

# Provider Reimbursement Model (PRM)

At Delta Dental of Washington, we believe that all people deserve to enjoy good oral health, and that our Member Dentist partners should be equitably compensated for providing quality care and access to those in need. That's why we introduced the Provider Reimbursement Model (PRM) in 2020. A long-term replacement of our legacy filed fee system, the PRM has and continues to be informed by feedback we received from Member Dentists and was designed with **three core objectives**:

- 1 **Increase fee equity** across our network
- 2 **Improve transparency** of our fee setting mechanism
- 3 **Align reimbursement with** our mission to improve oral health and inputs providers told us are most critical to their practice

Along with objectively accounting for the varying costs of running a practice throughout the state (Market Cost Index), the Provider Reimbursement Model gives Member Dentists the opportunity to positively influence their practices' reimbursement by focusing on three clearly defined, mission-centered metrics (Prevention, Access, and Continuity of Care).



## Market Cost Index

Accounts for regional cost variability



## Prevention Focus

Preventive care = better outcomes



## Access to Care

Accessible care = higher utilization  
Adds value to our members and groups



## Continuity of Care

Having a dental home = more regular visits  
and healthier smiles