

Timely Access to Care Notice

California law requires health plans to provide timely access to care. This law sets limits on how long enrollees have to wait to get appointments and telephone assistance. Delta Dental enrollees have the right to appointments and care within the following time frames:

- a. Emergency care is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. An active after-hours mechanism, such as an answering machine, answering service, a cell phone, or a pager, is available at provider offices for 24-hour/7-day contact or instructions.
- b. Urgent care is provided within 72 hours when consistent with the patient's individual needs and required by generally accepted standards for dentistry.
- c. Non-urgent appointments for initial visits or for routine care are available within 36 business days of the enrollee's request.
- d. Preventative dental care appointments, such as hygiene appointments, are available within 40 business days of the enrollee's request.
- e. If an enrollee calls our plan's customer service phone number, a Customer Service Representative will answer the phone within 10 minutes during normal business hours.

Additionally, provider facilities should meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access guidelines, including wheel-chair accessibility.

If an enrollee is having trouble communicating with their dentist, Delta Dental will arrange interpretation services to help via telephone or in-person, at no cost. To speak to a qualified interpreter, call Delta Dental toll free at 866-530-9675.

If you are unable to obtain a timely referral to an appropriate provider, you can contact Delta Dental toll free at 866-530-9675. You can also file a complaint with the California Department of Managed Health Care at 1-888-HMO-2219 or 1-877-688-9891 (TDD for the hearing and speech impaired).