

Introducing the Hypertension Identification Program (HIP)

High blood pressure (hypertension) affects nearly 50 million people in the United States and underlies most cardiovascular disease. It is one of the most prevalent—but frequently undiagnosed—conditions in the country and can put individuals at higher risk for heart attack, stroke, heart failure, and other serious health issues.

Because of its asymptomatic nature, for many the problem goes undetected. Dental providers especially can play an important role in the detection and management of hypertension, since many people visit the dentist more often than they visit their primary care provider.

Delta Dental of Colorado (DDCO) has a mission to improve the oral health of the communities we serve. In 2017, DDCO partnered with CU Health Plan (CUHP) and a select group of highly utilized dentists on this innovative program to track blood pressure readings taken during routine visits.

Larimer County recognizes the importance of oral to overall health and takes its members' overall health very seriously. **Starting April 1, 2020, this groundbreaking program is expanding to also serve the employees of Larimer County and their dependents who are 20 and older.**

WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU:

We are inviting all highly utilized providers of Larimer County employees to participate in the program and get compensated for taking blood pressure readings during preventive dental care visits.

If your general dental provider or periodontist chooses to participate, they will complete a form after your appointment and provide you with education on what your blood pressure reading means. If your blood pressure is above normal, they will refer you to visit your primary care provider or the Larimer County health clinic:

The Wellness Clinic
2601 Midpoint Drive, Suite 100
Fort Collins, CO
Phone: 970-980-2425



Encourage your provider to participate! Tell them to visit deltadentalco.com/HIPregistration.aspx