals* under 19 years of age. These are covered once every 6 months.
10. Space maintainers required due to the premature loss of teeth. These are covered only for *covered individuals* under age 14 and not for the replacement of primary or permanent anterior teeth.
11. Sealants on unrestored permanent molars. These are covered once per tooth for members through age 15. Sealants also are covered for members age 16 to 19 who have had a recent cavity and are at risk for decay.
12. Chlorhexidine mouth rinse: This is a covered benefit only when administered and dispensed in the dentist's office following scaling and root planing
13. Fluoride toothpaste: This is a covered benefit only when administered and dispensed in the dentist's office following periodontal surgery.

Type 2 includes services to restore decayed or *fractured* teeth with fillings; repair dentures or bridges; rebase or reline dentures; and repair or recement bridges or crown or onlays; and treat oral disease and injury involving the teeth and oral tissues with certain oral surgical procedures; and treat diseased gum tissue or bone with certain periodontal services; and treat diseased teeth with certain endodontic services. Type 2 services are covered at 50%. There is a \$50 deductible on Type 2 and Type 3 services.

Examples of these services include:

1. Fillings consisting of silver amalgam and, in the case of front teeth, synthetic tooth color fillings are covered, but are limited to one filling for each tooth surface for each 24-month period. However, synthetic (white) fillings are limited to single-surface restorations for posterior teeth. Multi-surface synthetic restorations on posterior teeth will be treated as an alternate benefit, and an amalgam allowance will be granted. No benefits are provided for replacement of a filling within 24 months of the date that the prior filling was furnished.
2. Sedative fillings are covered once per tooth.
3. Stainless steel crowns on deciduous (baby) teeth are covered once every 24 months per tooth.
4. Repair of dentures or fixed bridges are covered once every 12 months Recementing of fixed bridges is covered once in a lifetime.
5. Rebase or reline dentures are covered once every 36 months.
6. Tissue conditioning: Two treatments every 36 months are covered.
7. Repair or recement crowns and onlays are covered. Recementing is limited to once every 12 months per tooth.
8. Simple tooth extractions are covered.
9. General anesthesia is covered only when necessary and appropriate for covered surgical services and when provided by a licensed, practicing dentist.
10. Adding teeth to existing partial or full dentures is covered.
11. Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain as a minor procedure is covered.
12. Certain surgical services to treat oral disease or injury are covered. This includes surgical tooth extractions and extractions of impacted teeth.
13. Periodontal services to treat diseased gum tissue or bone including the removal of diseased gum tissue (gingivectomy) and the removal or reshaping of diseased bone (osseous surgery) are covered. Periodontic benefits are determined according to our "Periodontal Guidelines."
14. Endodontic services for root canal treatment of permanent teeth are covered, including the treatment of the nerve of a tooth, the removal of dental pulp, and the pulpal therapy. Vital pulpotomy is limited to deciduous teeth.

Type 3 includes services and supplies to: replace missing natural teeth with artificial ones; remove diseased or damaged natural teeth; and restore severely decayed or *fractured* teeth; and treat oral disease and injury involving the teeth and oral tissues with certain oral surgical procedures; and treat diseased gum tissue or bone with certain periodontal services; and treat diseased teeth with certain endodontic services. Type 3 services are covered at 40%. There is a \$50 deductible on Type 2 and Type 3 services.

Examples of Type 3 services include:

1. Crowns and onlays are covered only when the teeth cannot be restored with the fillings due to severe decay or *fractures*.
 2. Dentures and bridges:
 - a) Complete or partial dentures and fixed bridges including services to measure, fit, and adjust them are covered once each 60 months.
 - b) Replacement of dentures and fixed bridges are covered, but only when they cannot be made serviceable and were inserted at least 60 months before replacement.
 - c) Temporary partial dentures are covered as follows:
 - 1) To replace any of the 6 upper or lower front teeth, but only if they are installed immediately following the loss of teeth during the period of healing.
 - 2) For the replacement of permanent teeth for covered individuals who are under 16 years.
2. The annual calendar year maximum for this plan is \$1000.
3. Frequency Limitations: – Refer to Policy Limits and Exclusions:
1. Comprehensive Oral Examination (including the initial dental history and charting of teeth); once every 60 months.
 2. Periodic oral evaluation; once every 6 months.
 3. X-rays of the entire mouth; once every 60 months.
 4. Bitewing x-rays (x-rays of the crowns of the teeth); once every 6 months for *covered individuals* when oral conditions indicate need.
 5. Routine cleaning, scaling and polishing of teeth; once every 6 months.
 6. Periodontal Cleanings – limited to once every 3 months, not to be combined with regular cleanings.
 7. Fluoride treatment for *covered individuals* under 19 years of age; once every 6 months.
 8. Space maintainers required due to the premature loss of teeth; only for *covered individuals* under age 14 and not for the replacement of primary or permanent anterior teeth.
 9. Sealants—Unrestored permanent molars, once per tooth for members through age 15. Sealants are also covered for members age 16 to 19 for those who have had a recent cavity and are at risk for decay.

10. Chlorhexidine mouth rinse—this is a covered benefit only when administered and dispensed in the dentist’s office following scaling and root planing.
11. Fluoride Toothpaste—this is a covered benefit only when administered and dispensed in the dentist’s office following periodontal surgery.
12. Periodontal Treatments (root planing/sub gingival curettage)—are limited to four quadrants during any 24 consecutive months.
13. Fillings consisting of silver amalgam and (in the case of front teeth) synthetic tooth color fillings, but limited to one filling for each tooth surface for each 24-month period. However, synthetic (white) fillings are limited to single-surface restorations for posterior teeth. Multi-surface synthetic restorations on posterior teeth will be treated as an alternate benefit and an amalgam allowance will be given. No benefits are provided for replacing a filling within 24 months of the date that the prior filling was furnished.
14. Sedative fillings; once per tooth.
15. Stainless steel crowns on deciduous (baby) teeth; once every 24 months per tooth.
16. Repair of dentures or fixed bridges; once every 12 months . Recementing of fixed bridges; once in a lifetime.
17. Rebase or reline dentures; once every 36 months.
18. Tissue conditioning; two treatments every 36 months.
19. Repair or recement crowns and onlays. Recementing is limited to once every 12 months per tooth.
20. Complete or partial dentures and fixed bridges including services to measure, fit, and adjust them; once each 60 months.
21. Replacement of dentures and fixed bridges, but only when they cannot be made serviceable and were installed at least 60 months
22. Temporary partial dentures as follows:
 - a. To replace any of the six upper or lower front teeth, but only if they are installed immediately following the loss of teeth during the period of healing.
 - b. For the replacement of permanent teeth for *covered individuals* who are under 16 years.
23. Crowns and onlays only when the teeth cannot be restored with fillings due to severe decay or *fractures*.
24. Replacement of crowns and onlays; once each 60 months per tooth.

4. Waiting Periods: There are 6 month waiting periods for Type II services and 12 month waiting periods for Type III services under this policy.

5. Pre-existing conditions: For work in progress prior to the effective date of this policy – dental expenses incurred in connection with any dental procedure started prior to coverage are excluded. No benefits are available for the replacement of teeth missing prior to the member’s effective date of coverage.

6. This policy is renewable upon becoming eligible for Medicare.

7. Dependents will no longer be eligible for coverage under the subscriber's policy once they reach their 26th birthday or 2 years past their loss of dependent status as defined by the Internal Revenue code, whichever occurs first.

8. This policy is subject to premium increases at the time of renewal. This policy will be in force for 12 months from the effective date.

9. You have the right to examine this policy for 10 days from the date of delivery. Should this policy not meet your needs please return to us, within 10 days, the original policy with a written letter informing us of your intent to cancel. You will receive a full refund of all premiums paid towards the cancelled policy and your policy will be void from the original effective date. We will subtract from the refund any payments made for claims under this *contract*. If we have paid more for claims under this *contract* than you have paid us in subscription charges, we have the right to collect the excess from you.

Read your policy carefully. This disclosure statement is a very brief summary of your policy. The policy itself sets forth the rights and obligations of both you and the insurance company. It is, therefore, important that you **READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY**.

COMPLAINTS: If you have a complaint, call us at 800-872-0500 or your agent. If you are not satisfied, you may call the Massachusetts Division of Insurance

Part II: Definitions

Calendar-year Deductible: this *deductible* must be satisfied each calendar year.

Carry-forward Deductible: any portion of the *deductible* amount that is satisfied during the last three months of the calendar year is carried forward and applied to the following year's *deductible*.

Contract: this Subscriber's Certificate, Enrollment Form, any applicable Riders, Endorsements and Supplemental Agreements.

Covered Individual: a person who receives dental benefits from *Delta Dental*. This usually includes *subscribers* and their dependents.

Date of Service: the actual date that the service was completed. With multi-stage procedures, the date of service is the final completion date (the insertion date of a denture for example).

Deductible: the portion of the covered dental expenses, which the subscriber must pay before the plan's payment begins.

Delta Dental: Dental Service of Massachusetts, Inc. is doing business as either *Delta Dental* of Massachusetts or *Delta Dental*.

Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist: a dentist who has not signed an agreement with *Delta Dental* to accept *Delta Dental Premier* allowances for services rendered on *subscribers* in the *Delta Dental Premier* plan. A *Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist* will be reimbursed by *Delta Dental* up to the maximum fee allowance for each geographic area or the dentists submitted fee, whichever is less.

Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentists: a dentist who has signed an agreement with *Delta Dental* to accept reimbursement based on an established allowance for services rendered on *subscribers* enrolled in the *Delta Dental Premier* plan.

Dependent: *Delta Dental* covers *dependent* children up to age 26 or two years past their loss of dependent status under the internal revenue code, whichever occurs first.

Effective Date: the date, as shown on our records, on which your coverage begins under this *contract* or an amendment to it.

Family Contract: a *contract* that includes you, your spouse and your unmarried *dependent* children, as well as their unmarried *dependent* children. Dependents are covered up to age 26 or two years past their loss of dependent status under the Internal Revenue code, whichever occurs first. **Adopted children** and children under your own or your spouse's legal guardianship are also covered. In addition, **a physically or mentally handicapped child** who

is incapable of earning his or her own living and over 19 years may be eligible to continue coverage under a family membership if *Delta Dental* is notified within 72 days of the child's nineteenth birthday and by completing a disabled dependent application.

Fracture: the breaking off of rigid tooth structure not including crazing due to thermal changes or chipping due to attrition.

Maximum Fee Allowance: The payment amount that *Delta Dental* sets for the *Non-Participating Dentist* for services that may be provided under this *contract*. Benefits are payable in accordance with the Outline of Reimbursement as filed and approved by the Division of Insurance for Massachusetts dentists for this contract and the terms and conditions of the applicable Benefits Payable Rider attached to this certificate and in effect at the time services are rendered..

Open Enrollment: a period during which an organization allows persons not previously enrolled in the dental plan to apply for plan membership.

Schedule of Maximum Covered Charges: the payment amount that *Delta Dental* sets for the services that may be provided under this *contract* and is on file with the Commissioner of Insurance. Benefits are payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Benefits Payable Rider attached to this certificate and in effect at the time services are rendered.

Subscriber: an individual whose name this policy is under.

Table of Allowance: the payment amount that *Delta Dental* sets for the services that may be provided under this *contract* and on file with the Commissioner of Insurance. Benefits are payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Benefits Payable Rider attached to this certificate and in effect at the time services are rendered.

Part III: Limitations and Exclusions

1. WE LIMIT BENEFITS FOR SOME SURGICAL SERVICES

No benefits are provided for the following services when the *covered individual's* condition requires that he or she be admitted as an inpatient in a hospital or surgical day care center.

However, we will consider review of the following in-hospital surgical procedures for coverage if they are not benefits under your medical carrier's *contract*:

- surgical removal of unerupted teeth or impacted teeth when imbedded in bone
- extraction of seven or more permanent teeth
- the excision of a benign or cancerous growth other than a radicular cyst
- radicular cysts involving the roots of three or more teeth
- gingivectomies involving two or more gum quadrants
- gingival flap

- mucogingival surgery
- osseous surgery
- osseous graft
- soft tissue graft

We will not consider coverage:

- if our non-payment was due to you reaching your maximum
- if our non-payment was due to you meeting your deductible and having no payment due after such deductible was met.

2. WE PROVIDE BENEFITS ONLY FOR NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE SERVICES

We will not provide benefits for a dental service that is not covered under the terms of your *contract* as listed in your benefits. In addition, we will not provide benefits for a covered dental service that is not necessary and appropriate to diagnose or to treat your dental condition as determined by *Delta Dental*.

- A. To be necessary and appropriate, a service must be: consistent with the prevention of oral disease or with the diagnosis and treatment on (1) those teeth that are decayed or *fractured* or (2) those teeth where supporting periodontium is weakened by disease in accordance with standards of good dental practice not solely for your convenience or the convenience of your dentist
- B. Delta Dental will determine what is necessary and appropriate under the terms of the *contract*: That decision is made by *Delta Dental* based on a review of your dental records describing your condition and treatment. We may decide a service is not necessary and appropriate under the terms of the *contract* even if your dentist has furnished, prescribed, ordered, recommended or approved the service.

3. WE DO NOT PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR:

- A service or procedure that is not generally accepted as determined by *Delta Dental*.
- A service or procedure that is not described as a benefit in this *contract*.
- Services that are rendered due to the requirements of a third party, such as an employer or school.
- Travel time and related expenses.
- An illness or injury that we determine arose out of and in the course of your employment.
- A service for which you are not required to pay, or for which you would not be required to pay if you did not have this *contract*.
- A method of treatment more costly than is customarily provided. Benefits will be based on the least costly method of treatment.
- A separate fee for services rendered by interns, residents, fellows or dentists who are salaried employees of a hospital or other facility.
- Appointments with your dentist that you fail to keep.

- Dietary advice and instructions in dental hygiene including proper methods of tooth brushing, the use of dental floss, plaque control programs and caries susceptibility tests.
- A service rendered by someone other than a licensed dentist or a hygienist who is employed by a licensed dentist.
- Consultations.
- A service to treat disorders of the joints of the jaw (temporomandibular joints).
- A service, supply or procedure to increase the height of teeth (increase vertical dimension) or restore occlusion.
- Restorations for reasons other than decay or fracture, such as erosion, abrasion, or attrition.
- Services that are meant primarily to change or to improve your appearance.
- Occlusal guards for the treatment of disorders of the joints of the jaw or for bruxism (grinding).
- Implants when not in lieu of a three unit bridge
- Transplants.
- Replacement of dentures, bridges, space maintainers or periodontic appliances due to theft or loss.
- Services, supplies or appliances to stabilize teeth when required due to periodontal disease such as periodontal splinting.
- Lab exams.
- Photographs.
- Laminate veneers.
- Duplicate dentures and bridges.
- Temporary, complete dentures and temporary fixed bridges or crowns.
- Stainless steel crowns on permanent teeth.
- Cast restorations, copings and attachments for installing overdentures.
- Services related to congenital anomalies. However, this exclusion does not apply to orthodontic services that may be covered by an orthodontic rider.
- Tooth desensitization.
- Occlusal adjustment.

Part IV: Other Contract Provisions

1. **BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES BY A *PANEL DENTISTS***
 The amount of co-insurance and deductibles, if any, that you may be required to pay your *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentist* is explained in the Benefits Payable Rider you have purchased. Payments are made directly to *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentists*.

2. **WHEN YOUR *PANEL DENTIST* MAY CHARGE YOU MORE**
 When your *panel dentist* provides covered services, he or she must accept the negotiated fee allowance as payment in full. But in the following cases you will be responsible for the difference between the *Delta Dental maximum fee allowance* payment and the dentist's actual charge for covered services.

- A. If you have received the maximum benefit allowed for services.
- B. If you and your dentist decide to use services that are more expensive than those customarily furnished by most dentists, benefits will be provided towards the service with the lower fee.
- C. If you receive payment from another person or his or her insurance company for injuries he or she caused.
- D. If, for some reason, you receive services from more than one dentist for the same dental procedure or receive services that are furnished in a series during a planned course of treatment. In such a case the total amount of your benefit will not be more than the amount that would have been provided if only one dentist had furnished all the services.
- E. If the *Delta Dental* payment is based on a *schedule of maximum covered charges* or a standard *table of allowance*.

3. PRE-TREATMENT ESTIMATES

If your dentist expects that dental treatment will involve a series of covered services (over \$300), he or she should file a copy of the treatment plan with *Delta Dental* BEFORE these services are rendered to a *covered individual*. A treatment plan is a detailed description of the procedures that the dentist plans to perform and includes an estimate of the charges for each service.

Upon receipt of the treatment plan, we will notify you and your dentist about the maximum extent of your benefits for the services reported.

NOTE: Pre-treatment estimates are calculated based on current available benefits and the patient's eligibility. Estimates are subject to modification and eligibility that applies at the time services are completed and a claim is submitted for payment.

4. BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES BY *NON-PANEL DENTISTS*

Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentists: For services performed by a *Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist*, the benefit for each type of service will be based on the maximum fee allowance for each geographic area or the dentist's submitted fee, whichever is lower. You will be responsible for paying the dentist the difference between the dentist's fee and the amount paid by *Delta Dental*.

To find out if your dentist participates with *Delta Dental* ask your dentist if he or she has an agreement with us or call our Customer Service department.

5. SUBROGATION

You may have a legal right to recover some costs of your dental care from someone else because another person has caused your illness or injury. When you have this right, you must let us use it if we decide to recover any payments we have made for the illness or injury. However, if you use this right to recover money from someone else, you must

repay us for the payments we have made. Our right to repayment comes first. It can be reduced only by our share of your reasonable cost of collecting your claim against the other person, or if the payment received is described as payment for anything other than dental expenses. You must give us information and assistance and sign necessary documents to help us receive our repayment. You must not do anything that might limit our repayment.

6. WE MUST HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR DENTAL AND/OR OTHER RECORDS

You agree that when you claim benefits under this *contract*, you give us the right to obtain all dental records and/or other related information that we need from any source. This information will be kept confidential. *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentists* have agreed to give us all information necessary to determine your benefits under this *contract*. If you receive services from a *Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist* who practices and treats you outside Massachusetts, you must help us obtain all dental records or other related information we need. *Delta Dental* will not pay the dentist for providing this information. If the out-of-state *Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist* does not provide the required information, we may not provide benefits for his or her services.

The insurer, at its own expense, shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of the insured when and as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim hereunder.

7. SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE

- A. Payments: The amount of money that you pay to *Delta Dental* for your benefits under this *contract* is called your subscription charge. You are responsible to pay to *Delta Dental* the total subscription charges by the due date indicated on each **monthly** invoice.
- B. Grace Period: A grace period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of each subscription falling due after the first premium during which grace period the policy shall continue in force. If subscription charges have not been paid within 31 days after the date on which payment is due, *Delta Dental*, upon written notice to you, may terminate this Agreement as of the date to which subscription charges have been paid.
- C. Reinstatement: If any renewal premium is not paid within the time granted the insured for payment, a subsequent acceptance of premium by the insurer or by any agent duly authorized by the insurer to accept such premium, without requiring in connection therewith an application for reinstatement, shall reinstate the policy; provided, however, that if the insurer or such agent requires an application for reinstatement and issues a conditional receipt for the premium tendered, the policy will be reinstated upon approval of such application by the insurer or, lacking such approval, upon the 45th day following the date of such conditional receipt unless the insurer has previously notified the insured in writing of its disapproval of such

application. The reinstated policy shall cover only loss resulting from such accidental injury as may be sustained after the date of reinstatement and loss due to such sickness as may begin more than 10 days after such date. In all other respects the insured and insurer shall have the same rights there under as they had under the policy immediately before the due date of the defaulted premium, subject to any provision endorsed hereon or attached hereto in connection with the reinstatement. Any premium accepted in connection with a reinstatement shall be applied to a period for which premium has not been previously paid but not to any period more than sixty days prior to the date of reinstatement.

- D. Changes: Delta Dental may change your subscription charge. Each time we change the subscription charge Delta Dental will send you a notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date of change.

8. WE MAY CHANGE YOUR CONTRACT

We may change a part of your *contract*. We will send you a notice each time we do so. The notice will describe the change being made. You can also call our Customer Service department to get information on your plan change. Telephone numbers are listed at the end of this certificate.

The notice will tell you the *effective date* of the change. The change will apply to all benefits for services you receive on or after the *effective date*. There is one exception: If before the *effective date* of the change you started receiving services for a procedure requiring two or more visits, we will not apply the change to services related to that procedure.

9. WHEN YOUR COVERAGE ENDS

A *covered individual* will not be eligible for coverage when any of the following occurs:

- A. The *subscriber* is no longer enrolled in the plan.
- B. Your unmarried dependent child under your *family contract* reaches their 26th birthday or 2 years have passed since they lost dependent status under internal revenue code, whichever occurs first.
- C. However, if your unmarried dependent child is either mentally or physically handicapped upon reaching 26 years and is incapable of earning his or her own living, special arrangements can be made for your child to continue coverage under your *family contract*. You must apply for this continued coverage within 72 days of your child's twenty-sixth birthday. In addition, you must supply us with any medical or other information that we may need to determine if your child is eligible to continue coverage under your *family contract*.
- D. Whenever your dependent child's coverage under your *family contract* ends, the coverage for any offspring of that dependent child also ends.
- E. If you become divorced or legally separated, your spouse's coverage under an existing family membership will continue so long as you remain a *subscriber* of the plan, unless a court judgment provides otherwise. This coverage will continue until either you or your spouse remarries, or until the date of coverage termination stated in the judgment

of divorce or separation, whichever is earlier. If you remarry and your divorce judgment so provides, your former spouse will have the right, for an additional subscription, to continue to receive such benefits as are available to you by means of the issuance of an individual plan.

F. The subscriber is no longer a Massachusetts resident.

10. TERMINATION OF A CONTRACT

A. You may cancel your *contract*. You must give us notice in writing at least 30 days prior to the termination date. If you cancel your *contract*, you must wait at least one year after your cancellation before you can enroll again as a *subscriber*.

B. *Delta Dental* may cancel your *contract*.

We may cancel your *coverage* if you have not paid your subscription charges.

Cancellation will be effective on a date we choose, but not earlier than the subscription charge due date. You will owe us the subscription charge due for the period between the due date and the cancellation date

A written notice will be sent to your last known home address. The notice will include, the date your dental plan was terminated, the termination was due to non payment of subscription charges, and Delta Dental will honor dental services that are covered under your dental plan for you and your dependents prior to the effective date of the notification.

Delta Dental will make a reasonable effort to notify you. The notice will be sent by either first class or certified mail, postage pre-paid to your last-known home address

In addition, we may, upon due notice to you, cancel your *contract* under any of the following circumstances:

- a) We may cancel your *contract* if you make any fraudulent claim or misrepresentation to us or to any dentist, such as an incorrect or incomplete statement on your application card which led us to believe you were eligible for this coverage when in fact you were not. In such a case, cancellation will be as of your *effective date*. We will refund you the subscription charge you have paid us. We will subtract from the refund any payments made for claims under this *contract*. If we have paid more for claims under this *contract* than you have paid us in subscription charges, we have the right to collect the excess from you.
- b) We may cancel your *contract* if your subscription charges are overdue according to the provisions of 940 CMR 9.00. Cancellation will be effective on a date we choose, but not earlier than the subscription charge due date. You will owe us the subscription charge due for the period between the due date and the cancellation date.

- c) We may cancel your *contract* if you have been guilty of uncooperative or unethical dealings with us, or for any other cause that the Commissioner of Insurance approves.
- d) Time Limit on Certain Defenses: After two years from the date of issue of this policy no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the applicant in the application for such policy shall be used to void the policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred or disability as defined in the policy commencing after the expiration of such two-year period OR Incontestable: After this policy has been in force for a period of two years during the lifetime of the insured (excluding any period during which the insured is disabled), it shall become incontestable as to the statements contained in the application. No claim for loss incurred or disability (as defined in the policy) commencing after two years from the date of issue of this policy shall be reduced or denied on the ground that a disease or physical condition not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of loss had existed prior to the effective date of coverage of this policy.
- e) We may cancel your *contract* if you commit any acts of physical or verbal abuse which readily pose a threat to a dentist or other of our members which are unrelated to your mental or physical condition.
- f) We may cancel your contract if you are no longer a resident of Massachusetts.

11. BENEFITS AFTER CANCELLATION

If you cancel your *contract* no benefits will be provided for services that you receive after your cancellation date.

If we cancel your *contract* for any reason other than misrepresentation, we will continue to provide benefits only if before the cancellation date you started receiving services for a procedure that requires two or more visits and the treatment is completed within 30 days of the termination date. In such a case, the benefits described in this *contract* are available after your cancellation date for services related to that procedure.

12. NOTICES

To you: When we send a notice to you we will send it by first class mail. Once we mail the notice or bill we are not responsible for its delivery. This applies to your bill for subscription charges as well as to a notice of a change in the subscription charge or a change in the *contract*. If your name or mailing address should change, you should notify *Delta Dental* at once.

Send letters to *Delta Dental*, 465 Medford Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02129. Always include your name and *Delta Dental subscriber* identification number

13. ENROLLMENT AND CONTRACT CHANGES

All enrollment applications and any additions or changes to a *contract* are allowed ONLY when they conform to our Underwriting Guidelines on file with the Commissioner of Insurance.

14. WHEN AND HOW BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED

Benefits will be provided ONLY for those covered services that are furnished on or after the *effective date* of this *contract*. If before a *subscriber's effective date* he or she started receiving services for a procedure that requires two or more visits, NO BENEFITS are available for services related to that procedure.

In order for you to receive any of the benefits for which you may have a right, you must inform your dentist that you are a *covered individual* and supply him or her with your *Delta Dental subscriber* identification number and any necessary information needed to file your claim. If you fail to inform your dentist within 12 months after the services are rendered, we will no longer be obligated to provide any benefits for those services.

15. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF DENTISTS

We will not interfere with the relationship between dentists and patients. You are free to select any dentist. It is your responsibility to find a dentist. We are not responsible if a dentist refuses to furnish services to you. We are not liable for injuries or damages resulting from the acts or omissions of a dentist.

16. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

Delta Dental will coordinate benefits (COB) when you or your dependents have another plan that covers the same services as your *contract*. *Delta Dental* will apply COB according to applicable law (including the provisions of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance's regulations regarding COB, the "COB Regulations") and this Subscriber's Certificate. A copy of the COB Regulations is available from Delta Dental upon request.

The plan that provides benefits first under the COB rules is the primary plan. The primary plan will provide benefits according to its terms of coverage. The primary plan does not consider the coverage of any other plan. The plan that provides benefits next is the secondary plan. The secondary plan provides benefits toward the remaining balance of covered services subject to its terms of coverage and COB provision.

When *Delta Dental* is the secondary plan, we will provide benefits toward the remaining balance for covered services. These benefits are determined by the terms of your *contract* and this Subscriber's Certificate, subject to the COB Regulations.

17. RIGHT TO RECOVER OVERPAYMENTS

If we pay more than we should have under COB, then you must refund any overpayment to *Delta Dental*.

IMPORTANT: No statement in this section shall mean that we will provide more benefits than those described in your *contract*. If you have questions about COB or your *contract*, please contact our Customer Service Department. The telephone numbers are listed at the end of the Subscriber's certificate.

18. LEGAL ACTIONS

No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on this policy prior to the expiration of sixty days after written proof of such loss has been furnished in accordance with the requirements of this policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three years after the time written proof of loss is required to be furnished.

Part V: Filing a Claim

1. EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

Each time we process a claim for you under this *contract*, a written notice may be sent to you called an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) which will explain your benefits for that claim. This notice will tell you how we paid the claim or the reason(s) it was denied.

2. WHO FILES A CLAIM

A. Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentists: *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentists* will file claims directly to us for the services covered by this *contract*. We will make benefit payments to them.

B. Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentists: If you use a *Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist* you may be asked to file a claim. Claims payments will be made directly to you. It is your responsibility to pay your dentist. You are also responsible for paying the dentist the difference between his/her full charge and *Delta Dental's* payment.

3. TIME LIMIT OF FILING CLAIMS

All claims for benefits under this *contract* for services by a *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentist* or a *Delta Dental Premier Non-panel Dentist* must be submitted within **one year** of the date that you complete the service.

If benefits are denied because a *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentist* fails to submit a claim on time, you will not be responsible for paying the dentist for the portion of the dentist's charge that would have been a benefit under your plan. You will be responsible for your patient liability, if any. This applies only if you properly inform your *Delta Dental Premier Panel Dentist* that you are a *covered individual* by presenting your *subscriber* identification card.

4. WHEN YOU FILE A CLAIM

When you file a claim for the services of a *non-panel dentist* who is a *non-participating dentist*, the following rules apply.

You must give us written notice of claim within one year of the occurrence or commencement of any service covered by the policy. Notice given by or on behalf of the insured or the beneficiary to the insurer at *Delta Dental's* main office or to any authorized

agent of the insurer, with information sufficient to identify the insured, shall be deemed notice to the insurer.

Obtain an Attending Dentist's Statement claim form from *Delta Dental* complete it, and send it to *Delta Dental*. After we receive your completed forms we will (a) send you a check for your claim to the extent of your benefits under this *contract*; or (b) send you a notice in writing of why we are not paying your claim; or (c) send you a notice in writing of what additional information or records we need to decide if we should pay your claim. It is up to you to pay your dentist. If you have any questions, contact our Customer Service department. *Delta Dental* telephone numbers are listed at the end of this certificate.

Claim forms: The insured can obtain a claim form from our website, www.deltadentalma.com, or by requesting a claim form from our Customer Service department. If such forms are not furnished within 15 days after the request the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this policy as to proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed in the policy for filing proofs of loss, written proof covering the occurrence, the character and the extent of the loss for which the claim is made.

Proof of Loss: Written proof of loss must be furnished to the insurer at its said office in case of claim for loss for which this policy provides any periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss within ninety days after the termination of the period for which the insurer is liable and in case of claim for any other loss within ninety days after the date of such loss. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided such proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possibly and in no event except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the time proof is otherwise required.

Time of Payment of Claims: All benefits under this policy for any loss will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof of such loss. However, no benefits will be paid until the Claim Form required by the policy has been submitted to Delta Dental.

Payment of Claims: Dental benefits provided under this policy will be paid by Delta Dental directly to *Panel Dentists* and non-panel *participating dentists*. Claim payments for services performed by *nonparticipating* dentists will be made directly to you, or to your estate should any benefits be unpaid at death.

If you have any questions, contact our Customer Service department. *Delta Dental* telephone numbers are listed at the end of this certificate.



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DOING BUSINESS AS DELTA DENTAL OF MASSACHUSETTS

To be attached to and form a part of your policy

Your contract has been changed as follows:

The name and signature of the officer that appears on your policy has been changed and replaced with the name and signature below.



Steve Pollock
President and CEO

NOTE: Underlined terms are defined in your contract.

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