**Did you Know?**

Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease. Children with toothaches typically miss more school than children with healthy mouths, and poor dental health can affect a child’s overall health and well-being. Delta Dental of Colorado is dedicated to improving Colorado’s dental health by working to eradicate childhood tooth decay and increasing access to dental care.

Delta Dental of Colorado administers the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) dental benefits for Colorado. CHP+ is a public low-cost health insurance for certain children and pregnant women. It is for people who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but find it difficult to afford private health insurance.

Children covered under CHP+ have $1,000 of allowable benefits per calendar year (January 1–December 31). There are no out-of-pocket costs or copayments for dental exams, cleanings, or sealants, but they do count against the annual benefit maximum. Unfortunately, many parents are not aware of the CHP+ benefits, and as a result, many benefits go unused each year.

The start of the new year is the ideal time to educate parents about CHP+ dental benefits. Providers can play an important role. It’s as easy as…

1. Select a CHP+ Dentist from the CHP+ Provider Directory at deltadentalco.com/chp.aspx or call 1-800-610-0201.
2. Schedule an appointment for two dental exams and two cleanings each year.
3. Encourage parents to talk to their dentist about sealants — a thin plastic coating that helps prevent cavities. They should be placed when both sets of molars first come in, usually around 2nd and 7th grade.

Delta Dental also offers a special fund up to $1,000 for CHP+ members who reach their annual benefit maximum. These funds are available to the practicing dentist through an application and treatment plan process. For more information, contact Monica Woods at 303-889-8607.

The smile on a child’s face is priceless. There is a lot parents and providers can do to help keep it that way. In fact, maintaining children’s teeth, gums, and mouth is key to their overall health.

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