



Dear Colleague

GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

AMENDMENT NO 130 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION

Changes to 'Deemed NHS Committed' Status for New Practices Claiming Additional General Dental Practice Allowance (GDPA) and Reimbursement of Practice Rental Costs

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the publication of an amendment to the SDR, Amendment No 130, which takes effect from 1 November 2015.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note:

2.1 that with effect from 1 November 2015 new practices will no longer be automatically deemed NHS committed for the purpose of entitlement to additional GDPA payment of 6% and reimbursement of practice rental costs;

2.2 that new practices in a SDAI designated area are exempt from this new provision. These are:

20 October 2015

Addresses

For action

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- Eyemouth within NHS Borders;
- Newton Stewart within Dumfries & Galloway;
- Culloden, Isle of Skye, Rothesay, and Islay within NHS Highland;
- NHS Shetland;
- Stornoway, Benbecula and Tarbert, Harris within NHS Western Isles.

PCA(D)(2015)5 Revised Scottish Dental Access Initiative refers.

3. NHS Boards are:

3.1 asked to **urgently** issue the Memorandum to this letter to **all** dentists and dental bodies corporate on their dental lists;

3.2 asked to note that contractors have been advised that they can view or download Amendment No 130 to the SDR at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>. A pdf version of Amendment No 130 has been provided to each NHS Board. If an individual contractor cannot access this electronic version of Amendment No 130 a hard copy should be provided by the NHS Board on request.

Yours sincerely



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Changes to Deemed NHS Committed Status for New Practices Claiming Additional General Dental Practice Allowance (GDPA) and Reimbursement of Practice Rental Costs

1. This Memorandum advises of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 130, which comes into effect on 1 November 2015.

2. The Scottish Government has determined that new practices will no longer be automatically deemed NHS committed for the purpose of entitlement to additional GDPA payments of 6% and reimbursement of practice rental costs.

3. New practices in SDAI designated areas will continue to be deemed committed for a period of twelve months. The SDAI areas (reviewed annually) are listed as follows:

- Eyemouth within NHS Borders;
- Newton Stewart within Dumfries & Galloway;
- Culloden, Isle of Skye, Rothesay, and Islay within NHS Highland
- NHS Shetland;
- Stornoway, Benbecula and Tarbert, Harris within NHS Western Isles.

4. Amendment No 130 is the full SDR. This amendment will be available to view or download at <http://www.scottishdentist.org/>. NHS Boards have also been sent an electronic copy of the SDR. If you do not have internet access or other means of accessing the full SDR electronically you should contact your NHS Board.

5. The precise amendments are that paragraphs 6 of determination XIV and 9 of determination XV now only apply to SDAI designated areas (definitions for SDAI designated areas have been included under definitions for both determinations). The changes are reproduced at Annex A.

Enquiries

6. Any enquiries arising from the Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Health and Social Care Integration Directorate
20 October 2015

DETERMINATION XIV: PRACTICE ALLOWANCES

Additional definition added as follows:

Interpretation

“designated area” means Eyemouth within NHS Borders; Newton Stewart within Dumfries & Galloway; Culloден, Isle of Skye, Rothesay, and Islay within NHS Highland; NHS Shetland; Stornoway, Benbecula and Tarbert, Harris within NHS Western Isles.

Underlined denotes additional text:

Conditions for a New Practice in Respect of an NHS Committed Practice in a Designated Area

6.— (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and (3), where the contractors within a practice in a designated area are not entitled to payment of an additional allowance under paragraph 3(2) due to the dentists within the practice not fully meeting the conditions in head:

- (i) (a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) or head (iv) only in respect of a specialised orthodontic practice; or
- (ii) (b)(ii), (iii) and (iv) or head (iv) only in respect of another specialised practice; or
- (iii) (c)(ii) and (ii) or head (iii) only in respect of a non-specialised practice;

of the definition of NHS committed practice due to the practice address not being on the Health Board’s dental list for the 12 months immediately prior to the last day of the first quarter for which the allowance is payable the dentists within the practice will be deemed to meet these conditions for the payment of an additional allowance.

(2) Any dentists under paragraph (1) will only be deemed to fully meet the conditions of the definition of NHS committed practice for the first and 3 subsequent quarters, in the case of an other specialised or non-specialised practice, and the first and 7 subsequent quarters, in the case of a specialised orthodontic practice, for which the additional allowance is payable following the practice address being included on the Health Board’s dental list.

(3) A practice which has re-located from one address to another in a Health Board area will not be counted as a new practice.

DETERMINATION XV: REIMBURSEMENT OF PRACTICE EXPENSES

Additional definition added as follows:

Interpretation

“designated area” means Eyemouth within NHS Borders; Newton Stewart within Dumfries & Galloway; Culloden, Isle of Skye, Rothesay, and Islay within NHS Highland; NHS Shetland; Stornoway, Benbecula and Tarbert, Harris within NHS Western Isles.

Underlined denotes additional text:

Conditions for a New Practice in Respect of an NHS Committed Practice in a Designated Area

9.— (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and (3), where the contractors within a practice in a designated area are not entitled to reimbursement of practice rental costs under paragraph 3 due to the dentists within the practice not fully meeting the conditions in head:

- (i). (a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) or head (iv) only in respect of a specialised orthodontic practice; or
- (ii) (b)(ii), (iii) and (iv) or head (iv) only in respect of another specialised practice; or
- (iii) (c)(ii) and (ii) or head (iii) only in respect of a non-specialised practice;

of the definition of a fully NHS committed practice due to the practice address not being on the Health Board’s dental list for the 12 months immediately prior to the last day of the first quarter for which the allowance is payable the dentists within the practice will be deemed to meet these conditions for reimbursement of practice rental costs.

(2) Any dentists under paragraph (1) will only be deemed to meet the conditions of the definition of a fully NHS committed practice for the first and 3 subsequent quarters, in the case of an other specialised or non-specialised practice, and the first and 7 subsequent quarters, in the case of a specialised orthodontic practice, for which the additional allowance is payable following the practice address being included on the Health Board’s dental list.