



PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

Reimbursements: Social Security

Dental expenses are not reimbursed the way other medical expenses are. There is a special agreement with the public healthcare system (Sécurité Sociale). Some explanation:

Your dental surgeon is « conventioned »: he/she signed an agreement with the Social Security to allow you to benefit of the best possible conditions for reimbursement.

However, this agreement was written in 1972. It was never updated ever since, despite continual requests from the professional dental organizations for updating the nomenclature (list of reimbursable dental procedures and amount of the reimbursements).

There are three types of reimbursed dental procedures and their reimbursement systems are different.

1 « opposable » dental care

Those are the procedures that will be reimbursed at **70 % of their cost**: scaling, amalgams, devitalizations, extractions... and correspond to common dental care 38 years ago, when the agreement was signed. **Their costs are capped** (you can not charge more) but does not correspond any more to the expenses modern dental offices are facing today.

2 Partially reimbursed dental care

Essentially prosthetic procedures.

They are reimbursed at a **set price** but **their real prices are freely established**.

They correspond to:

- the work your practitioner did (preparation, impression, occlusal tuning)
- the necessary continuing education to master these techniques
- the overhead costs in the office (sterilization, products, staff...)
- the lab work ...



3 **Unlisted care (not in the nomenclature)**

Every procedure that appeared since the agreement was signed, stemming from the fantastic evolution of medical and dental techniques.

By now, these procedures belong to the daily practice of any dental surgeon, they became inescapable: inlays-onlays, implants, full-porcelain crowns, crowns on vital teeth, periodontics, prophylaxis..

Your dental surgeon is conventioned, it allows you to benefit of the best possible conditions for reimbursement of high-quality dental care...