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**Attention:** South Dakota Medicaid Dental Providers

**From:** South Dakota Medicaid

**RE:** Dental Services Updates

South Dakota Medicaid has implemented several changes to update and improve the dental benefit for recipients and providers.

### **Adult Annual Maximum**

The adult annual maximum for dental services has been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The change is effective for the current plan year (July 1 – June 30).

The \$2,000 yearly maximum applies to all adult Medicaid recipients age 21 and older. Some services are exempted from the annual max, including two annual exams, two cleanings, and two sets of bitewings. Emergent dental services and dentures and partials are also exempt when corresponding documentation is submitted to Delta Dental of South Dakota with the claim.

### **Sealant Coverage**

To encourage the use of evidenced-based preventive techniques, effective September 1, 2022, South Dakota Medicaid covers dental sealants on the occlusal surface on non-cavitated, unrestored permanent bicuspid and molars and primary molars once in a two-year period.

### **Third Molar Extraction Policy**

Effective September 1, 2022, severe pain or swelling is now considered a medically necessary reason for extraction of third molars. In addition, if extraction of one third molar is considered medically necessary, all third molars proposed for extraction on the treatment plan will be approved.

Please contact Delta Dental of South Dakota at 1-877-841-1478 with any questions regarding this change.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid