



# **TAC dental fee schedule review**



**Submission to the Transport Accident Commission  
by  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch Inc. (ADAVB) welcomes the invitation to provide input to the Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) review of its Dental Fee Schedule.

The ADAVB is the professional association of dentists in Victoria, and its key objectives are to promote the improvement of the dental health of the public, the art and science of dentistry, and the highest standards of professional dental care.

The ADAVB notes that:

- TAC patients are different to those who qualify for treatment under Department of Veterans Affairs entitlements, and as a consequence, an attenuated process is involved. Hence the examination, report to TAC, approval to proceed with treatment, provision of treatment, lodgment of the claim for payment for treatment provided and processing of that claim, take longer than DVA processes.
- The TAC dental fee schedule was last updated with effect from July 2006. The last time the ADAVB was invited to provide input to a fee review was in late 2004.
- TAC funding for dental services constitutes a relatively small element in the TAC's medical services budget, and most of those services are complex reconstructive and restorative services, frequently provided by specialists such as oral and maxillofacial surgeons and prosthodontists.
- The TAC Schedule and Dental Services policy may allow providers of dental care to require a co-payment for the treatment they provide. If so, many dentists are unaware of this.
- Members report that payment processing by the TAC is slower than any other third party funder of dental treatment. DVA usually pays within 2 weeks of a treatment claim being lodged whereas instances have been reported of TAC claims taking up to 5 months. This lengthy delay in payment acts as a significant disincentive to dentists assisting TAC patients.
- The TAC Schedule in some instances uses definitions different to those contained in the ADA Schedule 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, thus creating potential for confusion and errors.

## **INCONSISTENT SCHEDULES**

While most treatment items in the TAC dental fee schedule align with the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of The Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary, published by the ADA in 2004, a number of items have been varied by TAC, resulting in potential confusion and inefficiency.

It is vitally important that all dentists in Australia adhere to a common and reliable system by which to describe the treatments they provide. Consistency in dental records is one of the key dimensions of quality assurance, and as the key dental standards body in Australia, the ADA urges all dentists to comply with this fundamental standard.

There are numerous third parties involved in funding of dental services, and if one is permitted to create its own version of the Schedule then all of them may feel that they are entitled to do so. TAC's decision to create a version of the Schedule that includes amendments to the ADA Schedule undermines the common national standards that Government agencies such as the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare Standards recommend.

Another outcome of TAC using variations on the ADA Schedule is that it leads to confusion amongst dentists and can therefore lead to errors – with possible medico-legal consequences. ADAVB therefore recommends that TAC confer with its clinical advisors to bring its schedule back into alignment with the ADA Schedule.

## RATE COMPARISONS

The attached comparative table highlights the relative positions of the Mean ADAVB Surveyed Fees (July 2006 data), and TAC rates as at 1 July 2006. It must be noted that the survey data is historical, and that current fee rates will have moved on from this level since the data was collected, whilst the TAC rates are prospective, and apply until reviewed again at some future date. **This means that the gap between the normal dental fees and the rates paid by the TAC is actually wider than is shown in the table.**

Whilst TAC rates are more generous in Prosthodontics areas such as crown and bridge, (which is not surprisingly a dominant response to road trauma), when a wider range of treatments is assessed it becomes obvious that the TAC rates are out of touch with the costs of delivering dental care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Fee Schedule, which is considered to contain concessional rates, was updated in November 2006, and yet most items are rebated at a higher level than the TAC dental fee schedule:

A recent Access Economics study, commissioned by the ADA, concluded that the cost of regulatory compliance in Australian dental practices is averaging \$64,000 pa. per practitioner. This validated feedback to the ADAVB from its members expressing concerns at the ever increasing cost of regulatory compliance, and the need to formally address this factor in setting fee levels:

The impact of these growing costs on dentist participation in Government sponsored schemes is the same for VWA and TAC as indicated by the ADA Inc regarding the DVA scheme. If dentists do not cover their costs then they withdraw their services to be able to focus on providing treatment to patients who can pay rates which align with real expense ratios. Given the evident shortage of dentists in Australia, there is no shortage of such patients, especially in regional and rural areas. It is a relatively simple decision for dentists therefore to choose to treat patients who cover their costs rather than those that require the practice to subsidise their care from the dentist's pocket.

Members have reported that current TAC fee rates have ceased to provide a reasonable return on their time and effort, and indeed in some cases, do not even cover overheads. One member expressed it as follows:

*“Recent cases that I have done are at fees 30% below Vet Affairs rates. It is impossible to provide for cases that involve a lab fee not that much different to the TAC fee. A loss situation has left me with no option but to remove my services to TAC patients until the fees increase to a reasonable level.”*

The attached comparative graphs and table (\*) reveal rates that:

- differ widely, with some TAC rates being as much as 76% below the surveyed fees, and many being over 20% below. Most TAC fees are also lower than the concessional rates paid for dental treatment by DVA.
- offer general practitioner dentists virtually no margin on prosthodontic treatments many of them would be well qualified to provide, thus causing referral to specialists at costs to the TAC much greater than need be the case. Generally speaking, referral to a specialist should only be required where the complexity of the work is beyond that a GP is capable of handling. This would be the case with many trauma victims, but not all.
- have inconsistent differentials paid for specialist services. Negative figures of 20% or more in the comparison of TAC Specialists rates compared with ADAVB GP rates indicate acceptable fee differentials, whilst positive figures indicate that the TAC is paying specialists below the rate normally charged by GP dentists. Specialist fees around 20% - 25% higher than GP fees are supported by the ADAVB.

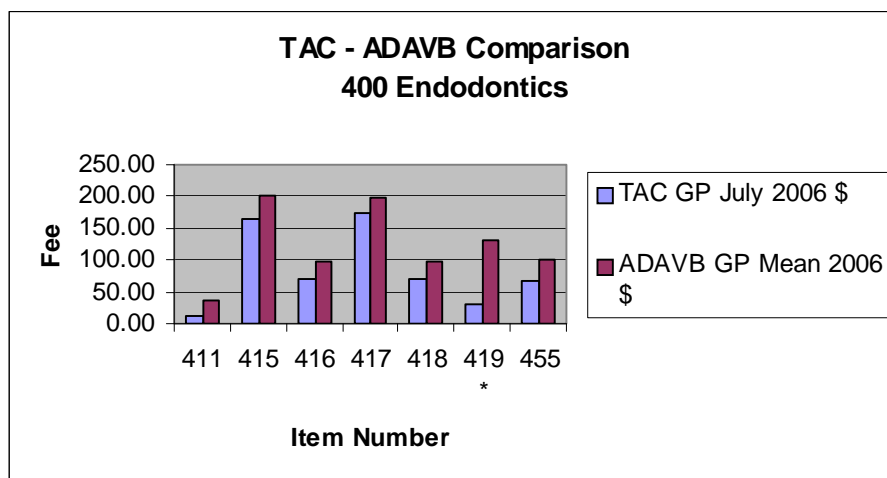
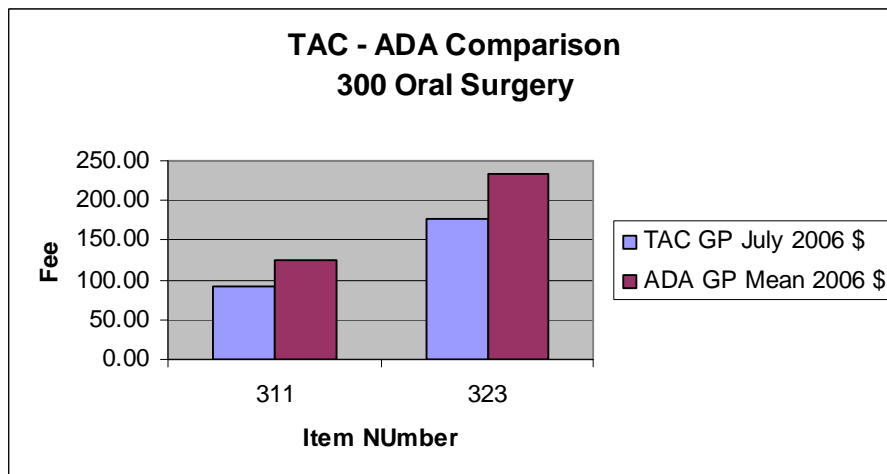
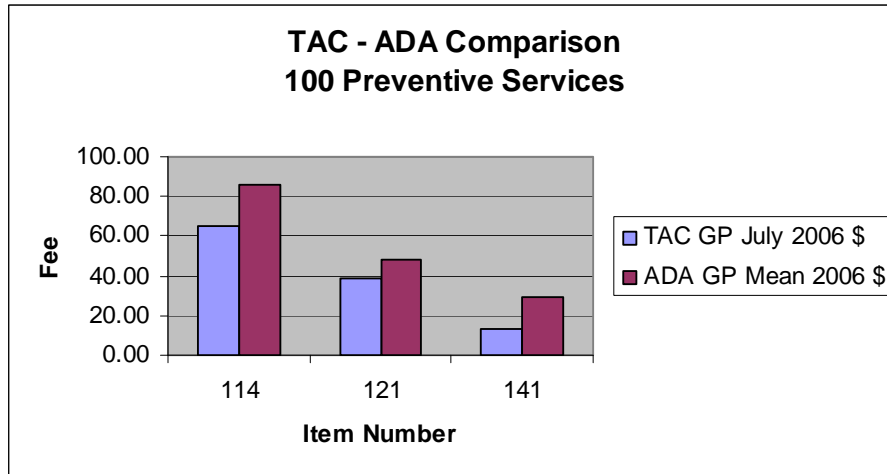
\* Note: Only item numbers from the TAC schedule that matched current definitions in the ADA Schedule were able to be used in the comparative graphs and table. As TAC has modified some item numbers this made certain comparisons invalid, thus illustrating the problem described above.

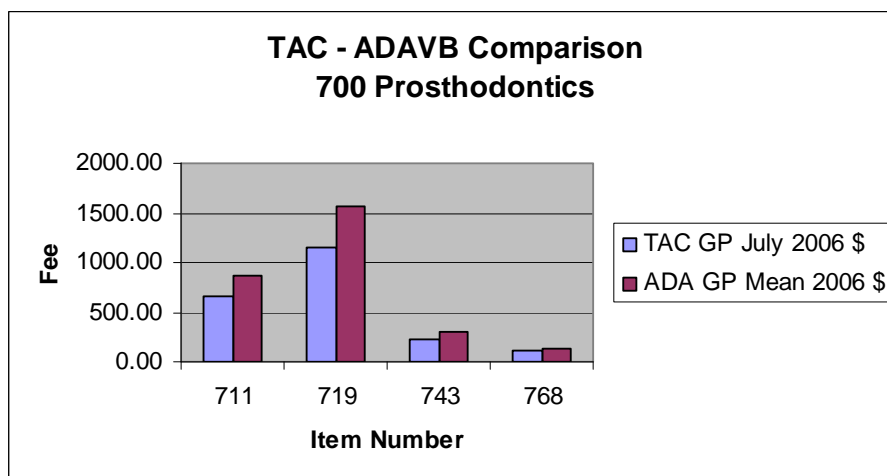
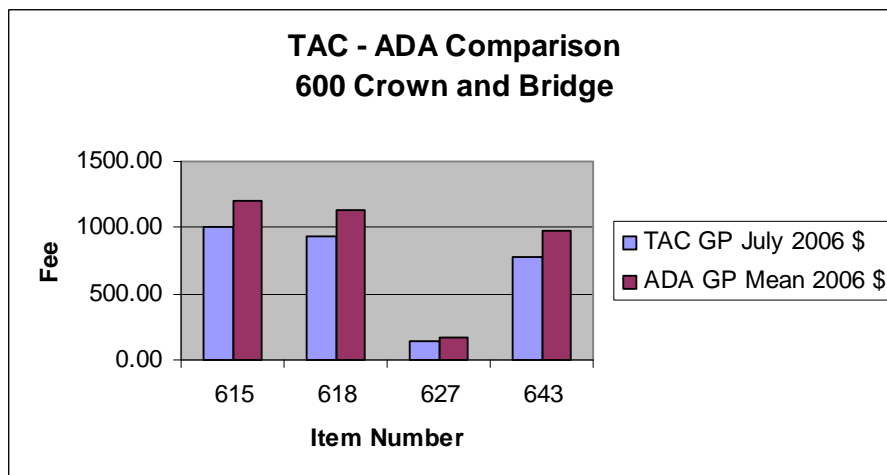
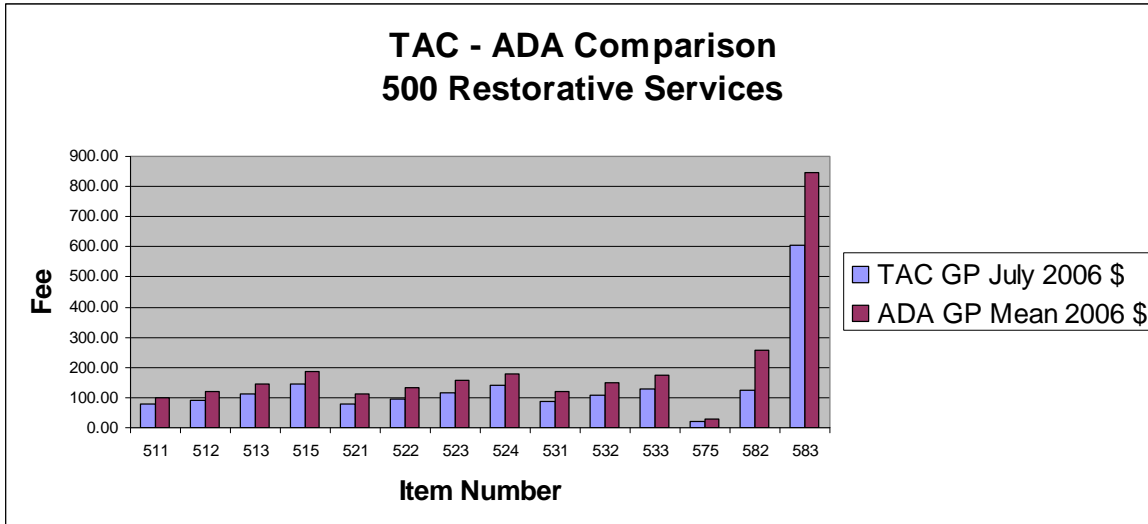
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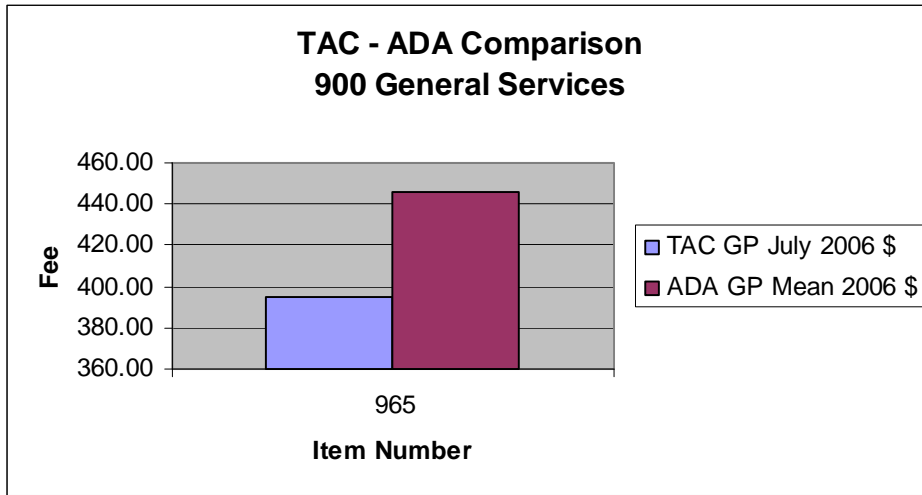
To address these problems the ADAVB recommends:

1. **The current level of TAC fees be increased to a level commensurate with the mean level of fees, as reflected in the 2006 ADA Inc. dental fee survey but with appropriate CPI adjustments from the date of the last survey.**
2. **That TAC dental fees be indexed in line with medical services.**
3. **That the TAC dental fee schedule be amended to achieve consistency with the ADA Schedule 8<sup>th</sup> edition.**
4. **That TAC modify its advice to dental care providers to make it clear that co-payments can be accepted from TAC patients.**
5. **That TAC review its business processes to ensure that claims are dealt with more expeditiously.**

ATTACHMENT: Comparisons of TAC fees and ADA Surveyed Fees as at 1 July 2006







|          |   | TAC GP<br>July 2006<br>\$ | ADAVB GP<br>Mean 2006<br>\$ | TAC vs ADAVB<br>% Difference | DVA GP<br>Nov 2006<br>\$ | TAC vs DVA<br>% Difference |
|----------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 011      | Comprehensive oral exam.  | N/A                       | 48.17                       | N/A                          | 46.55                    | N/A                        |
| 011, 018 | Initial examination and completion of TAC report form "DTF 1"                     | 71.75                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 012      | Periodic oral exam.   | 36.60                     | 41.53                       | -11.8803%                    | 38.65                    | -5.3040%                   |
| 013      | Oral examination - limited  | N/A                       | 37.33                       | N/A                          | 24.30                    | N/A                        |
| 014      | Consultation  | N/A                       | 49.41                       | N/A                          | S Only                   | N/A                        |
| 014, 018 | Consultation arranged by the TAC for a second opinion, including a written report | 121.45                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 018      | Comprehensive clinical report (not elsewhere included)                            | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 41.55                    | N/A                        |
| 022      | Intraoral, periapical or bitewing - per film                                      | 29.85                     | 35.26                       | -15.3336%                    | 32.70                    | -8.7156%                   |
| 025      | Intraoral radiograph - occlusal, maxillary or mandibular - per exposure           | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 54.35                    | N/A                        |
| 031      | Extraoral radiograph - maxillary, mandibular - per exposure                       | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 62.00                    | N/A                        |
| 036      | Cephalometric radiograph  | 79.55                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | S Only                   | N/A                        |
| 037      | Panoramic radiograph  | 79.55                     | 84.07                       | -5.3811%                     | 83.25                    | -4.4444%                   |
| 039      | Tomography of the skull or parts thereof  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 131.35                   | N/A                        |
| 047      | Caries activity screening test  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 35.75                    | N/A                        |
| 051      | Biopsy of tissue  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 109.45                   | N/A                        |
| 061      | Pulp vitality testing - per visit (max 3 visits per year)                         | 13.55                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 071      | Diagnostic model  | 36.55                     | 47.28                       | -22.7024%                    | 53.35                    | -31.4902%                  |
| 072      | Photographic records - intraoral  | 20.20                     | 35.03                       | -42.3419%                    | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 111      | Removal of plaque and/or stain  | N/A                       | 48.96                       | N/A                          | 47.55                    | N/A                        |
| 113      | Recontouring pre-existing restoration(s)  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 17.95                    | N/A                        |
| 114      | Removal of plaque and/or stain  | 65.00                     | 85.75                       | -24.1962%                    | 79.25                    | -17.9811%                  |
| 115      | Removal of calculus - subsequent visit  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 51.55                    | N/A                        |
| 117      | Non-vital bleaching (if separate appointments are made)                           | 126.20                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 118      | Bleaching, internal - per tooth   | N/A                       | 84.65                       | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |

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| 121 | Topical application of remineralising agent  | 39.05                     | 47.97                       | -18.5946%                    | 30.55                    | 27.8232%                   |
| 123 | Concentrated remineralising agent, application - single tooth                      | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 23.90                    | N/A                        |
| 131 | Dietary advice   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 32.20                    | N/A                        |
| 141 | Oral hygiene instruction   | 12.85                     | 29.23                       | -56.0407%                    | 43.70                    | -70.5950%                  |
| 151 | Provision of a mouthguard - indirect   | N/A                       | 133.74                      | N/A                          | 132.80                   | N/A                        |
| 161 | Fissure sealing - per tooth  | N/A                       | 44.35                       | N/A                          | 40.65                    | N/A                        |
| 165 | Desensitisation of dentine (per visit)   | 25.05                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 23.90                    | 4.8117%                    |
| 171 | Odontoplasty for fractured teeth (per tooth)                                       | 25.05                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 44.85                    | -44.1472%                  |
| 213 | Treatment of acute periodontal infection - per visit                               | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 61.55                    | N/A                        |
| 221 | Clinical periodontal analysis and recording  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 46.75                    | N/A                        |
| 222 | Root planing and subgingival curettage - per 8 teeth or less                       | FBN                       | 131.12                      | N/A                          | 114.95                   | N/A                        |
| 225 | Non-surgical periodontal treatment where not otherwise specified - per visit       | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 93.40                    | N/A                        |
| 232 | Periodontal flap surgery - per 8 teeth or less                                     | FBN                       | 239.15                      | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 245 | Periodontal surgery involving one tooth or an implant                              | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 70.10                    | N/A                        |
| 282 | Continuation/review of periodontal treatment or maintenance subsequent to item 281 | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 140.10                   | N/A                        |
| 311 | Removal of tooth or part(s) thereof  | 91.00                     | 125.84                      | -27.6832%                    | 115.95                   | -21.5179%                  |
| 314 | Sectional removal of tooth   | 137.30                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | 148.25                   | -7.3862%                   |
| 322 | Surgical extraction without bone removal   | 137.30                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | 188.25                   | -27.0651%                  |
| 323 | Surgical removal of a tooth or tooth fragment requiring removal of bone            | 176.05                    | 234.09                      | -24.7932%                    | 215.00                   | -18.1163%                  |
| 331 | Alveolectomy - per segment   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 117.35                   | N/A                        |
| 337 | Reduction of fibrous tuberosity  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 164.95                   | N/A                        |
| 377 | Removal of soft tissue   | 35.40                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 179.00                   | -80.2235%                  |
| 378 | Surgical removal of foreign body   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 101.30                   | N/A                        |
| 384 | Repositioning of displaced tooth/teeth - per tooth                                 | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 168.70                   | N/A                        |

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| 386      | Repositioning and splinting of displaced tooth                                       | 145.70                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | 173.95                   | -16.2403%                  |
| 387      | Replantation and splinting of a tooth  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 340.70                   | N/A                        |
| 387, 772 | Replanting avulsed tooth and splinting   | 145.70                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 391      | Frenectomy   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 156.30                   | N/A                        |
| 392      | Incision and drainage of abscess or cyst   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 85.60                    | N/A                        |
| 411      | Direct pulp capping  | 11.70                     | 35.21                       | -66.7673%                    | 30.80                    | -62.0130%                  |
| 412      | Incomplete endodontic therapy (inoperable or fractured)                              | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 105.45                   | N/A                        |
| 414      | Cvek pulpotomy   | 90.95                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 67.20                    | 35.3423%                   |
| 415      | Complete chemo-mechanical preparation of root canal - one canal                      | 165.70                    | 202.02                      | -17.9792%                    | 189.25                   | -12.4439%                  |
| 416      | Complete chemo-mechanical preparation of root canal - each additional canal          | 69.90                     | 97.74                       | -28.4828%                    | 90.15                    | -22.4626%                  |
| 417      | Root canal obturation - one canal  | 172.30                    | 198.77                      | -13.3163%                    | 184.30                   | -6.5111%                   |
| 418      | Root canal obturation - each additional canal  | 69.90                     | 96.74                       | -27.7420%                    | 86.20                    | -18.9095%                  |
| 419 *    | Extirpation of pulp or debridement of root canal(s) - emergency or palliative        | 31.15                     | 131.89                      | -76.3820%                    | 121.85                   | -74.4358%                  |
| 432, 434 | Apicectomy and apical seal   | 180.25                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 433      | Exploratory periradicular surgery  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 112.45                   | N/A                        |
| 445      | Exploration for a calcified root canal - per canal                                   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 93.40                    | N/A                        |
| 451      | Removal of root filling (per canal)  | 68.15                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 93.40                    | -27.0343%                  |
| 452      | Removal of cemented root canal post or post crown                                    | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 93.40                    | N/A                        |
| 453      | 1Removal or bypassing fractured endodontic instrument                                | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 77.90                    | N/A                        |
| 455      | Additional visit for irrigation and/or dressing of the root canal system - per tooth | 65.70                     | 100.10                      | -34.3649%                    | 93.40                    | -29.6574%                  |
| 457      | Obturation of resorption defect or perforation (non-surgical)                        | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 93.40                    | N/A                        |
| 458      | Interim therapeutic root filling - per tooth   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 124.50                   | N/A                        |
| 511      | Metallic restoration - one surface - direct  | 78.00                     | 101.57                      | -23.2059%                    | 92.15                    | -15.3554%                  |
| 512      | Metallic restoration - two surfaces - direct   | 89.95                     | 122.16                      | -26.3688%                    | 112.95                   | -20.3630%                  |

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| 513 | Metallic restoration - three surfaces - direct                   | 110.65                    | 144.21                      | -23.2702%                    | 134.75                   | -17.8850%                  |
| 514 | Metallic restoration - four surfaces - direct                    | N/A                       | 162.85                      | N/A                          | 153.60                   | N/A                        |
| 515 | Metallic restoration - five surfaces - direct                    | 145.1                     | 187.37                      | -22.5595%                    | 175.40                   | -17.2748%                  |
| 521 | Adhesive restoration - one surface - anterior tooth - direct     | 77.80                     | 110.15                      | -29.3683%                    | 102.05                   | -23.7629%                  |
| 522 | Adhesive restoration - two surfaces - anterior tooth - direct    | 95.95                     | 133.12                      | -27.9199%                    | 123.85                   | -22.5273%                  |
| 523 | Adhesive restoration - three surfaces - anterior tooth - direct  | 114.85                    | 156.00                      | -26.3773%                    | 146.65                   | -21.6843%                  |
| 524 | Adhesive restoration - four surfaces - anterior tooth - direct   | 140.95                    | 180.02                      | -21.7033%                    | 169.45                   | -16.8191%                  |
| 525 | Adhesive restoration - five surfaces - anterior tooth - direct   | N/A                       | 208.59                      | N/A                          | 199.15                   | N/A                        |
| 531 | Adhesive restoration - one surface - posterior tooth - direct    | 88.70                     | 120.65                      | -26.4820%                    | 109.00                   | -18.6239%                  |
| 532 | Adhesive restoration - two surfaces - posterior tooth - direct   | 107.55                    | 148.18                      | -27.4208%                    | 136.75                   | -21.3528%                  |
| 533 | Adhesive restoration - three surfaces - posterior tooth - direct | 130.60                    | 174.62                      | -25.2070%                    | 164.50                   | -20.6079%                  |
| 534 | Adhesive restoration - four surfaces - posterior tooth - direct  | N/A                       | 199.33                      | N/A                          | 185.30                   | N/A                        |
| 535 | Adhesive restoration - five surfaces - posterior tooth - direct  | N/A                       | 231.80                      | N/A                          | 214.05                   | N/A                        |
| 542 | Metallic inlay or onlay - two surface cavity                     | 470.05                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 543 | Metallic inlay or onlay - three surface cavity                   | 552.50                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 572 | Temporary restoration emergency or interim treatment only        | 72.95                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 43.05                    | 69.4541%                   |
| 574 | Metal band   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 36.30                    | N/A                        |
| 575 | Pin retention - per pin  | 21.35                     | 27.83                       | -23.2961%                    | 24.75                    | -13.7374%                  |
| 577 | Cusp capping - per cusp  | N/A                       | 30.15                       | N/A                          | 26.75                    | N/A                        |
| 578 | Restoration of an incisal corner - per corner                    | N/A                       | 38.76                       | N/A                          | 26.75                    | N/A                        |
| 582 | Veneer - direct  | 123.30                    | 256.87                      | -51.9993%                    | 223.95                   | -44.9431%                  |
| 583 | Veneer - indirect  | 606.35                    | 844.90                      | -28.2342%                    | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 595 | Removal of inlay/onlay   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 85.6                     | N/A                        |
| 596 | Recementing of inlay/onlay                                       | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 69.95                    | N/A                        |

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| 597       | Post - direct preformed   | 72.95                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 132.35                   | -44.8810%                  |
| 611       | Full crown - acrylic resin - indirect   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 816.2                    | N/A                        |
| 613       | Indirect non-metallic full crown  | 940.35                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | 1187.00                  | -20.7793%                  |
| 615       | Full crown - veneered - indirect  | 1008.40                   | 1201.31                     | -16.0581%                    | 1116.70                  | -9.6982%                   |
| 618       | Full crown - metallic - indirect  | 940.35                    | 1131.27                     | -16.8763%                    | 1046.35                  | -10.1305%                  |
| 625       | Cast core for crown including post  | 235.50                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | 282.45                   | -16.6224%                  |
| 627       | Preliminary restoration for crown - direct                                    | 145.10                    | 174.99                      | -17.0815%                    | 116.75                   | 24.2827%                   |
| 629       | Post and root cap - indirect  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 295.90                   | N/A                        |
| 631       | Provisional crown   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 134.65                   | N/A                        |
| 632       | Temporary composite bridge when not part of definitive treatment (per pontic) | 151.80                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 642       | Pontics - direct  | 176.70                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 643       | Bridge pontic - indirect - per pontic   | 779.65                    | 973.33                      | -19.8987%                    | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 643 / 649 | Bridge - indirect bonded (Maryland) - 1 pontic                                | 1008.40                   | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 643 / 649 | Bridge - indirect bonded (Maryland) - 2 pontics                               | 1451.10                   | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 651       | Recementing crown or veneer   | N/A                       | 103.98                      | N/A                          | 91.15                    | N/A                        |
| 652       | Recementing bridge or splint - per abutment                                   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 88.95                    | N/A                        |
| 653       | Rebonding of bridge or splint where retreatment of bridge surface is required | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 80.95                    | N/A                        |
| 655       | Removal of crown  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 54.45                    | N/A                        |
| 656       | Removal of bridge or splint   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 163.45                   | N/A                        |
| 661       | Fitting of implant abutment - per abutment                                    | N/A                       | 800.26                      | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 661, 672  | Implant based veneered - full crown   | 1534.15                   | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 666       | Prosthesis with metal frame for bridgework (per implant)                      | 1196.40                   | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 669       | Removal and reattachment of implant prosthesis for repair or cleaning         | 121.45                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 671       | Full crown attached to osseointegrated implant - non metallic - indirect      | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 1187.00                  | N/A                        |

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| 672      | Full crown attached to osseointegrated implant - veneered - indirect           | N/A                       | 1488.19                     | N/A                          | 1344.60                  | N/A                        |
| 673      | Full crown attached to osseointegrated implant - metallic - indirect           | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 1047.80                  | N/A                        |
| 679      | Surgical implant guide   | 165.70                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 688      | Insertion of one-stage endosseous implant - per implant                        | FBN                       | 1727.57                     | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 711      | Complete maxillary denture   | 661.10                    | 874.61                      | -24.4123%                    | 843.20                   | -21.5963%                  |
| 712      | Complete mandibular denture  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 843.20                   | N/A                        |
| 719      | Complete maxillary and mandibular dentures                                     | 1158.90                   | 1565.54                     | -25.9745%                    | 1495.20                  | -22.4920%                  |
| 721      | Partial maxillary denture - resin base   | N/A                       | 716.59                      | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 721,722  | Partial denture - acrylic base: one tooth                                      | 237.90                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 721, 722 | Partial denture - acrylic base: two teeth                                      | 276.15                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 721, 722 | Partial denture - acrylic base: three teeth                                    | 328.25                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 721, 722 | Partial denture - acrylic base: four teeth                                     | 374.85                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 721, 722 | Partial denture - acrylic base: five to nine teeth                             | 462.75                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 721, 722 | Partial denture - acrylic base: ten teeth or more                              | 532.60                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 727      | Partial maxillary denture - cast metal framework                               | N/A                       | 1166.59                     | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 727, 728 | Partial denture - chrome cobalt including cost of casting: one ore two teeth   | 830.9                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 727, 728 | Partial denture - chrome cobalt including cost of casting: three or four teeth | 899.45                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 727, 728 | Partial denture - chrome cobalt including cost of casting: five to nine teeth  | 932.65                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 727, 728 | Partial denture - chrome cobalt including cost of casting: ten teeth or more   | 967.25                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 731      | Each retainer  | 29.85                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 38.95                    | -23.3633%                  |
| 732      | Occlusal rest (not part of retainer)   | 11.70                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | 18.95                    | -38.2586%                  |
| 733      | Tooth/teeth (partial denture)  | N/A                       | 38.53                       | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 736      | Immediate tooth replacement  | 5.65                      | N/A                         | N/A                          | 8.00                     | -29.3750%                  |
| 737      | Resilient lining   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 167.10                   | N/A                        |



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| 738      | Wrought bar  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 155.70                   | N/A                        |
| 741      | Adjustment of a denture  | N/A                       | 50.83                       | N/A                          | 46.15                    | N/A                        |
| 743      | Relining - complete denture - processed  | 229.45                    | 302.08                      | -24.0425%                    | 294.30                   | -22.0353%                  |
| 744      | Partial denture relining   | 170.00                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | 250.80                   | -32.2169%                  |
| 753      | Cleaning and polishing of pre-existing denture   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 37.45                    | N/A                        |
| 754      | Denture base modification  | 117.80                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 761      | Reattaching pre-existing tooth or clasp to denture   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 33.55                    | N/A                        |
| 762      | Replacing clasp on denture   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 133.10                   | N/A                        |
| 763      | Repairing broken base of a complete denture  | N/A                       | 118.56                      | N/A                          | 114.95                   | N/A                        |
| 764      | Repairing broken base of a partial denture   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 33.55                    | N/A                        |
| 765      | Replacing first tooth on denture   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 133.10                   | N/A                        |
| 768      | Adding tooth to partial denture to replace an extracted or decoronated tooth - per tooth   | 114.15                    | 141.22                      | -19.1698%                    | 134.75                   | -15.2876%                  |
| 776      | Impression - denture repair/modification   | N/A                       | 44.32                       | N/A                          | 40.65                    | N/A                        |
| 821      | Active removable appliance - per arch  | 545.90                    | 656.26                      | -16.8163%                    | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 831      | Full arch banding - per arch   | N/A                       | 1921.21                     | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 911      | Palliative care  | N/A                       | 64.41                       | N/A                          | 60.45                    | N/A                        |
| 915      | After hours callout  | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 81.20                    | N/A                        |
| 916      | Travel to provide services   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 59.00                    | N/A                        |
| 926      | Individually made tray - medicament(s)   | N/A                       | 125.01                      | N/A                          | 140.10                   | N/A                        |
| 963, 964 | Full clinical assessment of case including joint and muscle palpation, occlusal analysis with study models and report to the TAC | 174.15                    | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                      | N/A                        |
| 965      | Occlusal splint  | 395.35                    | 446.27                      | -11.4103%                    | 470.70                   | -16.0081%                  |
| 966      | Routine adjustment of splint - per visit (max of 6 visits)   | 65.65                     | N/A                         | N/A                          | FBN                      | N/A                        |
| 981      | Splinting and stabilisation - direct - per tooth   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 85.60                    | N/A                        |
| 986      | Post-operative care where not otherwise included   | N/A                       | N/A                         | N/A                          | 62.35                    | N/A                        |
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|          | <b>* 419 For TAC procedure not exceeding 15 minutes</b>  |                           |                             |                              |                          |                            |





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### ABOUT THE ADAVB

The ADAVB is the peak professional association of Victorian dentists and its aims are to

- improve the dental health of all Victorians;
- promote the art and science of dentistry; and
- promote the highest standards of professional dental care
- enhance the professional lives of members

### MEMBERSHIP

- About 2480 dentists in private and public practice, as well as 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year students and overseas trained candidates
- 95% of registered private practitioners
- 10 suburban and 7 country groups

### MEMBER SERVICES & FUNCTIONS

- Continuing Professional Development Program
- Dental health education programs (eg. Dental Health Week)
- Community Relations – dispute resolution
- Code of Ethics (Conduct)
- Recent Graduate support
- Dental Assistant Training seminars
- Member Service Plans (eg Professional Insurances; preferred suppliers)
- Industrial relations advice and representation
- Defence and legal support
- Advice on Practice Management
- Quality Assurance (including Doctors Health Support Service)
- Benevolent Fund
- Library and resource collection
- Political representation
- Representation to Government bodies
- Superannuation (Professional Provident Fund)
- Sports and social functions
- Publications – Newsletter, Journal, Award details, Manuals etc.
- Home Page (find us at <http://www.adavb.com.au>)

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

The Branch provides information to the public on dental matters, and offers a conciliation service to assist patients to resolve disputes with members. Information on treatments, facilities, dental issues and careers is available.



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