



Delta Dental of Illinois issues the following statement regarding the June 28, 2012 Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act:

“The recent U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling on the Affordable Care Act means that by the year 2014 individuals and employees of small businesses in Illinois will have new opportunities to shop for medical and dental benefits on state and federally-facilitated exchanges. As the largest and most experienced dental benefits carrier in Illinois, Delta Dental of Illinois urges exchange developers and regulators to protect consumers’ rights to keep their own dentist, to keep their current dental coverage, and to comparatively shop for all of their dental benefit options.

In order to accomplish this, Delta Dental of Illinois believes:

- Dental benefits must be offered and priced separately from medical benefits on exchanges. Doing so will allow purchasers to better compare products, premium, and quality, while also promoting transparency and competition.
- Children’s dental benefits purchased in the private marketplace (outside exchanges) should be allowed to fulfill the Affordable Care Act’s essential health benefits requirement.

As the Affordable Care Act implementation moves forward at the federal and state levels, Delta Dental of Illinois -- with nearly one million enrollees in Illinois -- remains committed to its mission of improving the oral health of all Illinoisans. We will continue to pursue this mission by providing affordable benefit programs to individuals and groups in Illinois, as well as through the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation’s support of statewide community benefit programs that provide Illinoisans access to oral health care and education.”