

Important Facts



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- It is estimated that 40% to 50% of the US population has no dental coverage.
- The ACA (aka "Obamacare") has placed renewed emphasis on dental coverage among all ages
- Medicare does not offer dental coverage, meaning there is a large segment of the market not being appropriately serviced.

Source: (Managed Dental Care, August 2008)

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The ACA and Dental Coverage

- Pediatric Dental care is one of the 10 "essential" health benefits (EHB)
- "Pediatric Dental" is defined in each state
 - UT = up to age 19, preventive only (cleaning, exam, some x-rays, some sealants). May be combined medical/dental deductible.
- Mandates say that medical carriers must be either include pediatric dental or be 'reasonably assured' that it is available stand-alone.
- Dental coverage is not subsidy eligible
- No known penalties for not carrying dental coverage

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The ACA and Direct Access

- Does Direct Access satisfy the "Pediatric Dental" requirement?
 - No...However, consider your client's true dental needs
 - No coverage required for adults.
 - Pediatric dental benefits may not be paid until the medical deductible is satisfied.
 - Smaller dental provider networks offer fewer dentists for members.
 - Minimal coverage can 'surprise' clients if they expect to have a comprehensive dental plan
 - Consider coverage for what your client's actually need
 - Fillings, Crowns, Dentures, Implants, etc. will all have either no coverage or strict limits to protect the insurer





What is DirectACCESS?

- Direct Access is not insurance. It is a fee-forservice discount plan
- Direct Access members access the exact same discounts Dentist Direct receives with thousands of members nationwide.
- 150,000 participating locations nationwide with 2,500+ in UT (<u>www.dentistdirectaccess.com</u>)
- ALL PROVIDERS ARE ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS





How much can I save?

- Average discounts are 15% to 60% (or higher)
- Off what?
 - Direct Access discounts are calculated based off data from the 2007 Survey of Dental fees performed by the ADA, in-house claims data, and other national fee profiling services.
 - Direct Access offers a **pre-set fee schedule**, not an arbitrary percentage off



Example Savings...

Actual Dental Visit – single member

Procedure	Billed	Discount	Paid
X-Rays	\$37.00	49%	\$19.00
Limited Oral Eval	\$58.00	59%	\$24.00
Filling – Resin (2)	\$143.00	44%	\$80.00
Filling – Resin (3)	\$210.00	51%	\$104.00
TOTALS:	\$448.00	49%	\$227.00



Example Savings...

Actual Dental Visit – <u>family of 3</u>

Procedure	Billed	Discount	Paid
17 Total Procedures	\$1,214.00	47%	\$645.00





What about dental <u>insurance</u>?

- Individual dental insurance is NOT the same as group dental insurance. It is full of:
 - Limitations
 - Exclusions
 - Waiting Periods
 - Very Expensive Monthly Premium
- When do you want dental insurance?
 - When you need to use it but there are restrictions

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- A Recent Consumer Report Survey found
 - 43% of respondents delayed dental care because of cost
 - Even those with insurance put off treatment
 - 23% because insurance wouldn't cover it
 - 24% because they had already exceeded the their benefit maximum for the year
 - The report notes that having dental insurance is better than not having it, especially if an individual's insurance is job-based. But don't expect free or nearly free care. CR's survey found that of the 71 percent of respondents who had dental insurance, 90 percent received some sort of coverage, but only 46 percent said it covered more than half of the cost.

Source: http://articles.courant.com/2012-01-28/business/hc-consumer-reprots-dental-care-20120128 1 dental-health-health-centers-consumer-reports



Insurance vs. Direct Access

Example Basic Dental Expenses With Insurance

Single Member	With Traditional Dental Insurance	Direct Access
Total Premiums/Membership Fees	\$384.00 (\$32/mo)	\$108.00
Deductible	\$50.00	\$0.00
In Depth Check-up	\$0.00	\$26.00
Full Mouth X-Rays	\$0.00	\$48.00
Prophylaxis - Adult	\$0.00	\$40.00
White Filling - Molar	\$27.00	\$68.00
	\$461.00	\$278.00
	Total Savings	\$171.00



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Root Canal Usually Subject to Waiting Period	\$400.00	\$500.00
	\$834.00	\$710.00
	Total Savings	\$112.00
	Total Savings if Root Canal in Waiting Period	\$ 512.00

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Frequently asked Questions

- What if my dentist isn't part of the network?
 - Only participating dentists offer a discount
- What if I get a cash discount when I visit the dentist?
 - Why would a dentist give you the same discount as a large insurance company?
- Are the discounts legitimate?
 - Set fee schedule not an arbitrary percentage discount
- Isn't insurance better?
 - That's for you to decide, but, we typically say that "Direct Access
 is not insurance...its better"

Dental Plan Why haven't I heard this before? Dentists Recommend™ Dentists Recommend™

- Excerpt from dental industry publication about individual dental insurance plans:
 - "...insurers do have one advantage in marketing to individuals: they are less likely to sit down and do the actuarial math. 'I'm not so sure that all patients, particularly individuals, go through this exercise.'"
 - » David Zatz, Senior Consultant at Towers Perrin, Managed Dental Care 8/08
- The Direct Access Plan is not insurance...its better!

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- How do I enroll?
 - Online at www.dentistdirectaccess.com
 - Paper enrollment form (can mail or fax)
 - You can also include Vision, Hearing, & Rx Discounts
- How do I use the membership?
 - Card arrives in 7 to 10 business days after enrollment
 - Choose a participating dentist from website
 - Present card at the dental office to receive discounts
 - No waiting, no exclusions, no restrictions
 - Typically pays for itself on the first visit

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- Product available in 47 states:
 - Not in MT, VT, WA

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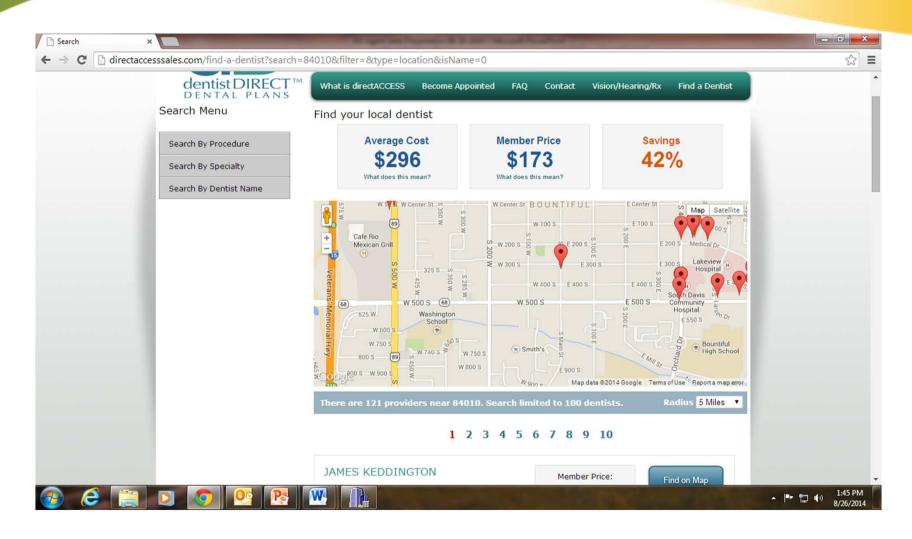
- Commissions 40% paid twice a month
- Broker WEBSITE (www. directaccesssales.com)
 - Online Commission Statements
 - Provider Search
 - Sample Discounts
 - Cost Estimator
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Broker's Site

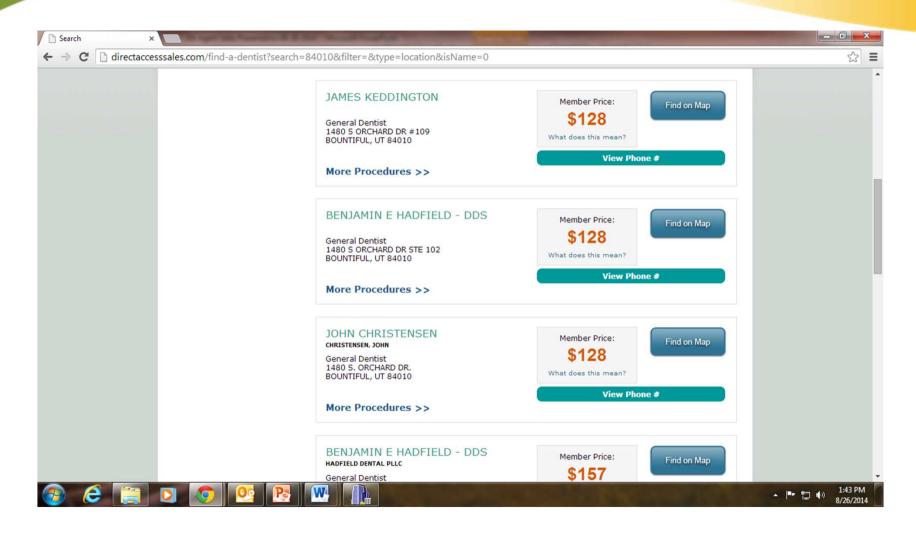
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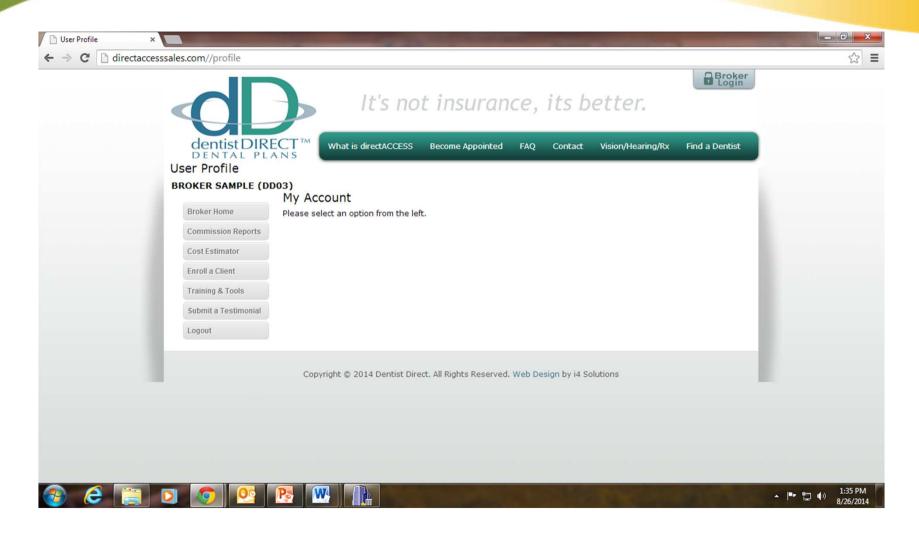
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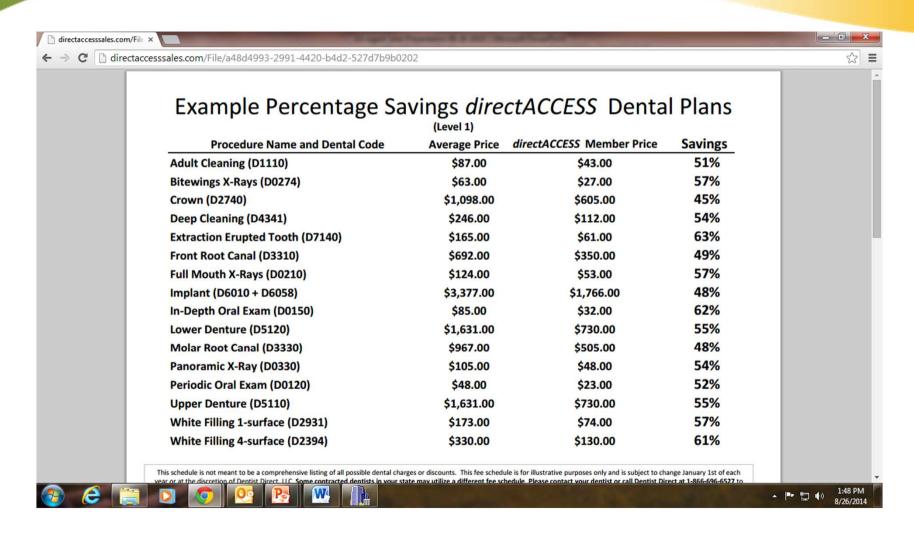


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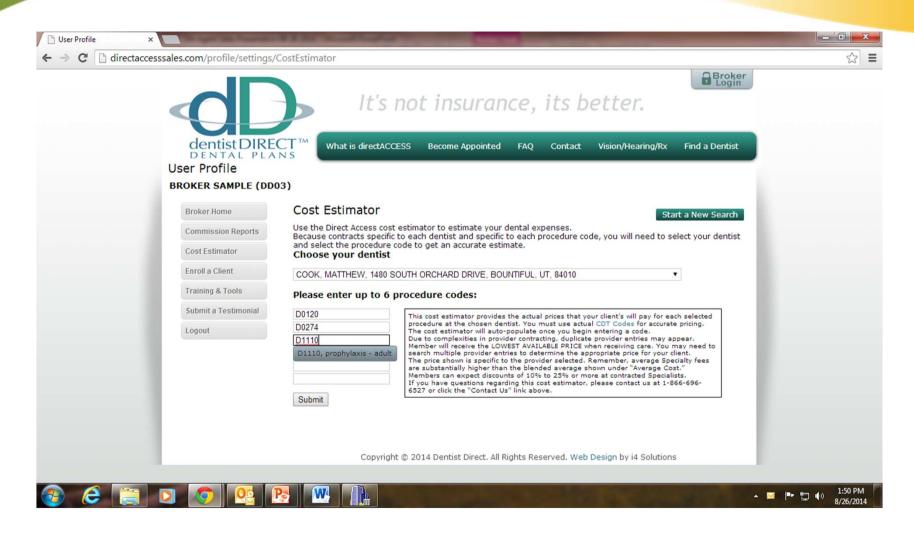
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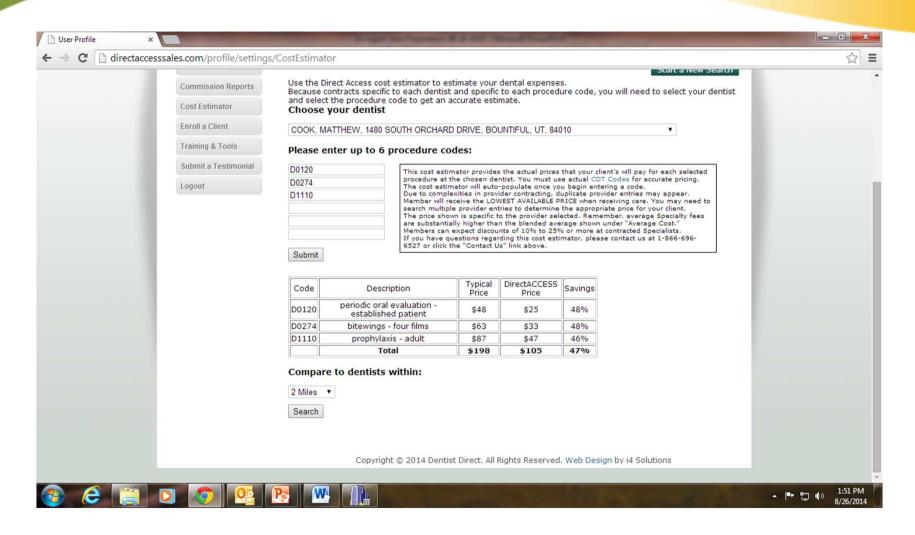


Cost Estimator Search

Dental Plan Dentists Recommend



Cost Estimator Results



Cost Estimator Comparison

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