

Dentrix Ascend – Sliding Fee Schedules

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Definition:

Sliding scale fees are variable prices for products, services, or taxes based on a customer's ability to pay. Such fees are thereby reduced for those who have lower incomes, or alternatively, less money to spare after their personal expenses, regardless of income. Sliding fees are applied at a patient level and not at the facility level.

Sliding Fee Calculation:

A facility will have multiple sliding fee schedules depending upon their individual scenario. The amount of each sliding fee is determined by each facility by:

1. Straight % of Discount
2. Nominal Fee
3. Insurance + Discount

How To Achieve In Ascend:

Dentrix Ascend used the patient discount feature to achieve sliding fee results. Adjustments to the fees in the future will require updates to the individual fee schedules for that particular procedure.

Scenario / Set-Up

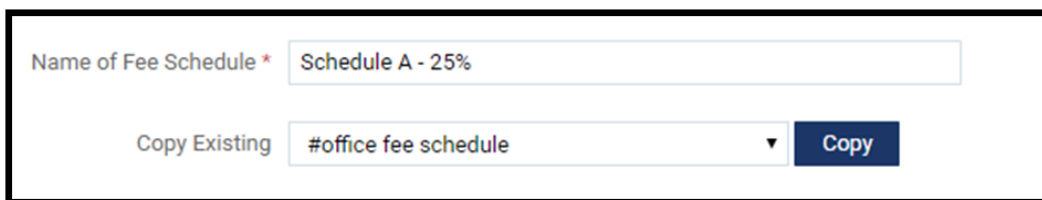
Fee Schedules:

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| • Office UCR Fee | \$100.00 |
| • Schedule A – 25% discount | \$ 75.00 |
| • Schedule B – 50% discount | \$ 50.00 |
| • Schedule C – 75% discount | \$ 25.00 |
| • Schedule N – nominal fee | \$ 10.00 |

Setting up fees in Ascend:

1. Enter your office UCR fees as an office UCR fee schedule
2. Create a new fee schedule by copying the office UCR fee schedule

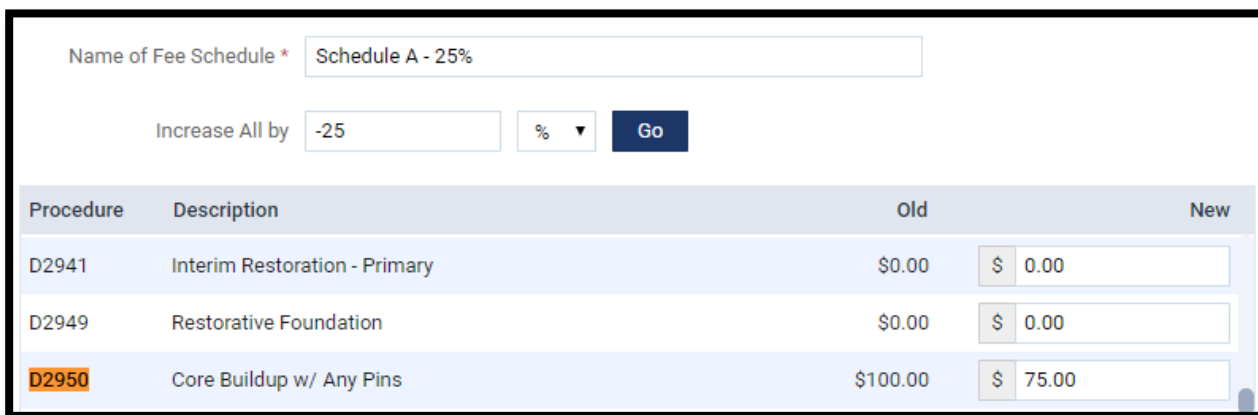
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Name of Fee Schedule *

Copy Existing

3. Open the new fee schedule and enter the percentage that needs to be discounted. This will be entered as a negative number.

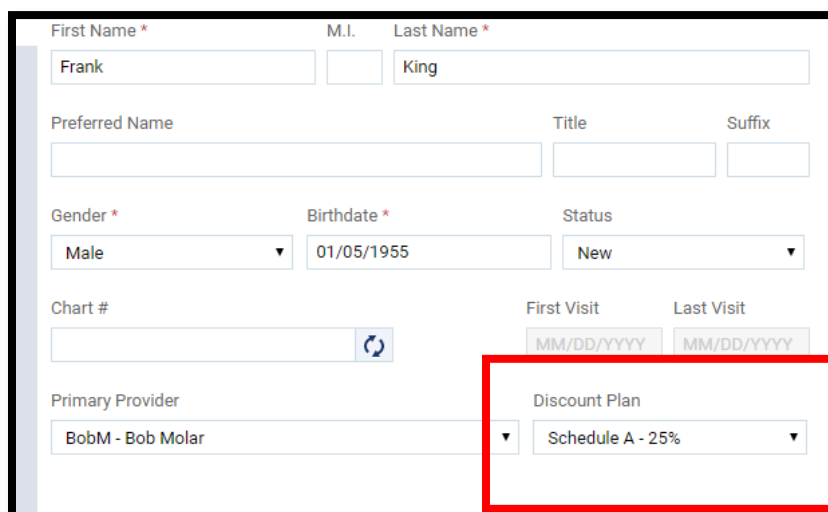


Name of Fee Schedule *

Increase All by %

Procedure	Description	Old	New
D2941	Interim Restoration - Primary	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="\$ 0.00"/>
D2949	Restorative Foundation	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="\$ 0.00"/>
D2950	Core Buildup w/ Any Pins	\$100.00	<input type="text" value="\$ 75.00"/>

4. Repeat as needed for all sliding fee schedules that need to be created. The amount of the fee will equal to the amount that the patient will owe.
5. When establishing the patient in Ascend, attached the Discount Fee Schedule to the individual patient.



First Name * M.I. Last Name *

Preferred Name Title Suffix

Gender * Birthdate * Status

Chart # First Visit Last Visit

Primary Provider Discount Plan

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- When a procedure is posted, the discount is automatically applied reflecting the Sliding Fee Schedule amount remaining as the patient balance.

Date	Code	Description	Provider	Amount	Running Balance
06/14/2017		Balance Forward			0.00
06/14/2017	D2950	Core Buildup w/ Any Pins Th: 2	BobM	100.00	100.00
06/14/2017	Adj	Discount \$25.00		-25.00	75.00

Balance : \$75.00

- There are times that a patient has insurance and also qualifies for a sliding fee schedule. Depending on your sliding fee guidelines, the patient might not be responsible for more than the sliding fee schedule, regardless of how much insurance pays. The discount would be entered manually after the insurance payment. A pop-up message is created in Ascend to alert the user of the need to determine if a discount needs to be entered.

The screenshot displays the patient ledger for Frank King. A pop-up window titled "High Importance Medical Alerts: Frank King" is overlaid on the ledger. The pop-up contains a table with the following data:

Date Recorded	Condition	Expired Date
06/14/2017	schedule A - 25%	Expire

Below the table, there is a checkbox labeled "Do not show this alert on this computer" and a "Done" button. The background ledger shows a balance of \$100.00 and a procedure for Core Buildup w/ Any Pins Th: 3.

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Enter Credit (-) Adjustment

Date * 06/14/2017
 Type * Discount
 Amount * 5.00
 Apply to charges for Frank King

Date	Patient	Provider	Code	Description	Charge	Other Credits	Guar Estimate	Applied	Balance
06/14/2017	Frank King	BobM	D2950	Core Buildup w/ Any Pins	100.00	20.00	80.00	5.00	75.00

Note Schedule A - 25%

Amount not applied 0.00
 Amount applied 5.00

Save Cancel

Enter Payment (-)

Date * 06/14/2017
 Amount * \$ 20.00
 Type * Insurance Payment - Check
 Claim * 06/14/2017 amazon Frank Kii

Balance	Insur. Portion	Write-Off	Patient Portion
100.00	- 20.00	- 0.00	= 80.00

Insurance Adjustment	Adjustment Type	Amount
None	None	\$ 0.00

Date	Tooth Surface	Code	Description	Provider	Charge	Other Credits	Allowed	Adjustment	Ins Estimate	Applied	Balance
06/14/2017	3	D2950	Core Buildup w/ Any Pins	BobM	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	80.00

Tags Notes Deductibles

Add a tag

Insurance payment amount applied 20.00
 Remaining amount to be applied 0.00
 Amount of other credits to be reapplied 0.00

Save Cancel

Unapplied Credits	0 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91+	Balance	Insurance Portion	Write-Off Adjustment	Patient Portion
0.00	+ 75.00	+ 0.00	+ 0.00	+ 0.00	= 75.00	- 0.00	- 0.00	= 75.00

Balance : \$75.00

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06/14/2017		Balance Forward			0.00
06/14/2017	D2950	Core Buildup w/ Any Pins Th: 3	BobM	100.00	100.00
06/14/2017	Ins	PAYMENT RECEIVED Primary Dental Claim for amazon Aetna (\$100.00)			
06/14/2017	Pay	Insurance Payment - Check \$20.00		-20.00	80.00
06/14/2017	Adj	Discount \$5.00		-5.00	75.00