

Alberta Blue Cross® Individual Health Plan Usual and Customary Dental Fee List

The Alberta Blue Cross Individual Health Plan Dental Fee List helps to keep your Alberta Blue Cross Individual Health Plan affordable. The fees are reviewed each year to continue to provide you with a reasonable basis of payment for your Alberta dental claims. As dental costs in Alberta are expected to increase in the upcoming 2022 year, there will be a weighted increase of 4.4 per cent in the eligible fees referenced by your dental plan for 2022.

WHAT CAN I DO TO GET THE MOST OUT OF MY BENEFITS WHEN I VISIT MY DENTIST?

It's important to understand that dental providers can charge more than what your plan pays. Because dentists can charge very different fees for dental services, it's important to be as informed as possible before getting dental work done.

Here are some things you can do to be the best dental consumer possible:

- Let your dentist know that your plan pays according to the Alberta Blue Cross Individual Health Plan Usual and Customary Dental Fee List.
- Ask your dentist how their fees compare to the Alberta Blue Cross Individual Health Plan Usual and Customary Dental Fee List. You can refer to the chart on page two that outlines the fees eligible for the most commonly claimed procedure codes.
- The easiest way to know if you will have to pay out of pocket for dental services is to have your dental provider submit a predetermination to Alberta Blue Cross prior to your appointment. This allows you and your dental provider to check how

much your plan pays for the dental procedures you need before getting the treatment. Most predeterminations are processed instantly.

- If you have another plan or a spending account, don't forget that you can coordinate your benefits for reimbursement up to 100 per cent.
- Because dentists charge differing fees, we recommend that you compare the rates charged by various providers. This may help you significantly save costs.

Click here to learn more about the dental landscape and receive suggestions on how to be a wise dental consumer, in addition to useful resources about your dental fee guide. To learn more about your benefits, visit the Alberta Blue Cross member site or download our app on the App Store or Google Play. You may also call our Individual Health Plan team at 1-844-803-2111.

For your reference, the next page contains the Alberta Blue Cross Individual Health Plan Usual and Customary Dental Fee List for 30 of the most common dental procedures.

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Please consult your plan agreement or benefit booklet for full information about any co-payment levels required by your plan.

Examples of Alberta Blue Cross Individual Health Plan Usual and Customary Dental Fees for some typical services

Adult checkup \$347.95
(recall/cleaning)

Recall exam, two images (bitewing), two time units scaling, one time unit polishing, fluoride.

Restoration ("filling") \$301.16

Four surface amalgam (silver) filling—permanent molar, two pins for filling.

Three-unit bridge \$2,331.32*

Retainer (crown) for fixed bridge, pontic for fixed bridge (to replace missing tooth), retainer (crown) for fixed bridge.

Crown \$857.60*

Porcelain fused to metal crown.

* plus lab fees

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

If you have any questions about your dental benefits, please call Alberta Blue Cross Customer Services at:

Edmonton and area: 780-498-8000

Calgary and area: 403-234-9666

Toll free: 1-800-661-6995

Service description	Maximum amount
Complete examination (new patient—all permanent teeth)	\$105.44
Recall examination (checkup)	\$66.74
One image (periapical)	\$30.96
Three images (periapical)	\$70.03
Two images (bitewing)	\$49.35
Four images (bitewing)	\$90.70
Panoramic image (whole mouth)	\$91.76
Polishing (up to 15 minutes)	\$62.17
Scaling (removal of tartar, up to 15 minutes)	\$69.78
Fluoride	\$30.12
Pit and fissure sealant (first tooth)	\$33.90
Pit and fissure sealant (each additional tooth, same area)	\$16.96
Two surface amalgam (silver) filling—primary tooth	\$133.81
Three surface amalgam (silver) filling—permanent anterior tooth/bicuspid	\$195.62
Two surface amalgam (silver) filling—permanent molar	\$146.25
Four surface amalgam (silver) filling—permanent molar	\$251.93
Two pins for filling	\$49.23
Three surface composite (white) filling—permanent anterior tooth	\$194.88
Two surface composite (white) filling—permanent bicuspid	\$207.15
One surface composite (white) filling—permanent molar	\$155.43
Porcelain fused to metal crown	\$857.60*
Lab processed porcelain veneer	\$857.60*
Root canal therapy (three roots)	\$1,171.59
Root planing (removal of tartar, etc. from roots; up to 30 minutes)	\$151.02
Complete upper denture	\$841.56*
Pontic for fixed bridge (to replace missing tooth)	\$456.00*
Retainer (crown) for fixed bridge	\$937.66*
Uncomplicated tooth removal (first tooth)	\$139.56
Uncomplicated tooth removal (each additional tooth in same area)	\$139.56
Tooth removal—complete bone coverage	\$497.66

* plus lab fees



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