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27 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE GROWTH FOR DELTA DENTAL SYSTEM
More Savings for More Enrollees

OAK BROOK, IL (August X, 2007) --The national Delta Dental system posted its 27th consecutive year of growth based on a number of factors in 2006.

The organization's base of subscribers grew more than three million from the previous year, bringing the total number of subscribers to 50 million in 88,000 groups. That represents more than one-fourth of the estimated 165 million Americans with dental insurance.

Delta Dental's cost-management measures and contractual agreements with dentists saved groups and enrollees \$5.3 billion in 2006. That figure is \$900 million greater than the savings realized during the previous year, and more than twice the savings generated just five years ago.

"We are particularly proud of the growth we're seeing in savings for our groups and enrollees," said Tom Dolatowski, vice-president of marketing for Delta Dental Plans Association. "Providing access to affordable dental care is the capstone of our organization, and last year's figures show that we're doing this better and for more people every year."

Another component of access to dental care is the availability of dentists to serve enrollees. Delta Dental's panel of dentists for its Delta Dental Premier network remains the country's most extensive with approximately 121,000 dentists, more than twice the amount of any competitor's PPO network.

The organization's growth is also reflected in the number of claims processed. In 2006, Delta Dental handled over 73 million dental claims or approximately 1.4 million every week, with an accuracy rate of 99 percent.

Delta Dental Plans Association (www.deltadental.com) based in Oak Brook, IL, is a national network of independent not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 50 million Americans in more than 88,000 employee groups throughout the country.

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