



# Get a pre-treatment estimate

## Plan for a healthy smile



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

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

- Planning dental work that could exceed \$500, such as a crown, wisdom tooth extraction, bridge, dentures or periodontal surgery
- Wondering if a procedure is covered by your plan
- On a budget and need to plan your payment

### The pre-treatment estimate includes:

- An overview of services covered, limited or excluded by your dental plan
- An explanation of how your coinsurance, deductibles and maximums may affect your share of the cost



### Have questions about your plan?

Visit your health plan's website at [deltadentalins.com/members](https://deltadentalins.com/members) for more information about how you're covered at the dentist.



<sup>1</sup> Pre-treatment estimates are available if you're covered under a Delta Dental PPO™ or Delta Dental Premier® plan.



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# Step by step

## The pre-treatment estimate process



### Step 1

**You request a pre-treatment estimate** from your dentist.



### Step 2

**Your dentist sends Delta Dental a proposed treatment plan** and x-rays, if necessary.



### Step 3

**Delta Dental reviews the treatment plan** against your benefits to determine covered services and estimated costs.



### Step 4

**We send you and your dentist a copy of your pre-treatment estimate.**<sup>2</sup> How long it takes to receive your pre-treatment estimate depends on your dentist and treatment plan.<sup>3</sup>



### Step 5

**You and your dentist discuss questions** you have about the treatment and determine whether to proceed with the treatment plan.

<sup>2</sup> A pre-treatment estimate isn't 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 tools may be able to provide your pre-treatment estimate while you're in the office.

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