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### **Delta Dental of Iowa Receives A- (Stable) Financial Strength Rating**

ANKENY IA, (May 27, 2009) -- Delta Dental of Iowa has received a financial strength rating of A- (Stable) from A.M. Best Company, Inc., a leading worldwide insurance rating and information agency. This is the fifth consecutive year the Ankeny-based dental insurance provider has received the A- rating with a stable outlook.

“Delta Dental of Iowa has demonstrated consistent operating income and capitalization growth over the last five years,” the report reads. “The A- (Stable) rating reflects the company’s favorable operating performance, leading market share in the state of Iowa and strong capitalization.”

Delta Dental of Iowa President and CEO Donn Hutchins said, “We are pleased that A.M. Best continues to independently recognize Delta Dental of Iowa’s core strengths in providing a strong dental network, while controlling administrative costs and delivering exceptional service to Iowa employers and their employees.”

Founded in 1899, A.M. Best is a global full-service credit rating organization dedicated to serving the financial and health care service industries, including insurance companies, banks, hospitals and health care system providers. For more information, visit [www.ambest.com](http://www.ambest.com).

Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. As a not-for-profit, Delta Dental of Iowa invests in oral health projects through the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation that focus on access to care, prevention, education and research. The Iowa company is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental plans. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation providing coverage to 54 million people in more than 89,000 employer groups.

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