



## GTB Dental Lab Fee Policy

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**Purpose:** To identify lab service fees that the GTB can collect from Grand Traverse Band Tribal members and exempt patients.

**Policy:** The GTB Dental Clinic provides dental services that require an outside dental laboratory to create items such as dentures, crowns, and bridges. Due to budget limitations, the GTB Dental Clinic is limited on how many dental laboratory fees can be paid for patients.

**Definition:** Dental Lab Fee: The cost of producing any dental item, such as a denture, bridge, or crown required for certain dental services provided at the GTB Dental Clinic.

### General Statements:

- I. Some dental procedures performed at the GTB Dental clinic require the dentist to order items from an outside laboratory; these can include but are not limited to crowns, bridges, dentures, etc.
  1. For Grand Traverse Band Tribal members, the GTB Dental budget will cover up to \$1,000 annually for dental lab fees incurred for services rendered in the GTB Dental Clinic.
    - a. Payment for dental laboratory fees is not guaranteed and will only be provided when sufficient funding is available. The GTB Health Director reserves the right to suspend paying for dental laboratory fees at any time due to funding constraints.
- II. For members of other federally recognized Tribes, or other non-Tribal member patients, the GTB dental budget will not cover any dental laboratory fees.
  - a. For these patients, the full dental laboratory fee must be paid directly BEFORE the dental laboratory item is produced and BEFORE the dental procedure is scheduled with the GTB Dental Clinic.