



Germany (Member of the EU)

Population: 83,5 million

Public Health Coverage:

About 87-90 % of the German population is covered by statutory health insurance (compulsory insurance, co-insurance via family members, etc.). Of the 72.700 active dentists in Germany, around 87% have a contract with a health insurance fund.¹ Contracted dentists offer fully reimbursed restorations, but may also charge extra for more elaborate fillings in private contracts with the patient.

More elaborate fillings in private dentistry are only subsidized with the equivalent for a basic restorative treatment in public health services.

Before the ban on dental amalgam:

Basic restorative treatments with **any plastic filling material** were reimbursed with **34€ - 62€**² depending on the size and complexity of the filling.

For children up to 15 years, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and patients allergic to amalgam, composites in molars were reimbursed with **56€ - 107€**.³

After the ban on dental amalgam:

The use of any adequate, appropriate, proven and commonly used restorative material is now covered with **36€ - 68€ (+8,3%)**. In the anterior region, adhesively bonded restorations are covered by contract dental care. In the posterior region, self-adhesive materials and, in exceptional cases, bulk-fill composites are covered by contract dental care.⁴

Composite fees for the vulnerable population were removed from the scheme.

The use of dental Amalgam in exceptional cases is not foreseen by the public reimbursement system.

Private Dentistry:

Incremented Composites are not fully reimbursed by the public insurance but subsidized with **36€ - 68€** depending on the size and complexity of the filling.⁴

The estimated cost for a Composite filling in private dentistry ranges between **100€ - 300€**.

¹ https://www.zm-online.de/news/detail/freie-arztwahl-viele-zuzahlungen-und-zumeist-nur-eine-kasse?utm_source=chatgpt.com

² Fees are initially set as "points" whose values may vary regionally and are adjusted regularly: Ø €1,08 in 2024

³ https://www.gkv-spitzenverband.de/media/dokumente/krankenversicherung_1/zahnaerztliche_versorgung/zae_bmv_z/bema-2023-01-01-final.pdf

⁴ https://www.gkv-spitzenverband.de/media/dokumente/krankenversicherung_1/zahnaerztliche_versorgung/zae_bmv_z/2025_07_01_BEMA.pdf