



## Important Notice for State of Illinois Dental Plan Member

As you know, the State of Illinois now has a budget. During the budget impasse, Delta Dental of Illinois worked tirelessly with the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) to provide interim relief and support to dentists who treat State of Illinois members.

The State of Illinois recently sold \$6 billion of bonds, \$3.9 billion of which is going to replenish the Health Insurance Reserve Fund. We are pleased to announce that CMS is working to release dental claim funds, and Delta Dental of Illinois will make applicable claim payments to dentists by the end of November. As has been practice, when we receive funding from the State, we release claims payments to dentists and members starting with the oldest claims first, but more frequently to our Delta Dental network dentists who cannot bill upfront.

The funds received from the State will bring the claim payment delay from 2015-2016 up through mid-2017 by the end of November for both network and non-network dentists. Claims for the other two State of Illinois Group Dental Plans (Local Care Dental Plan (LCDP) and College Choice Dental Plan (CCDP)) were not affected by the budget impasse.

We anticipate that funding from the State will continue and thus, claims payments will continue.

As a reminder, the State has a self-insured/self-funded dental plan, which means the State funds all the claims. When Delta Dental of Illinois receives claims payments from the State, we pass it through to dentists or State of Illinois members, depending on the claim. Delta Dental of Illinois is only able to pay State of Illinois member's claims when the State funds those claims.