

**Quality Outcome Improvements** 

Delta Dental of Iowa



# MISSION

We are dedicated to improving the health and smiles of the people we serve



## **Dental Quality Strategy**

Delta Dental creates programs that aligns with the Iowa Medicaid Dental Quality Strategy.

#### The goals are to...

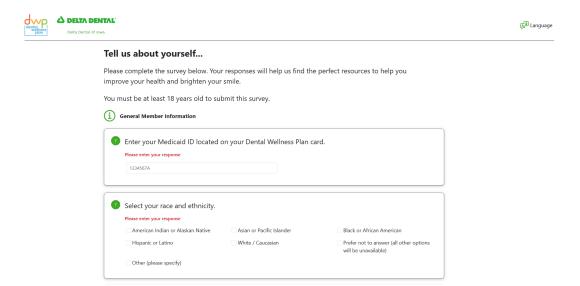
- 1. Improve network adequacy and the availability of services
- 2. Increase recall and preventive services
- 3. Improve oral health equity among Medicaid members
- Improve coordination and continuity of care between dental and medical



# PreViser Oral Health Survey

### PreViser Oral Health Survey

- Iowa Medicaid, Delta Dental, and MCNA all worked together with PreViser to create one survey for Medicaid adults.
- Used as a tool for care coordination and to understand the needs of our members so we can make changes to our program to help them.







# Oral Health Survey Follow-Up

- Follow-up created to increase use of preventive services, improve oral health equity, and improve coordination of care.
- Delta Dental care coordinators reach out weekly to members based on answers.
- Care coordinators can help members:
  - Establish a dental home and make an appointment
  - Identify same day appointments for emergencies
  - Make a virtual dental appointment with teledentistry.com
  - Provide education about member's benefits and DWP
  - Collaboration with or warm hand-off to MCOs when other needs are identified.



# Emergency Room Project

### **Emergency Room Diversion**

**Goal:** To deter members from utilizing the emergency room for oral health concerns, pain, and/or emergencies.

- Agreements with the MCOs to get data about Delta Dental members who are using the emergency room for oral health emergencies.
- Care Coordinator who specializes in ER follow-up and Emergent Services follows up with the member.
- Reviews claims data and reaches out to members on a weekly basis.
- If the member has a dental home... provides education about how to contact your dentist after hours and receive emergency care.
- If the member does not have a dental home... helps to find a provider to address current dental needs and then find a long-term dental home.



### Teledentistry.com

- Delta Dental partners with teledentistry.com to expand access to care and availability of services.
- Can be used if you don't have a dental home, or if members cannot go to the dentist.
- Teledentistry.com connects members with an Iowa licensed dentist for a virtual appointment.
- The dentists can help with pain and infection management, and identifying potential services needed.
- Available 24/7 for all of Delta Dental's DWP, DWP Kids, and Hawki members.
- No cost to the member included as a benefit.

Learn More Here: deltadentalia.com/dwp/virtual



## We're Here to Help!

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