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Idaho

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

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Idaho at a glance

\$4,368

SINGLE IMPLANT, AVG.

24/51

RESTORATIVE COST RANK

40.5%

DENTISTS TAKING MEDICAID

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DENTAL-DESERT COUNTIES

- A complete single dental implant averages **\$4,368** in Idaho, \$139 below the \$4,507 national mean of our 51 markets — ranking Idaho **24 of 51** on the restorative cost index (1 = least expensive).
- **40.5%** of Idaho dentists accept Medicaid patients (rank 26 of 51), and the state provides **extensive** adult dental coverage.
- **No Idaho county meets the dental-desert definition**, which requires above-median prices; Idaho sits below that line. Access pressure is nonetheless broad: **38 of Idaho's 44 counties** (86%) 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: Idaho 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	Idaho range	Idaho avg.	U.S. mean (51 markets)	Basis
Exam, cleaning & X-rays	\$50–\$340	\$195	\$203	ESTIMATED
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$85–\$435	\$220	\$226	ESTIMATED
Deep cleaning (SRP, per quadrant)	\$165–\$340	\$235	\$242	ESTIMATED
Tooth extraction	\$75–\$775	\$290	\$300	ESTIMATED
Root canal	\$485–\$1,455	\$1,065	\$1,100	ESTIMATED
All-on-4 (per arch)	\$11,290–\$26,675	\$14,720	\$15,179	ESTIMATED
Professional teeth whitening	\$300–\$1,000	\$650	\$650	NATIONAL
Dental crown	\$1,095–\$2,445	\$1,435	\$1,369	OBSERVED
Porcelain veneer (per tooth)	\$655–\$3,795	\$2,315	\$1,759	OBSERVED
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$2,575–\$10,305	\$6,535	\$6,352	OBSERVED
Single dental implant (complete)	\$3,645–\$5,555	\$4,368	\$4,507	OBSERVED
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,540–\$3,700	\$1,997	\$1,953	OBSERVED

What insurance actually pays in Idaho

Applied to Idaho 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	Idaho avg.	Tier	Plan pays	You still pay
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$220	basic	\$176	\$44
Root canal	\$1,065	major	\$533	\$532
Dental crown	\$1,435	major	\$718	\$717
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,997	major	\$999	\$998
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$6,535	ortho	\$1,500 (cap)	\$5,035
Single dental implant (complete)	\$4,368	excluded	nothing	\$4,368

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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