

# State of Michigan

## Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum increase to \$1,750 effective January 1, 2023

### Questions and Answers:

- 1. Does the increase in Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum to \$1,750 effective January 1, 2023 apply to all SOM members?**

No. The increase in Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum to \$1,750 which is effective January 1, 2023 applies to all State of Michigan Active and COBRA Employees and their dependents with coverage in the State Dental Plan. In addition, the benefit change also applies to Michigan State Police Troopers and Sergeants that retired on or after October 1, 1987 and their dependents.

- 2. I've already used my \$1,500 Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum, will I still have access to the additional \$250 Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum when the Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum increases to \$1,750 on January 1, 2023?**

As of January 1, 2023 the additional dollars will show as available in your Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum. The additional Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum dollars can only be used for treatment dates after January 1, 2023 and will not be applied to treatment that has already been completed.

- 3. What should I do if I am currently in an active orthodontic treatment plan?**

If you or a dependent are currently in active orthodontic treatment, Delta Dental will recalculate the quarterly payments based on number of months left in active treatment after the first of the year. There is no need to contact Delta Dental, but it may be helpful to make your orthodontic provider aware of the change.

- 4. If I am in active orthodontic treatment, will I automatically receive the total amount of the additional \$250 of Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum based on the increase from \$1,500 to \$1,750?**

No, not necessarily. The amount that is paid for orthodontic treatment is determined by the total number of months in the treatment plan and the number of months of treatment remaining. If a member has just a couple of months left in the treatment plan, the additional \$250 may not be used in entirety although the remaining balance will be available for future use. Delta Dental will make the manual adjustments for the additional Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum after the first of the year once the additional benefit goes into effect. Manual adjustments for the Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum increase for those in active treatment will be completed by the end of March 2023.

- 5. Should I tell my orthodontics provider that my Lifetime Orthodontic Maximum is increasing to \$1,750?**

Yes. Orthodontic treatment and payment plans are set up in the Delta Dental system at the beginning of orthodontic treatment. Delta Dental will be recalculating the payments due to the increase in the Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum taking effect January 1, 2023, based on the number of months left in the treatment plan.

- 6. What if I start orthodontic treatment after January 1, 2023?**

If your Orthodontic treatment starts after January 1, 2023, your treatment plan and payment schedule will be set up at the beginning utilizing the higher Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum amount of \$1,750.