Orthodontics Services means procedures performed by a dentist using appliances to treat poor alignment of teeth and their surrounding structure, which significantly interferes with their function.

Orthodontic Benefits are subject to the copayment percentage and lifetime maximum quoted in the dental proposal. Any amount paid toward the annual maximum for all other services covered under the Contract does not apply to Orthodontic Services. Any amount for Orthodontic Services that exceeds the lifetime maximum is the responsibility of the enrollee. Also, there is no deductible applied toward Orthodontic Services.

**Limitations**
If the enrolled person is already in orthodontic treatment, benefits shall commence with the first payment due following the patient's effective date or any applicable waiting period. Charges incurred prior to the patient’s effective date are disallowed (one-third of the total treatment fee as the initial banding fee and any pro-rated monthly expenses prior to the patient’s coverage effective date). Benefits will end immediately if orthodontic treatment is stopped.

**Exclusions**
Charges to repair or replace any orthodontic appliance are not covered, regardless if the appliance was a covered benefit under this plan or any other. Charges for x-rays (except for cephalometric film) or extractions are not covered under this rider. These services may be covered under Diagnostic and Preventive Services or Basic Services described in the Contract.

Delta Dental Riders are subject to all provisions of the Group Dental Insurance Contract.

**PLAN BENEFITS:** For eligible Orthodontic services, Delta Dental Pays 50% subject to a plan maximum per enroll per lifetime. Available plan maximums are $1000, $1200, $1500 and $2,000.