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Massachusetts

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

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Massachusetts at a glance

\$5,145

SINGLE IMPLANT, AVG.

46/51

RESTORATIVE COST RANK

43.5%

DENTISTS TAKING MEDICAID

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DENTAL-DESERT COUNTIES

- A complete single dental implant averages **\$5,145** in Massachusetts, \$638 above the \$4,507 national mean of our 51 markets — ranking Massachusetts **46 of 51** on the restorative cost index (1 = least expensive).
- **43.5%** of Massachusetts dentists accept Medicaid patients (rank 23 of 51), and the state provides **extensive** adult dental coverage.
- **No Massachusetts county meets the dental-desert definition**, which requires above-median prices; Massachusetts sits below that line. Access pressure is nonetheless broad: **13 of Massachusetts's 14 counties** (93%) 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: Massachusetts 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	Massachusetts range	Massachusetts avg.	U.S. mean (51 markets)	Basis
Exam, cleaning & X-rays	\$55–\$400	\$230	\$203	ESTIMATED
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$105–\$515	\$260	\$226	ESTIMATED
Deep cleaning (SRP, per quadrant)	\$195–\$400	\$275	\$242	ESTIMATED
Tooth extraction	\$85–\$910	\$340	\$300	ESTIMATED
Root canal	\$570–\$1,710	\$1,255	\$1,100	ESTIMATED
All-on-4 (per arch)	\$13,270–\$31,350	\$17,300	\$15,179	ESTIMATED
Professional teeth whitening	\$300–\$1,000	\$650	\$650	NATIONAL
Dental crown	\$1,135–\$2,530	\$1,486	\$1,369	OBSERVED
Porcelain veneer (per tooth)	\$435–\$2,530	\$1,541	\$1,759	OBSERVED
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$2,760–\$11,045	\$7,007	\$6,352	OBSERVED
Single dental implant (complete)	\$4,290–\$6,545	\$5,145	\$4,507	OBSERVED
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,775–\$4,260	\$2,297	\$1,953	OBSERVED

What insurance actually pays in Massachusetts

Applied to Massachusetts 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	Massachusetts avg.	Tier	Plan pays	You still pay
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$260	basic	\$208	\$52
Root canal	\$1,255	major	\$628	\$627
Dental crown	\$1,486	major	\$743	\$743
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$2,297	major	\$1,149	\$1,148
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$7,007	ortho	\$1,500 (cap)	\$5,507
Single dental implant (complete)	\$5,145	excluded	nothing	\$5,145

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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