

September 2010

RE: ORTHODONTIC SERVICES

Dear Delta Dental Legion Network Dentist:

As of October 1, 2010, Federal Government Programs will be applying Delta Dental's national processing policies to orthodontic services. This will be for orthodontic cases that begin banding as of October 1, 2010. These policies are already being applied to all other (non-orthodontic) services.

Delta Dental Legion network regional fees for orthodontics were established on July 1, 2010. New Fee Schedules that included fees for orthodontic procedures covered under the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) were mailed to you in June.

The fee for an orthodontic procedure will now be shown as both the "approved and allowed" fee on your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Under the TRDP, network dentists are permitted to bill the enrollee/patient only up to the "approved" fee less any payment made by Delta Dental.

We have enclosed revised pages for your Delta Dental of California, Federal Services Division Dentist Handbook as well as an updated revision history sheet, which should be retained in your handbook for future reference. The complete updated Dentist Handbook can be found on the TRDP website at www.trdp.org.

We appreciate your attention to this important update. Thank you for your participation with Delta Dental and continued care of the Uniformed Services retirees and their family members who are covered under the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.

Sincerely,

Professional Services