

# Estimate your costs



Looking to budget your dental costs? Try the Cost Estimator. This helpful tool gives you a personalized estimate of how much you'll pay for your next dentist visit.

Whether you're getting braces or need a cavity filled, you'll choose from the most common dental services, described in everyday language. The Cost Estimator organizes information logically, so you don't need to be concerned whether your treatment involves multiple procedure codes or visits.

## Advantages

- **Easy to use.** Questions guide you through the process, letting you add services to your visit, like getting x-rays or a cleaning alongside your dental exam.
- **Based on real data.** Your cost estimate is calculated from actual claims Delta Dental has processed, updated daily.
- **Personalized.** You'll get a customized cost based on your actual benefits.
- **Available on desktop and mobile.** Get an estimate on your computer, tablet or phone.

## Features

- **Change your dentist.** Want to know if you'd save by switching to another dentist? Test it out by comparing up to five dentists.
- **Personalize your procedure.** Specify which tooth is being treated, the type of filling you need or whether you're going to a specialist. The price will be calculated accordingly.

## Try it out

Ready to get an estimate?

1. Log in to your account at **deltadentalins.com**.  
(If you don't have one yet, click **Create an account**.)
2. Click the **Plan ahead for a visit** icon, then click **Estimator costs**.  
(Or, click the **Cost Estimator** link by your name.)

## How to navigate

Start by selecting the service you need. As you explore, you can answer additional questions (like "Which tooth?" or "Are you a new patient?") to further customize your results. If you've been using your dental benefits, your current dentist will show up by default, but if you want to see other options, just click **Select dentists** to compare. Whenever you're ready, click **Get cost estimate**.

The screenshot shows the 'Cost estimate for a filling' page. It includes sections for 'Your cost estimate selections', 'Procedures in this cost estimate', 'Your cost estimates', and 'Select dentists'. Callouts point to various interactive elements:

- Click Change plan member to select a different person on your plan.** Points to the 'Change plan member' link under 'Selected plan member'.
- Click Change procedure to select a different procedure.** Points to the 'Change procedure' link under 'Selected procedure'.
- Click benefits usage to see the total benefits usage for all plan members, including plan activity and plan history, as well as maximums, deductibles and out-of-pocket limits.** Points to the 'Benefits usage' link under 'Your cost estimates'.
- Click the Select dentists button to browse local in-network dentists.** Points to the 'Select dentists' button.
- Click Start a new cost estimate to get a cost estimate for a different procedure or plan member.** Points to the 'Start a new cost estimate' link.

The page content includes:

- Cost estimate for a filling** (Title)
- Your cost estimate selections** (Section)
- Estimate as of **March 15, 2022** in the **Delta Dental PPO™** network.
- Selected plan member:** Jane Jones (with [Change plan member](#) link)
- Selected procedure:** (with [Change procedure](#) link)
- Selected procedure options:** Back tooth, silver-colored
- Procedures in this cost estimate:** This cost estimate includes a silver-colored filling for a back tooth. Consult your dentist for actual treatment and diagnosis. • D2150 Amalgam (silver-colored) filling - 2 surfaces. Current Dental Terminology (CDT)™ American Dental Association (ADA). All rights reserved.
- Your cost estimates:** Your actual costs may be impacted by any maximums, deductibles or out-of-pocket limits on your plan. Be sure to review your [benefits usage](#).
- Cost details:** Typical submitted fees: \$147.00; Network savings: \$57.00; Delta Dental pays: \$72.00; Your out-of-pocket estimate: \$18.00.
- Lana Bright:** General Dentist, Delta Dental PPO, Delta Dental Premier, 0.6 mi (with [Get directions](#) link).
- Smiles Dentist Office:** 1234 Anyway St., San Francisco, CA 94110-5007, (415) 123-4567.
- Select dentists:** Not sure which dentists you want to compare? Browse in-network dentists in your area. (with [Select dentists](#) button)
- Start a new cost estimate:** Want to get a cost estimate for a different procedure or plan member? (with [Start a new cost estimate](#) link)

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# Plan for a Healthy Smile

Get a pre-treatment estimate



Even if you're savvy about your dental benefits, you might like a bit of help clarifying the cost of a treatment. That's why Delta Dental offers free pre-treatment estimates. This is an easy way to help you predict your out-of-pocket cost for a specific procedure.<sup>1</sup>

## You might benefit from a pre-treatment estimate if you are:

- Planning dental work that will likely exceed \$300, like a crown, wisdom tooth extraction, bridge, dentures or periodontal surgery
- Wondering if a procedure is covered by your plan
- Worried a procedure might exceed your annual plan maximum
- On a budget and need to plan your payment in advance

## The pre-treatment estimate includes:

- An overview of services covered by your dental plan, as well as those that are limited or excluded
- How coinsurance, deductibles and dollar maximum limits might affect your share of the cost



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<sup>1</sup> Pre-treatment estimates are available to Delta Dental PPO<sup>SM</sup> and Delta Dental Premier<sup>®</sup> enrollees.

# Step by step

## The pre-treatment estimate process



<sup>2</sup> A pre-treatment estimate is not a guarantee of Delta Dental's final payment. When the treatment is complete and a claim is received for payment, Delta Dental will calculate its payment based on your current eligibility, amount remaining in your annual maximum and any deductible requirements or dual coverage. Please review your Evidence of Coverage, Summary Plan Description or Group Dental Service Contract for specific details about your plan.

<sup>3</sup> Generally, pre-treatment estimates process in two to three weeks. However, dentists using our online Provider Tools can have some pre-treatment estimates completed while you are in the office.