

**DENTISTS/DENTAL BODIES CORPORATE  
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE  
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

1. **AMENDMENT NO 142 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION - INCREASES IN THE:**
  - **FEE SCALE**
  - **VOCATIONAL TRAINEE SALARY**
2. **MAXIMUM PATIENT CHARGE**
3. **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF ORTHODONTIC PAYMENT CLAIM FORMS AND REQUESTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL FROM 1 JANUARY 2020 - CLARIFICATION**

**Summary**

1. This Memorandum advises of the publication of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 142. It also advises of:
  - the maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment; and
  - clarification regarding the electronic submission of orthodontic payment claims and prior approval requests from 1 January 2020.

**Amendment No 142 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration**

2. Amendment No 142 is the full SDR. This amendment will be available to view or download at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>.

**Determination I**

**Scale of Fees – November 2019**

3. Following the publication of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body report for 2019/20, the Scottish Government has agreed that the gross remuneration of general dental practitioners should be increased by 2.5%.
4. The new fee scale will apply to all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 November 2019**. Practitioner Services will pay a supplement of 2.5% for all courses of treatment started in April to October 2019, and where appropriate, for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to October 2019. Practitioner Services will make backdated payments in the November 2019 schedule paid in December 2019. The new patient charge should be used for courses of treatment **started on or after 1 November 2019**.

**Section I (Interpretation)**

5. Paragraph 1(7) of Section I has been amended to provide for the digital equivalent of photographs and study models.

## **Determination IV (Vocational Training Allowances)**

6. The salary payable for vocational trainees under Determination IV will increase to £2,654.50 per month (£31,854 per annum) with effect from 1 April 2019.

## **Maximum Patient Charge**

7. The maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment will remain at £384.

## **Electronic Submission of Orthodontic Payment Claim Forms and Requests for Prior Approval from 1 January 2020 – Clarification**

8. Paragraph 4 of the Memorandum to NHS: PCA(D)(2019)11 advised that:

“The GP17(O) form for orthodontic claims and prior approval requests will be phased out completely from 1 January 2020. Practices may continue to submit paper GP17(O) forms for orthodontic payment claims and prior approval requests for courses of orthodontic treatment with a start date of on or before 31 December 2019.”

9. It is recognised that certain orthodontic courses of treatment can take substantial amounts of time to complete. Prior approval requests for orthodontic treatment made on paper with a start date of on or before 31 December 2019 may take several years before the final claim is made. It is not our intention for paper-based claims to linger in the system after the introduction of electronic submission. Practices are therefore further advised that they should ensure that claims related to prior approval requests for orthodontic treatment made on paper on or before 31 December 2019 are transferred to their electronic systems by 31 March 2020.

## **Enquiries**

10. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate  
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