

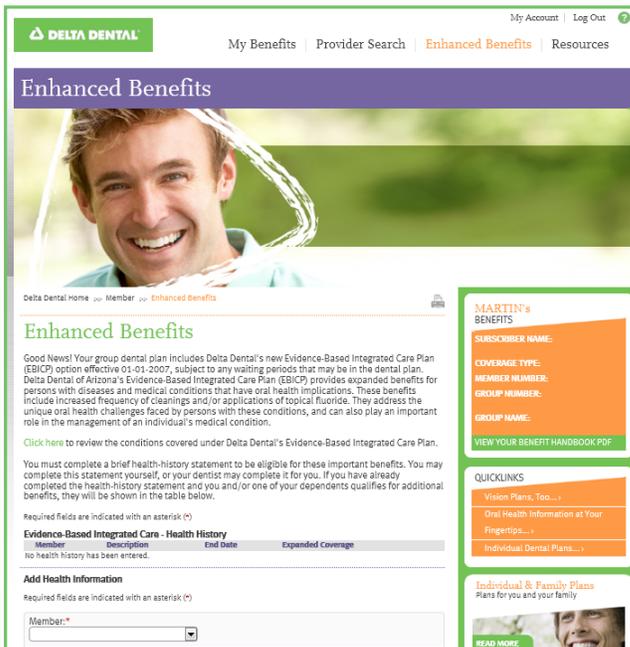
Studies have shown that gum disease may increase a woman’s risk of having a pre-term delivery of a low birth-weight baby. Researchers suspect that the bacteria that causes periodontal disease can accelerate the production of labor-inducing signals that, in turn, cause premature labor.

Research also suggests that early prevention and treatment of gum disease may result in significantly improved outcomes for a person with diabetes.

As a way of supporting preventive care, improving health and lowering overall costs for members with these and other qualifying medical conditions, we have added a third dental cleaning option. This benefit is available to people who have had two cleanings during the current benefit period and have:

- Diabetes
- Women in their third trimester of pregnancy
- Renal Dialysis patients
- Suppressed immune system patients
(due to chemotherapy, HIV positive, organ transplant, or stem cell/bone marrow transplant)
- Head and neck radiation patients

Benefits will be expanded for members who have any of these conditions and enroll in the Evidence Based Integrated Care Plan.



FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO REGISTER FOR THIS BENEFIT:

1. Go to www.deltadentalaz.com/member.
2. Log in to the Member Connection with your username and password. (If you don't have one, you can create one by clicking the "New to Delta Dental?" link in the login box.)
3. Click **Enhanced Benefits** at the top of the page and submit the required information.

You must complete a brief health history statement to be eligible for these important benefits. You may complete this statement yourself or your dentist may complete it for you. If you have already completed the health history statement and you and/or one of your dependents qualifies for the additional benefits, they will be shown in the table.

