

# CONSUMER FACTSHEET

## Common "General Dental" services funded by private health insurance

### TYPICAL PRICES OF DENTAL CARE – DO YOU PAY TOO MUCH?

Dental Category	Item Number	Dental service description	Number of services funded by private health insurance in 2023-24	Total Dental Charges (\$)	Proportion of charges covered by private health insurance (%)	Average Treatment Cost (\$)	Average Insurer Benefit (\$)	Average Patient Out-of-Pocket (\$)
General Dental	114	General scale and clean (removal of plaque and calculus on teeth by a scaler, which includes a cleaning paste)	7.63M	\$929.8M	68%	\$122	\$83	\$39
	022	Small dental X-rays of the teeth (per film)	7.29M	\$326.2M	69%	\$45	\$31	\$14
	012	Periodic oral examination (regular examination) that usually needs to be at least six months since the last examination otherwise it may not be claimable.	6.58M	\$402.4M	70%	\$61	\$43	\$18
	121	Fluoride treatment	6.51M	\$229.9M	76%	\$35	\$27	\$9
	011	Comprehensive oral examination (initial full examination)	1.69M	\$111.7M	72%	\$66	\$48	\$19
	013	Limited oral examination (emergency examination)	1.58M	\$87.8M	62%	\$56	\$35	\$21
	531	White fillings for back teeth - 1 surface	1.28M	\$228.4M	50%	\$179	\$90	\$89
	532	White fillings for back teeth - 2 surfaces	1.20M	\$265.1M	50%	\$221	\$111	\$111
	116	Tooth polishing (per tooth)	1.03M	\$100.8M	37%	\$98	\$36	\$62
	072	Photographic records - Intraoral (per appointment)	991,912	\$37.7M	58%	\$38	\$22	\$16
	037	Full mouth, Large OPG X-ray / Panoramic dental X-ray	822,357	\$94.8M	67%	\$115	\$77	\$39
	161	Fissure sealing (per tooth). Minimally invasive option often used for children and teenagers.	679,887	\$41.8M	60%	\$62	\$37	\$25
	533	White fillings for back teeth - 3 surfaces	560,671	\$141.4M	51%	\$252	\$130	\$122
	311	Simple (non-surgical) tooth extraction	545,259	\$117.5M	44%	\$215	\$95	\$120
	521	White fillings for front teeth - 1 surface	444,665	\$75.5M	48%	\$170	\$81	\$89
	111	Clean (removal of plaque/stain) and polish commonly performed on children.	354,389	\$24.4M	64%	\$69	\$44	\$25
	522	White fillings for front teeth - 2 surfaces	333,564	\$67.6M	48%	\$203	\$97	\$106
	014	Consultation to seek advice or discuss treatment options regarding a specific dental or oral condition.	308,529	\$24.1M	53%	\$78	\$42	\$36
	071	Diagnostic model of one jaw (per model) used for examination and planning purposes.	304,672	\$21.6M	54%	\$71	\$38	\$33
577	Cusp capping (per cusp)	300,298	\$11.7M	52%	\$39	\$20	\$19	

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## Common "Major Dental" services funded by private health insurance

### TYPICAL PRICES OF DENTAL CARE – DO YOU PAY TOO MUCH?

Dental Category	Item Number	Dental service description	Number of services funded by private health insurance in 2023-24	Total Dental Charges (\$)	Proportion of charges covered by private health insurance (%)	Average Treatment Cost (\$)	Average Insurer Benefit (\$)	Average Patient Out-of-Pocket (\$)
<i>Major Dental</i>	222	Sub-gingival curettage (periodontal deep clean below the gum line), per tooth	1.15M	\$50.8M	53%	\$44	\$24	\$21
	613	Full Porcelain or Ceramic Crown - non metallic	353,457	\$601.9M	43%	\$1,703	\$725	\$978
	324	Surgical Removal of Tooth or Tooth Fragment Requiring Bone Removal and Tooth Division	323,156	\$158.6M	40%	\$491	\$196	\$295
	221	Initial periodontal analysis	306,073	\$21.8M	49%	\$71	\$35	\$36
	733	Tooth/Teeth (partial denture)	194,855	\$10.5M	42%	\$54	\$23	\$31
	416	Root canal treatment, second visit, each additional canal	161,338	\$28.5M	41%	\$176	\$72	\$104
	250	Gum treatment for a quadrant (1/4 of your mouth)	148,458	\$45.5M	44%	\$306	\$136	\$170
	965	Occlusal splint (night guard for teeth grinding issues)	137,536	\$83.6M	51%	\$608	\$313	\$295
	415	Root canal treatment, second visit, cleaning out the nerve canal	137,341	\$52.9M	42%	\$385	\$164	\$222
	418	Root canal treatment, third visit, each additional canal	121,695	\$20.9M	39%	\$172	\$67	\$105
	417	Root canal treatment, third visit, filling the nerve canal	118,075	\$44.2M	41%	\$374	\$155	\$220
	627	Preliminary Restoration for Crown – Direct	106,287	\$27.0M	45%	\$254	\$114	\$140
	026	Cone Beam Volumetric Tomography - Scan Acquisition - Per Appointment	103,516	\$15.3M	48%	\$148	\$70	\$78
	419	Root canal treatment, first visit, removal of the nerve	100,577	\$23.8M	44%	\$237	\$105	\$132
	251	A follow up visit to monitor or complete a course of periodontal treatment	90,237	\$23.1M	46%	\$256	\$117	\$138
	731	Retainer (clasp) – per tooth	54,091	\$2.9M	45%	\$54	\$24	\$30
	963	Clinical occlusal analysis, including muscle and joint palpation	51,398	\$4.6M	51%	\$90	\$46	\$44
	213	Treatment for gum disease (per appointment)	51,171	\$5.6M	51%	\$109	\$55	\$53
	943	Relative analgesia – inhalation of nitrous oxide and oxygen mixture – per 30 minutes or part thereof	46,440	\$4.3M	44%	\$93	\$41	\$52
526	Composite Veneer – Direct – Per Tooth	43,503	\$17.1M	42%	\$393	\$166	\$227	

Source: PHA's analysis of GT-Dental data collection. 2023-24 figures are shown above.