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Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico Signs Agreement with National Electronic Attachment to Begin Receiving Electronic Dental Attachments via FastAttach(tm)

Atlanta, Georgia - National Electronic Attachment, Inc. (NEA) announced today that they have signed an Agreement with Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico which will allow Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico to begin accepting dental electronic attachments transmitted to NEA's web site from their providers, using NEA's FastAttach(system beginning July 1, 2001.

FastAttach(tm) enables dental offices to transmit dental attachments (x-rays, perio charts, intra-oral pictures, narratives and EOB's), via the Internet, to NEA's repository where Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico is able to view them in support of electronic claims. For dental offices, FastAttach( accelerates claim processing and eliminates the need to duplicate and mail x-rays.

Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico's Vice President of Operations, Marybeth Phipps stated, "Delta's ability to offer this new technology to our participating dentists in New Mexico will continue to strengthen our business partnership with dental offices throughout the state. Our hope is that high levels of participating providers utilize the NEA product. This will not only lower administrative effort in the dental offices, but also at Delta. Lower administrative effort results in greater efficiencies and savings for our dentists and groups."

Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico anticipates this arrangement will increase their electronic claim volume, reduce in-bound mailroom expenses and eliminate the need to return x-rays to dentists.

"We are very glad that Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico chose NEA as their vendor for electronic attachments and we look forward to the opportunity to register their providers," stated Thomas Hughes, CEO of NEA.

Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico's is a not-for-profit affiliate of Delta Dental Plans Association, the oldest and largest dental service corporation in the United States. Delta provides coverage to 35 million people nationwide through 39 independent dental plans serving all 50 states. In New Mexico alone, over 95% of the dentists participate in one of Delta's networks. For additional information visit Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico on-line at

[www.deltadentalnm.com](http://www.deltadentalnm.com).

NEA, the leader in Internet based solutions for the dental industry, offers systems designed to make the process of insurance submissions and processing as easy as possible for the Patient, the Dental Office and the Insurance Payor.

NEA's FastAttach(tm) enables dental claims attachments to be transmitted, via the Internet, to NEA's repository where insurance companies are able to view the images on NEA's web site, in support of electronic claims. NEA's clients include: Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., Aware Dental Services, BC Life & Health, CIGNA Dental, CompDent, Delta Dental Plan of AR, Delta Dental Plan of CA, Delta Dental Plan of CO, Delta Dental Plan of KY, Delta Dental Plan of MA, Delta Dental Plan of NJ, Delta Dental Plan of NM, Delta Dental Plan of TN, Delta Dental Plan of VA, Dental Benefit Providers, Doral Dental USA, Emphesys, Employers Health Ins., Fortis Benefits, Guardian, Harrington Benefit Services, Highmark, HumanaDental, JLT Services Corporation, MetLife, Mutual of Omaha, Oral Health Services, Pennsylvania Blue Shield, Premera Blue Cross, Randmark, Reliance Standard Life, Security Life, Superior Dental Care, TDC, Inc., TDC, Ltd., TRICARE Dental Program, Unicare Health Insurance Company of the Midwest, Unicare Life & Health, United Concordia Companies, Inc., and WellPoint Health Networks. Visit [www.Fast-Attach.com](http://www.Fast-Attach.com) for additional information.

NEA's DentalClaim.com allows dental providers to verify patient eligibility and detailed plan benefit information, as well as submit claims and encounters, via the Internet. DentalClaim.com is currently utilized by CIGNA Dental Health, Nevada Pacific Dental, Pacific Union Dental, and SafeGuard Health Enterprises. Visit [www.DentalClaim.com](http://www.DentalClaim.com) for additional information.

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