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Arkansas

Dental Costs & Access Fact Sheet 2026 — procedure prices, insurance gaps, Medicaid acceptance and dentist shortages.

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Arkansas at a glance

\$3,833

SINGLE IMPLANT, AVG.

2/51

RESTORATIVE COST RANK

64.3%

DENTISTS TAKING MEDICAID

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DENTAL-DESERT COUNTIES

- A complete single dental implant averages **\$3,833** in Arkansas, \$674 below the \$4,507 national mean of our 51 markets — ranking Arkansas **2 of 51** on the restorative cost index (1 = least expensive).
- **64.3%** of Arkansas dentists accept Medicaid patients (rank 5 of 51), and the state provides **limited** adult dental coverage.
- **No Arkansas county meets the dental-desert definition**, which requires above-median prices; Arkansas sits below that line. Access pressure is nonetheless broad: **73 of Arkansas's 75 counties** (97%) carry at least one active Dental HPSA designation.
- Nationally, 288 of 3,144 counties qualify as dental deserts, and 2,601 carry at least one active Dental HPSA designation.

Procedure prices: Arkansas vs the national mean

Every row is labelled with its data basis. **OBSERVED** = measured per-state prices. **ESTIMATED** = no per-state source; the national figure scaled by the restorative cost index. **NATIONAL** = no per-state source at all, so no geographic variation is invented.

Procedure	Arkansas range	Arkansas avg.	U.S. mean (51 markets)	Basis
Exam, cleaning & X-rays	\$45–\$300	\$175	\$203	ESTIMATED
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$75–\$385	\$190	\$226	ESTIMATED
Deep cleaning (SRP, per quadrant)	\$145–\$300	\$205	\$242	ESTIMATED
Tooth extraction	\$65–\$680	\$255	\$300	ESTIMATED
Root canal	\$425–\$1,275	\$935	\$1,100	ESTIMATED
All-on-4 (per arch)	\$9,895–\$23,375	\$12,900	\$15,179	ESTIMATED
Professional teeth whitening	\$300–\$1,000	\$650	\$650	NATIONAL
Dental crown	\$845–\$1,890	\$1,109	\$1,369	OBSERVED
Porcelain veneer (per tooth)	\$470–\$2,720	\$1,659	\$1,759	OBSERVED
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$2,380–\$9,525	\$6,043	\$6,352	OBSERVED
Single dental implant (complete)	\$3,195–\$4,875	\$3,833	\$4,507	OBSERVED
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,325–\$3,175	\$1,714	\$1,953	OBSERVED

What insurance actually pays in Arkansas

Applied to Arkansas averages: a typical full coverage plan structure (preventive ~100%, basic ~80%, major ~50%) against a \$1,500 annual maximum. This is an illustration of a common plan design, not a quote, and it is the subtraction carrier pages do not publish.

Procedure	Arkansas avg.	Tier	Plan pays	You still pay
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$190	basic	\$152	\$38
Root canal	\$935	major	\$468	\$467
Dental crown	\$1,109	major	\$555	\$554
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,714	major	\$857	\$857
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$6,043	ortho	\$1,500 (cap)	\$4,543
Single dental implant (complete)	\$3,833	excluded	nothing	\$3,833

The annual maximum is consumed by the whole plan year, not reset per procedure. Orthodontics and implants are the two lines where the gap is widest: the first exhausts the cap on its own, the second is usually excluded outright.

Methodology & sources

Single implant (complete) — our own observed 51-market series, DOI 10.5281/zenodo.20531728 (CC BY 4.0).

Crown, porcelain veneer, braces, dentures — Average Procedural Cost Study by ASQ360° Market Research for Synchrony's CareCredit. Cited wherever displayed, not redistributed in our open dataset.

All other procedures — national figures scaled by the restorative cost index, labelled *estimated*. Cosmetic rows carry no state variation.

Medicaid acceptance and adult benefit level — DOI 10.5281/zenodo.20666358.

Shortage and dental-desert counts — HRSA Dental HPSA snapshot 2026-07-30, crossed with county median income and state price level; DOI 10.5281/zenodo.21707529.

This is pricing and market research, **not medical advice** and not an insurance quote. Figures are market averages for budgeting and comparison — your quote depends on your case, provider and plan document.

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