

# Welcome to Health *through* Oral Wellness<sup>®</sup> (HOW<sup>®</sup>)

## *Extra Benefits—No Additional Charge—For Those Who Need Them*

Your Northeast Delta Dental plan includes our industry-leading Health *through* Oral Wellness<sup>®</sup> (HOW<sup>®</sup>) program at no additional charge in premium. HOW<sup>®</sup> provides additional preventive benefits to members who are at risk for oral disease, helping them to achieve better oral health.

Simple and free, HOW<sup>®</sup> works like this:



### STEP 1:

The dentist or hygienist performs a clinical oral health risk assessment and submits it to Northeast Delta Dental electronically and receives a score.



### STEP 2:

Members scoring between 3 and 5 on a five-point scale are immediately eligible for enhanced benefits.\*



### STEP 3:

Everyone deserves a healthy smile. For tips on oral wellness and to take a free risk assessment, please visit [HealthThroughOralWellness.com](https://www.healththroughoralwellness.com).

\*Additional preventive benefits apply toward the annual maximum and are subject to the provisions of your Northeast Delta Dental policy. Only the clinical risk assessment performed in your dental office can determine your eligibility for additional preventive benefits.

### Additional Benefits May Include:

- Extra cleanings
- Fluoride varnish or topical fluoride
- Oral hygiene instruction
- Sealants
- Nutritional counseling
- Tobacco cessation counseling



## FOR YOUR DENTIST

# Extra Benefits—No Additional Charge—For Your At-Risk Patients

Dear Dental Colleague,

Many of your Northeast Delta Dental patients who are at risk for caries and/or periodontal disease may be eligible for additional preventive benefits at no additional charge to them through the Health *through* Oral Wellness® (HOW®) program.\* (See *these benefits below.*) To assess their risk level, they need your help! Please complete an oral health risk assessment using the PreViser® clinical risk assessment tool. It is provided to you by Northeast Delta Dental at no charge.

Getting started is quick and easy—you can perform this assessment on your patients immediately. To create your free PreViser® account, please visit [my.previser.com/start](http://my.previser.com/start). If you have any questions please call Northeast Delta Dental's Provider Services department at 1-800-537-1715, extension 1100, and/or view a training video at [previser.com/free](http://previser.com/free).



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Oral Health Condition	Benefits	Frequency
<b>Caries (Tooth Decay)</b>	Caries Susceptibility Test Child or Adult Cleaning Fluoride Varnish or Topical Fluoride Nutritional Counseling or Oral Hygiene Instruction Sealants	Once per 12 months Combination up to 4 per 12 months <sup>3</sup> Combination up to 4 per 12 months Once per 12 months <sup>1</sup> Once per 12 months <sup>1</sup> Once per 3 years <sup>2</sup>
<b>Periodontal (Gum) Disease</b>	Adult Cleaning and Periodontal Maintenance Nutritional Counseling or Tobacco Cessation Counseling or Oral Hygiene Instruction	Up to 4 per 12 months <sup>3</sup> Once per 12 months <sup>4</sup> Once per 12 months <sup>4</sup> Once per 12 months <sup>4</sup>

\*Enhanced benefits are subject to change and are subject to standard policy provisions, including, but not limited to, coinsurance percentages, copayments, and plan maximums. As with all benefits, eligibility confirmation should be obtained via Northeast Delta Dental at [www.nedelta.com](http://www.nedelta.com) or from customer service at 1-800-832-5700.

<sup>1</sup> Either one nutritional counseling or one oral hygiene instruction is covered in a 12-month period.

<sup>2</sup> Sealants are a covered benefit based on caries risk assessment for unrestored primary molars and for unrestored permanent premolars, and molars—one sealant per tooth every three years.

<sup>3</sup> Combination of prophylaxis, periodontal maintenance, or full mouth debridement (once in a lifetime benefit) not to exceed four in a 12-month period.

<sup>4</sup> Either one nutritional counseling, or one oral hygiene instruction, or one tobacco cessation counseling is covered in a 12-month period.