AlaskaCare Retiree Dental, Vision, and Audio Plan



2021 Dental Benefit Comparison

AlaskaCare retiree Dental-Vision-Audio (DVA) plan members have a choice between the Standard Dental Plan and the Legacy Dental Plan for the 2021 benefit year. You can choose the plan that works best for you and your family.

This comparison provides an overview of the two plans and highlights some, but not all, of the benefit provisions. For complete coverage details, please consult the plan booklets available at **AlaskaCare.gov**.



2021 Retiree DVA Plan Monthly Premiums			
Coverage	Standard	Legacy	
Retiree Only	\$66	\$73	
Retiree and Spouse	\$131	\$145	
Retiree and Child(ren)	\$119	\$132	
Retiree and Family	\$187	\$207	

Plan Structure, Annual Deductible, Coinsurance, and Maximum Benefit		
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)
Covered household member options	✓ Retiree only Retiree and spouse Retiree and child(ren) Retiree and family	✓ Retiree only Retiree and spouse Retiree and child(ren) Retiree and family
Plan funding	✓ 100% funded by member-paid premiums.	✓ 100% funded by member-paid premiums.
Annual deductable		
Coinsurance	✓ Class I (preventive): 100% Class II (restorative): 80% Class III (prosthetic): 50%	✓ Class I (preventive): 100% Class II (restorative): 80% Class III (prosthetic): 50%
Annual individual benefit maximum	✔ Plan will pay up to \$2,000 for dental services each benefit year.	✓ Plan will pay up to \$2,000 for dental services each benefit year.

Network Provisions		
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)
Access to Delta Dental's broad Premier network of dental providers	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Access to an additional exclusive dental network, Delta Dental's PPO network, with deeper discounts for the same services	✓ Yes	X No
Recognized charge: In-Network	✓ Lesser of 100% of negotiated fees, billed charges, or covered expense.	✓ Lesser of 100% of negotiated fees, billed charges, or covered expense.
Recognized charge: Out-of-Network	√ 75% of the 80th percentile; members may be billed for additional charges.	✓ 100% of the 90th percentile; members may be billed for additional charges.

Dental Necessity Requirements			
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)	
To be eligible for coverage, dental services and supplies must meet these dental necessity requirements and be a covered service or supply under the plan.	✓ The Retiree Standard Dental Plan covers dental services and supplies when performed by a dentist or dental care provider and when determined to be dentally necessary.	✓ The Retiree Legacy Dental Plan does not provide benefits for dental services or supplies that are not necessary for diagnosis or treatment of dental condition as determined by the claims administrator even if prescribed, recommended, or approved by a dental professional.	

Covered Dental Services: Class I - Preventive			
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)	
Diagnostic	Diagnostic		
Oral exam	✓ Covered two times per benefit year.	✓ Covered	
Complete series x-rays/panoramic	✓ Covered once every five years.	✓ Covered if required for diagnosis; not more than one full mouth or series per year.	
Bitewing x-rays	✓ Covered once per benefit year.	✓ Covered	
Diagnostic casts & study models	★ Not covered	✓ Covered	
Preventive			
Cleanings (prophylaxis)	✓ Covered two times per benefit year; additional cleanings available for persons with diabetes, periodontal disease, or in last trimester of pregnancy. Other exceptions allowed.	✓ Covered	
Periodontal maintenance	✓ Covered as a class I service at 100% and no deductible. Two times per benefit year; additional cleanings available for persons with diabetes, periodontal disease, or in last trimester of pregnancy. Other exceptions allowed.	✓ Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible.	
Topical fluoride: 18 years or younger	✓ Covered two times per benefit year.	✓ Covered	
Topical fluoride: 19 years or older	✓ Covered two times per benefit year if recent periodontal surgery or high risk of decay due to chemotherapy or medical disease.	✓ Covered	
Sealants: 18 years or younger	✓ Covered once every five years with tooth limitations.	✓ Covered	
Sealants: 19 years or older	Covered once every five years with tooth limitations.	x Not Covered	
Space maintainers	✓ Covered for 14 years and younger, once per tooth space with tooth limitations.	✓ Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible.	

Covered Dental Services: Class II - Restorative		
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)
Restorative		
Fillings	✓ Covered	✓ Covered
Inlays	✓ Covered, considered an optional service. Alternate benefit of composite filling. Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible.	✓ Covered as a class III service at 50% and \$50 deductible.
Crown buildups	✓ Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible if necessary for tooth retention.	✓ Covered as a class III service at 50% and \$50 deductible.
Oral Surgery		
Extractions (including surgical)	✓ Covered	✓ Covered
Alveoplasty (procedure to smoothen or re-shape jaw bone)	✓ Covered when performed as part of other covered service. Not covered as a separate charge.	✓ Covered
Brush Biopsy	✓ Covered two times per benefit year.	✓ Covered
Endodontic		
Root canal & treatment	✓ Covered; retreatment not covered for same tooth by same dentist within 24 months. Initial service should include retreatment within this timeframe if necessary.	✓ Covered
Pulpal therapy (pulp capping)	✓ Covered when pulp is exposed.	✓ Covered

Covered Dental Services: Class II	Covered Dental Services: Class II - Restorative Continued		
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)	
Periodontics			
Gum disease and supporting tissue treatment	✓ Covered	✓ Covered	
Periodontal maintenance	✓ Covered as a class I service, 100% and no deductible. Two per benefit year; additional cleanings available for persons with diabetes, periodontal disease, or in last trimester of pregnancy. Other exceptions allowed.	✓ Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible.	
Periodontal scaling & root planing	✓ Once per quadrant in any two-year period.	✓ Covered	
Periodontal splinting	* Not Covered	✓ Covered	
Full mouth debridement	✓ Covered once in a three-year period if no cleaning (prophylaxis) occurred within preceding 24 months.	✓ Covered	
Anesthesia			
Nitrous Oxide	✓ Covered	✓ Covered	
General anesthesia / IV sedation	✓ Covered for surgical procedures only or if needed due to a medical condition.	✓ Covered	
Other			
Palliative care	✓ Covered	✓ Covered	
Apicoectomy (surgical removal of root tip)	✓ Covered	✓ Covered	
Denture repair	✓ Covered as a class III service, 50% coverage and \$50 deductible	✓ Covered	
Denture reline	✓ Covered as a class III service, 50% coverage and \$50 deductible	✓ Covered	
Denture adjustments	✓ Covered as a class III service, 50% coverage and \$50 deductible	✓ Covered	
Tissue conditioning	✓ Covered as a class III service, 50% coverage and \$50 deductible	✓ Covered	

Covered Dental Services: Class III - Prosthetic		
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)
Restorative		
Crowns (cast restoration)	✓ Covered once in seven-year period on any tooth.	✓ Covered
Onlays (cast restoration)	✓ Covered once in seven-year period on any tooth.	✓ Covered
Lab veneers (cast restoration)	✓ Covered once in seven-year period on any tooth.	✓ Covered
Crown buildups	✓ Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible if necessary for tooth retention.	✓ Covered as a class III service at 50% and \$50 deductible.
Inlays	✓ Covered, considered an optional service. Alternate benefit of composite filling. Covered as a class II service at 80% and \$50 deductible.	✓ Covered as a class III service at 50% and \$50 deductible.
Porcelain restorations	✓ Covered for visible teeth. Coverage limited to cost of metallic prosthetic if placed on upper second or third molars or lower first, second, or third molars.	✓ Not covered if tooth can be restored with amalgam (metallic) filling. Coverage limited to appropriate charges for amalgam or similar material.

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Prosthodontic			
Bridges	✓ Covered once in seven-year period if tooth, tooth site, or teeth have not received a cast restoration benefit in last seven years.	✓ Covered	
Dentures full & partial	✓ Covered once in seven-year period if tooth, tooth site, or teeth have not received a cast restoration benefit in last seven years.	✓ Covered once every five years if previous dentures cannot be made serviceable or if previous denture was temporary and installed within previous 12 months.	
Dentures temporary	✔ Partial denture covered if placed within two months of anterior tooth extraction. Additional limitations may apply.	✓ Covered	
Denture adjustment	✓ Covered twice in 12-month period, unless received within first six months of initial placement (this is included in the initial placement charge).	✓ Covered as a class II service, 80% coverage and \$50 deductible.	
Denture repairs	✓ Covered unless received within first six months of initial placement (this is included in the initial placement charge).	✓ Covered as a class II service, 80% coverage and \$50 deductible.	
Denture reline	✓ Covered once in 12-month period, unless received within first six months of initial placement (this is included in the initial placement charge).	✓ Covered as a class II service, 80% coverage and \$50 deductible.	
Tissue conditioning	✓ Covered twice per denture in a 36-month period.	✓ Covered as a class II service, 80% coverage and \$50 deductible.	
Implants	✓ Covered. Limited to once per lifetime per tooth space. Some implant charges may be eligible for coverage under medical plan. Associated cast restoration over implant and other implant related procedures are covered as a Class III prosthetic service.	No coverage for implants under dental plan. Some implant charges may be eligible for coverage under medical plan. Associated cast restoration over implant and other implant related procedures are covered as a Class III prosthetic service.	
Other			
Athletic mouthguards	✓ Covered once per year if 15 or younger; covered once every two years if 16 or older.	* Not covered	

Other Services and Benefits		
	Standard Plan (after 2014)	Legacy Plan (prior to 2014)
Orthodontics	★ Orthodontic services are not covered in the AlaskaCare Dental Plan.	★ Orthodontic services are not covered in the AlaskaCare Dental Plan.
Vision Benefts	✓ No changes to plan benefits.	✓ No changes to plan benefits.
Audio Benefits	✓ No changes to plan benefits.	✓ No changes to plan benefits.

For questions about how specific services may be covered under each plan, please contact Delta **Dental of Alaska**

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