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Statement Regarding Evidence-based Dentistry

As the nation's leading dental benefits administrator, we are at the forefront of developing innovative ways to apply the latest, best science to improve the clinical efficacy and cost-effectiveness of treatment, while providing measurable cost benefits.

Several Delta Dental member companies have already responded to evidence-based studies by incorporating benefits into standard plan design. Each member company weighs various factors in determining which benefits it will offer purchasers, including local considerations and the needs of its particular client base. As science confirms that specific approaches and interventions help improve health outcomes, we will develop innovative ways to promote those interventions through changes in benefit design, enrollee education and communication, and by working closely with our member companies and health plans to integrate and make optimal use of patient data.