

# Smarter Dental Plans



## Expanded Sealant Coverage

*Sealants generally stop the need for the first filling. And that can save thousands.*

Delta Dental recommends that groups choose to cover sealants on primary and permanent molars for dependent children ages 6 -19. Adding sealants to a group's diagnostic and preventive coverage increases premiums only 0.8%. Sealants are cost-effective preventive measures that work. Simple as that.

Did you know?

- Cavities are almost entirely preventable.
- Cavities remain the single most common chronic childhood disease.
- Sealants reduce the need for fillings by about 72%.
- 88.8% of children's cavities occur on molars.
- Children who have received a molar filling are 90% more probable to receive fillings on all other molars within five years.
- The lifetime cost of a single cavity is more than \$2,000.

