

**MEMORANDUM TO DENTISTS
TO ALL DENTISTS ON THE DENTAL LIST**

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GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION (SDR)

Fees Increase

Please find enclosed an updated SDR, which reflects a 1% increase to gross fees and allowances payable from the 1 April 2013. Figures have been calculated and updated following the normal conventions.

The effective date for implementation of the SDR will be 15th April 2014.

N.B.

Any HS45 paper claims submitted after 20th March 2014 – apply the new fees.

Any EDI transmissions for payment after 14th April 2014 – apply the new fees.

Changes to Determination I

The new fees and associated patient charges should be applied to all courses of treatment starting on or after 1 April 2013. However, patient charges which have already been paid by patients and recouped from dentists based on the old fee scale should not be recalculated.

Other notable changes include:

The narrative and provisos to Item 10 have been amended to reflect the new timescales for items 1001 & 1011;



New proviso added to Item 16 advising that no fee will be paid for the provision of porcelain veneers unless the prior approval of the Dental Committee has been obtained;

New narrative and provisos for Item 18 to reflect that bridgework of 4 or more units or to replace molar teeth requires the prior approval of the Dental Committee;

New proviso to Item 27 advising that no payment will be made for treatment under Item 27(c) unless the prior approval of the Dental Committee has been obtained; and

New proviso to Item 32 setting out the new requirement to assess and record a patient's IOTN score prior to commencing orthodontic treatment. No fee will be payable for Item 32 treatments unless the IOTN score is 3.6 or higher or the prior approval of the Dental Committee has been obtained. Where the recorded IOTN score is 3.6 or higher, no prior approval is necessary for treatment. In addition, prior approval must be sought in cases where previous GDS orthodontic treatment has been provided.

Changes to Determination III

Figures have been updated by 1% following the usual conventions.

Changes to Determination IV

Figures have been updated by 1% following the usual conventions.

Changes to Determination V

Following consultation on proposals to amend GDS treatments and allowances, commitment payments are being phased out over a two year period. Therefore the quarterly payments have been reduced by 50%, prior to being uplifted by 1% to reflect the 2013/14 pay award.



Changes to Determination VI

Figures have been uplifted by 1% following the usual conventions.

Changes to Determination VII

Figures have been uplifted by 1% following the usual conventions.

Changes to Determination VIII

Figures have been uplifted by 1% following the usual conventions. Where previously a figure of 90% was quoted in relation to HS earnings, this has been amended to 85%. The narrative on the claiming of this allowance has been corrected to read: 'A dentist shall make a claim for payments on a form supplied by the BSO for the purpose and shall include with the claim the Form DA1, supplied by the BSO and certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed in accordance with MDS 700'.

Changes to Determination IX

Figures have been uplifted by 1% following the usual conventions. Where previously a figure of 90% was quoted in relation to HS earnings, this has been amended to 85%. The narrative on the claiming of this allowance has been corrected to read: 'A dentist shall make a claim for payments on a form supplied by the BSO for the purpose and shall include with the claim the Form DA1, supplied by the BSO and certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed in accordance with MDS 700'.

Changes to Determination X

Figures have been uplifted by 1% following the usual conventions.

Changes to Determination XI

Following consultation on proposals to amend treatments and allowances, the criteria for determining HS committed practices have been amended. Where previously a figure of 90% was quoted in relation to HS earnings, this has been reduced to 85%.

