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*NEW PALTZ UNITED TEACHERS BENEFIT TRUST FUND*

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**DENTAL PROCEDURES**

At the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the Trustees approved a number of changes in the Dental Plan to make the plan function more effectively for you. This message was delayed to allow Delta Dental time to get the changes on their computers before claims were submitted. The effective dates may vary based upon when the issue was brought to our attention and the amount of time spent researching the procedures. Delta will research related claims from the stated effective date that need to be adjusted.

The Occlusal Guard is normally an initial step in dealing with bruxism (grinding) of ones teeth. It was previously covered at 50 % with a 50 % co-pay, the Trustees agreed to change it to 80 % coverage with a 20 % co-pay as we do for Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ) . The effective date will be July 1, 2015.

To proceed with an Apicoectomy, a procedure following a failed root canal, there a requirement for a two year wait following the failed root-canal and only once in a lifetime. The Trustees eliminated the two year wait and once in a lifetime limitation. The procedures extend your Endodontic coverage and are covered at 80 % with 20 % co-pay. This is effective from September 1, 2014.

Orthodontics has been covered from the beginning but periodically we get questions from dentists if a specific orthodontic procedure is covered. To answer that we clarified to Delta Dental that ALL orthodontic procedures are covered. Effective from July 1, 2015.

Cone Beam CT Capture is a computerized tomography (CT) view of your mouth. Images provide a clear observation of the periodontal pocket and membrane, the alveolar bone, as well as soft tissue. Each different view has a specific procedure code. While the Trustees approved one procedure code a year ago others were denied. The Trustees moved to cover all such procedures at 80% with 20% co-pay. Effective July 1, 2015.

**ADDING DEPENDENTS TO CATASTROPHE PLAN**

This REMINDER will appear on future Bulletins as the enrollment portal is so short and is being enforced by NYSUT. As of 7/1/15 NYSUT is administering the plan. The Trust provides every member with NYSUT Catastrophe Major Medical coverage. The policy only allowed dependents to be added within 60 days of a life event (marriage, birth, adoption, placement for adoption) Domestic Partners may enroll by application provided by the Trust Administrator. Under the Life Event policy if you add a spouse or a child a marriage certificate or birth certificate will be required.

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