

(Draft) Follow-up survey on Restorative dental materials following Regulation 2024/1849

The intent of this survey is to gather clarifications and details on the survey launched in October 2025. It will also attempt to provide a more nuanced understanding of the gap between legislation and coverage of restorative materials, and its implementation in practice.

These surveys aim to gain insight into the impacts of the phase-out of amalgam on accessibility and affordability of restorative dental materials and oral healthcare for patients.

The collected information will also allow to examine possible adjustments of national public and health insurance systems to amalgam-alternative materials.

Email*

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1. Association/Chamber and country of respondent*

2. What percentage of the population in your country has unmet dental care needs? (Please provide the most recent data and reference year, if available)

3. Which restorative dental service(s) are fully covered in your country through either public dental services, public oral healthcare programs, or statutory health insurance? *

Please explain, as well as describe the impact and any changes to available restorative treatments resulting from the amalgam ban.

If no full coverage available, please indicate "none".

- 4. Which restorative dental service(s) are partly covered in your country through either public dental services, public oral healthcare programs, or statutory health insurance? ***

Please explain, as well as describe the impact and any changes to available restorative treatments resulting from the amalgam ban.

- 5. Which population groups have a right to fully or partially reimbursed restorative dental care in your country?**

Please select all that apply

Children

Older adults

Nursing home residents

People with disabilities

Low-income groups

Pregnant women

People with chronic medical conditions or illnesses

Veterans or military personnel

Refugees, asylum seekers

Other (please specify below)

- 6. Please specify the type of restorative dental materials covered by this reimbursement (and whether the material is covered fully or partly) for the specific group.**

- 7. If applicable, please describe any discrepancies or gaps between the population's written rights (law or rules) to reimbursement and patients' actual access to restorative dental care in practice every day.**

8. Are there any regulations in place on co-payments for dental fillings (e.g. a maximum co-payment amount, or exemptions)?

Yes

No

9. If yes, please explain what these regulations are

10. Please indicate which filling materials are currently covered (to any extent) under the public health system or statutory health insurance benefits package today.

Phosphate cement or other non-glass ionomer cement

Glass-ionomer cement

Composites

Amalgam (if still authorised)

None

11. What is the funding system for these types of dental fillings today? (e.g. the amount covered by the government or public health insurance; schemes for certain population groups; the amount reimbursed to the dentist; conditions for receiving treatment, and any patient co-payments)

Please describe below

12. Please describe any discrepancies between the legally defined coverage of restorative dental care and the actual availability of and access to different restorative treatment materials (e.g., use of non-reimbursed alternative restorative materials because the legally covered material is unavailable or inaccessible; situations where the legally covered material is available only in public facilities; or any other barriers that limit access to covered restorative materials).

