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Illinois

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

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Illinois at a glance

\$4,589

SINGLE IMPLANT, AVG.

33/51

RESTORATIVE COST RANK

32.7%

DENTISTS TAKING MEDICAID

42

DENTAL-DESERT COUNTIES

- A complete single dental implant averages **\$4,589** in Illinois, \$82 above the \$4,507 national mean of our 51 markets — ranking Illinois **33 of 51** on the restorative cost index (1 = least expensive).
- **32.7%** of Illinois dentists accept Medicaid patients (rank 34 of 51), and the state provides **extensive** adult dental coverage.
- **42 of Illinois's 102 counties** (41%) meet the dental-desert definition — an active shortage designation, below-median county income and above-median prices at once. 85 counties 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: Illinois 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	Illinois range	Illinois avg.	U.S. mean (51 markets)	Basis
Exam, cleaning & X-rays	\$50–\$355	\$205	\$203	ESTIMATED
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$90–\$460	\$230	\$226	ESTIMATED
Deep cleaning (SRP, per quadrant)	\$170–\$360	\$245	\$242	ESTIMATED
Tooth extraction	\$75–\$815	\$305	\$300	ESTIMATED
Root canal	\$510–\$1,530	\$1,120	\$1,100	ESTIMATED
All-on-4 (per arch)	\$11,875–\$28,050	\$15,480	\$15,179	ESTIMATED
Professional teeth whitening	\$300–\$1,000	\$650	\$650	NATIONAL
Dental crown	\$1,165–\$2,590	\$1,522	\$1,369	OBSERVED
Porcelain veneer (per tooth)	\$460–\$2,665	\$1,624	\$1,759	OBSERVED
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$2,485–\$9,945	\$6,309	\$6,352	OBSERVED
Single dental implant (complete)	\$3,825–\$5,835	\$4,589	\$4,507	OBSERVED
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,490–\$3,570	\$1,927	\$1,953	OBSERVED

What insurance actually pays in Illinois

Applied to Illinois 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	Illinois avg.	Tier	Plan pays	You still pay
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$230	basic	\$184	\$46
Root canal	\$1,120	major	\$560	\$560
Dental crown	\$1,522	major	\$761	\$761
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,927	major	\$964	\$963
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$6,309	ortho	\$1,500 (cap)	\$4,809
Single dental implant (complete)	\$4,589	excluded	nothing	\$4,589

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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