

# DENTAL OFFICE UPDATE



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## Delta Partnership Has Many Benefits

You may already know that ODS Health Plans (ODS) is the Delta Dental Plan in Oregon. However, you may not be aware of the many benefits that partnership provides.

Delta Dental Plans Association (DDPA) is a national association of not-for-profit dental plans. Delta USA represents the national dental benefits program offered

to employees with enrollees in more than one state.

Through your Premier and Preferred Provider Option participation with ODS, you have become part of the Delta Dental nationwide provider network. Currently, over 600,000 Oregonians have dental coverage with ODS and 65,000 more have coverage with other Delta Dental

Plans.

One advantage of being an ODS/Delta dentist is that your name, office address and phone number are listed on the ODS and Delta Dental websites in addition to being printed in the Premier Dentist and Preferred Provider directories. ODS/Delta subscribers nationwide access these sources to select a dentist who, because of the dentist's participation, may reduce their out-of-pocket expenses.

ODS is committed to our dentists and will continue to promote quality dental care, services and benefits.

If you have questions about Delta Dental or ODS policies, please write to ODS Professional Relations, ODS Tower, 601 SW Second Ave., Portland, OR 97204-3156.

### ODS Donates Computers to Kids

ODS Health Plans (ODS) recently donated eight computers to the Lafayette Grade School in Albany for their computer education program. Albany dentist Dr. Michael J. Goger, DMD, presented the computers to the school on behalf of ODS.

Dr. Goger also serves as Vice-Chairman of the ODS Health Plans board of directors. "Education is very important to the success of all children," said Goger. "As an Oregon company, ODS plays an important role supporting healthcare and



Dr. Mike Goger holds a "thank you" sign from Lafayette Grade School.

educational organizations and we are happy to be able to support this community where we have so many wonderful employers and members."

**Upcoming Office Closures:**

**Independence Day  
July 4, 5**



ODS is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association

News and Notes



**Dr. Robinson's Office Wins DVD**

Dr. Jon Robinson's office in Eugene recently received a DVD player from ODS Health Plans as part of a raffle held during this year's Oregon Dental Association Conference. Pictured from left are Missy Runyon from ODS and Joni Johnson from Dr. Robinson's office.



ODS Online Dental Benefits and Eligibility.

[www.odshealthplans.com/dental](http://www.odshealthplans.com/dental)

Available 7 days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**Free Dental Care Tips for Children Now Available on ODS Website**

As part of the Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI), an innovative program offered by ODS Health Plans and the Oregon Zoo, educational flyers for kids about proper dental health are available to dentists at no cost.

The colorful "Brushing Matters" tips sheets are available at [www.odshealthplans.com](http://www.odshealthplans.com) in the Dentists and Staff section of the website. Dentists are encouraged to reprint these flyers and distribute them to patients. For those who are unable to print the flyers, an order form is available on the website.

The flyers provide a variety of important dental tips and are intended for grade school age children and their parents.

The "Brushing Matters" flyer is the first of several projects that will be launched as part of COHI. You may have already received promotional materials for Oregon Zoo events such as the Winged Wonders Butterfly exhibit. Also planned is an

illustrated children's book that will encourage healthy dental habits. Contact Jerry Griffin at 503-948-5543 for more information about COHI.

**Water Fluoridation Effort Needs Support**

Portland is one of the largest cities in the nation that has not yet fluoridated its water supply, and Oregon ranks 46th out of 50 states in the percentage of its residents who drink optimally fluoridated water. This summer and fall, ODS Health Plans (ODS) will join a number of dental, medical and social organizations in supporting the fluoridation of Portland's Bull Run water supply, which provides water for 25 percent of all Oregonians.

To get involved with the fluoridation effort, contact Barry Rice at 503-228-6554, ext. 5549.

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