

Currently, Northeast Delta Dental (ME/NH/VT) is not paying for any service rendered by Dental Therapists (DT). Maine is considering such legislation at this time.

If DTs are authorized to work under the supervision of a dentist, similar to how a dental hygienist is, then the work would be billed under the name of the dentist and Delta Dental would process the claim no differently than we do if a dental hygienist renders the services.

It is unclear what is meant by, "...has a collaborative agreement with a dentist" but I am assuming it is meant to define the same arrangement dental hygienists do in Vermont today. Our VT contracts limit us to paying for services rendered by a dentist (or under his supervision as noted above).

Delta Dental has not taken a position on legislation authorizing dental therapists to provide care and, therefore, shall not be testifying.

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