

Finding Dental Care in Pennsylvania

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) are primary care facilities in rural and urban areas. There are more than 120 FQHC sites in PA that provide dental care. All insurances are accepted. Fees are based on what the patient can pay and are often based on income level and family size. To locate an FQHC, visit my.pachc.org/Find-a-Health-Center.

Dental Schools and Dental Hygiene Program Clinics

There are four dental programs and 13 dental hygiene programs in Pennsylvania which provide dental services at a low or reduced cost to anyone. To locate a dental school or dental hygiene program clinic, visit paoralhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Dental-and-Dental-Hygiene-Program-Clinics.pdf.

Free and Charitable Clinics

Free and charitable clinics see people who are uninsured, need services not covered by insurance, or have limited or no access to care. There are nearly 20 free clinics that offer dental services. To learn more, visit <https://www.pacharitablehealth.org/cliniclocations>.

Managed Care Organizations (Medicaid Health Plans)

Managed care organizations can connect their members with dental providers in their regions. For the member services phone numbers for each managed care organization, visit dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Statewide-Managed-Care-Map.aspx. For provider lists by health plan, visit enrollnow.net.

PA Navigate

PA Navigate is an online tool that connects individuals to community-based organizations, county and state agencies, and healthcare providers. Both individuals and providers can use PA Navigate to make referrals for healthcare services. Dental care resources are located under the “Health” section. It also includes resources to address food, shelter, transportation, and more. For more information, visit panavigate.org.

PA 211

PA 211 is a service provided through the United Way of Pennsylvania to provide information and referrals to health, human services, and other social assistance programs. To locate dental providers, visit pa211.org/get-help/health.

PA Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

PA Medicaid and CHIP offer free or low-cost health insurance options for individuals up to age 19. For more information and to locate a provider in your area, visit insurekidsnow.gov.



Pop-Up Clinics and Events

Mission of Mercy Pennsylvania

- Dental services are provided at no cost to individuals who cannot afford dental care. Treatment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Hundreds of people attend this event for care, so come early. The line for entry can form hours in advance.
- For more information, visit mom-n-pa.com.

Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh

- Dental care is provided to patients on a first come, first served basis until capacity is met. There are no income or eligibility requirements. Hundreds of patients attend this event for care, so come early. Lines form hours in advance.
- For more information, visit mompgh.org/patient-info.

Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinics

- RAM clinics are free and provide dental cleanings, fillings, extractions, and dental x-rays. The line for entry can form hours in advance.
- For more information, visit ramusa.org/pop-up-clinics.

Donated Dental Services

Dentists volunteer to provide comprehensive treatment to eligible patients. Applicants must have no means to afford dental care and must meet ONE of the following criteria: over 65 years of age, permanently disabled, or need medically necessary dental care. For more information and to apply, visit dentallifeline.org/pennsylvania.

Dental Coverage through the Pennie Marketplace

Pennie, Pennsylvania's insurance marketplace, offers two ways to get dental coverage outside of employer coverage. Dental coverage can be added to medical insurance, or purchased separately as just a dental plan. For more information, visit pennie.com.

Rural Health Clinics

Rural Health Clinics are focused on providing primary care services in non-urbanized areas. Availability of dental services will vary by location. For more information, visit www.porh.psu.edu

PA Dental Association (PDA)

PDA is the statewide dental professional organization for dentists. PDA has an online directory to help individuals find dental care. For more information, visit <https://findadentist.ada.org/>.

School-Based Health Centers

School-based health centers provide a range of health services including physical, dental, and behavioral health care for students and parents in the school setting. Available services vary between centers. For more information, visit psbha.org.

