In the past, a trip to the dentist simply ensured a bright, shiny, cavity-free smile. Now, researchers are continuing to find evidence that suggests good oral health can positively impact many medical conditions.\(^1\) This means regular dental checkups can improve whole body health, which can translate into lower, overall medical costs for companies and their employees.

**Why the program is important**

According to the American Academy of Periodontology, pregnant women with periodontal disease may be seven times more likely to have a baby that’s born too early or too small. For those with diabetes, research shows that increased sugar levels have a negative impact on oral health, and those with periodontal disease find it far more difficult to control sugar levels.\(^2\) Individuals with certain heart conditions can be impacted by gum disease and infections, such as oral bacteria infecting their hearts.\(^3\) Radiation and/or chemotherapy treatments for cancer patients can have direct effects on salivary glands and oral tissues, which, if not treated, can lead to a higher risk of developing cavities, oral pain and infections.\(^4\)

**Who is eligible?**

Members who have one of these conditions can enroll in the program to become eligible for one additional cleaning and exam* beyond the ordinary limit per benefit period. For pregnant members, the additional service will be during the term of their pregnancy. Cancer patients will also be eligible for an additional fluoride application beyond the age limit specified by their group contract.

**Get started improving your employees’ oral health today.**

It’s easy to enroll in Healthy Smile, Healthy You. Simple, one page enrollment forms can be printed from DeltaDentalVA.com. Once the form is received, enrollment is complete and the enrollee can talk to their dentist about scheduling their additional visit.

*Members may be eligible for a periodontal maintenance procedure if the employee has a history of definitive periodontal treatment, such as surgery.

**NOTE:** Healthy Smile, Healthy You is included as a standard feature for all fully insured groups with Delta Dental PPO\(^5\) and/or Delta Dental Premier\(^5\) coverage. ASO groups with Delta Dental PPO and/or Premier coverage may choose to include Healthy Smile, Healthy You as an optional feature. DeltaCare\(^\circledast\) enrollees are not eligible for Healthy Smile, Healthy You.

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