



## Coverage for Cone Beam

### What is a Cone Beam?

Cone beam computed tomography (cone beam, for short) is a type of 3D x-ray used primarily **to diagnose and develop treatment plans for endodontic, dental implant, or other oral surgery procedures.** Cone beam imaging is most often used when a traditional 2D x-ray cannot give a clear or adequate picture of oral anatomy or when additional pathological information is needed to diagnose a patient's condition most accurately.

### Why are we talking about it?

Though their application is not yet universal in dental practices, the use of cone beam imaging is expected to increase in specialty practices and when planning root canal or dental implant procedures. In certain cases, a dentist may need to assess a surgical area from multiple angles before safely performing a procedure.

In these situations, the information provided by a 3D x-ray can be necessary, and **patients won't be given a choice between traditional 2D and cone beam.** This can lead to unexpected treatment costs and hinder treatment and long-term preventive care.

### How much does it cost?

Due to the advanced technology needed to create this picture, a cone beam image averages between \$220-\$290. **This is roughly 8-10x the cost of a traditional 2D x-ray.**

### Will insurance cover it?

Here's the good news: if your company is new to Delta Dental or you're set to renew your Group plan this year, then yes!\* And what's more, the coverage won't be tied to specific providers or treatments but are instead considered a diagnostic benefit, just like a traditional x-ray. This means **your employees could receive up to 1 Cone Beam per year with no out-of-pocket cost!**

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\*Cone Beam coverage available only on select Corporate plans. Not available to Delta Dental of Washington members on Individual & Family plans.

For more information or to add Cone Beam coverage to your corporate plans, please contact your account representative.

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