



CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR

KARYN E. POLITO
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation
DIVISION OF INSURANCE

1000 Washington Street • Suite 810 • Boston, MA 02118-6200
(617) 521-7794 • FAX (617) 521-7475
<http://www.mass.gov/doi>

MIKE KENNEALY
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOHN C. CHAPMAN
UNDERSECRETARY

GARY D. ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Docket No. G2018-01

**In the Matter of an Amended Filing on the Methodology for
Determining Fees Paid to Participating Dentists by Dental Service
of Massachusetts, Inc., d/b/a Delta Dental of Massachusetts**

On June 13, 2018, Dental Service of Massachusetts, Inc., d/b/a Delta Dental of Massachusetts (“Delta Dental”) filed with the Division of Insurance (“Division”) a proposed methodology for determining fees to be paid to participating dentists providing services to persons covered under the Delta Dental Premier and Delta Dental PPO products that Delta Dental offers in Massachusetts. The filing was assigned Docket No. G2018-01, and a public hearing on it took place on July 12, 2018. On January 22, 2019, Delta Dental submitted a second Filing that is identical in all material respects to the June 13, 2018 Filing, but adds two exhibits relating to one aspect of its proposed methodology, the Initial Rebasing of provider fees. The Commissioner has determined that because Delta Dental’s second Filing does not change its proposed fee methodology, it is reasonably viewed as amending the June 13, 2018 Filing.

In light of the July, 2018 public hearing on Delta Dental’s June 13 Filing, the Commissioner has determined that it is reasonable to limit a hearing on the Amended Filing to the exhibits submitted with it. Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance under M.G.L. c. 176E, §4, the Division will hold a public hearing on March 8, 2019, starting at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1-E at its offices, 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA, 02118. The hearing will be conducted as a regulatory hearing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2. The purpose of the hearing is to afford all interested persons an opportunity to provide oral and/or written comment about Exhibits A and B to Delta Dental’s Amended Filing.

Any person who wishes to provide oral comment is requested to file a Notice of Intent to Comment with the Division on or before March 6, 2019. Other persons who wish to provide oral comment will be heard after those who notify the Division in advance. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing, or until the record of the hearing is closed. Written comments may be sent by mail addressed to: Docket Clerk, Hearings and Appeals, Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118-6200, or by e-mail to DOIdocket.mailbox@mass.gov, and must refer to Docket No. G2018-01.

Dated: February 13, 2019

Gary D. Anderson
Commissioner of Insurance