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DENTISTS AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS
GET HELP FROM DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA

ANKENY, IOWA – July 23, 2008 – Delta Dental of Iowa’s Public Benefit Program has awarded Disaster Assistance Grants to seven Iowa dentists and the Community Health Center of Southeastern Iowa that have been affected by recent storms and floods.

“We are working on rebuilding our practice,” said Dr. Lori Mason of Parkersburg. “In the meantime, we are using a mobile dental unit and I have offers from two area dentists to use a portion of their offices. I am very thankful for the assistance and appreciate the support we have received to continue to treat my patients.”

“Currently the three dentists and hygienists from our office are using space at other dentist offices in Cedar Rapids and Marion,” said Dr. Chris Tyler of Cedar Rapids. “All of the staff from our office that have been affected by the flooding are keeping a positive attitude. We are all working together to keep things going for our patients. We are ready with our contractors and architects to start the rebuilding process.”

“Many Delta Dental participating dentists, employers and subscribers have been affected by these recent natural disasters,” said Donn Hutchins, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Iowa. “Delta Dental is proud to be a part of the statewide recovery effort.”

Dentists, in communities such as Parkersburg, Cedar Rapids, Coralville and Columbus Junction that have had a significant or total loss to their dental practices, can receive these disaster assistance grants to address their immediate needs.

In addition to the Disaster Assistance Grants, Delta Dental contributed to the Iowa Disaster Relief Fund through the American Red Cross; \$25,000 has been designated for disaster assistance funding. Delta Dental of Iowa is a major funder of oral health initiatives that focus on access to care,

prevention, education and research. For more information about Delta Dental of Iowa's Public Benefit Programs, visit the company's Web site at www.deltadentalia.com.

Delta Dental of Iowa supports a number of community benefit programs as part of its not-for-profit mission to improve the oral health of Iowans. In 2007, the company contributed more than \$605,000 to oral health projects in Iowa, benefiting underserved populations such as the elderly, uninsured, Medicaid patients and children. Delta Dental of Iowa, the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state, is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental member companies. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation, providing coverage to more than 51 million people in nearly 93,000 employer groups.

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