

## **DENTAL SERVICES**

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION (SDR)**

#### **Fees Increase**

Please find enclosed an updated SDR, which reflects a 1.5% increase to gross fees and allowances payable from the 1 April 2017. This increase ensures a 1% increase to net pay for GDP's in accordance with DDRB recommendations. Figures have been calculated and updated following the normal conventions.

The effective date for implementation of the SDR will be backdated to the 1st April 2017. An uplift will be calculated and paid in the July 2018 payment relating to any claims from 1 April 2017 until the implementation of the new rates on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

#### **Changes to Determination I (Scale of Fees)**

Gross figures have been updated by 1.5% following the usual conventions. The new fees and associated patient charges should be applied to all courses of treatment starting on or after 1 April 2017. However, patient charges which have already been paid by patients and recouped from dentists based on the old fee scale should not be recalculated.

The effective date for implementation of the SDR will be 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018. For information new fees will be automatically be applied from the following dates:-

HS45 paper claims submitted after 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

EDI transmissions submitted after 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

#### **Changes to Determination II (Rates of Remuneration for Salaried Service and the provision of Emergency Dental Service)**

Salaried figures have been updated by 1% following the usual conventions. The Salary Scales for those employed full-time are due to be updated in due course and replacement pages for the SDR will be issued for Determination II once the new scales are published. The narrative around the provision of Emergency Dental Services has been amended to ensure those providing Services at a Pain Relief Clinic on public holidays will be paid a fee for the public holiday **and** a fee for the corresponding week day if the holiday falls on a weekend.

#### **Changes to Determination III (Seniority Payments)**

Gross figures have been updated by 1.5% following the usual conventions.

#### **Changes to Determination IV (DFT Allowances, GPT Allowances and Post Grad Allowances etc)**

Gross figures have been updated by 1.5% following the usual conventions.

#### **Changes to Determination V (Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave Payments)**

Gross figures have been updated by 1.5% following the usual conventions.

#### **Changes to Determination VI (Long-Term Sickness)**

Gross figures have been uplifted by 1.5% following the usual conventions.

#### **Changes to Determination VII (CPD Allowances)**

Gross figures and Allowances have been uplifted by 1.5% following the usual conventions. Narrative in the Determination has been revised to reflect the new definition of 'approved postgraduate course'; meaning a course which meets the General Dental Council's definition of verifiable CPD as described in its January 2018 publication entitled "Enhanced CPD guidance for dental professionals". Further changes are made to allow 3 of the 6 currently funded CPD courses to be completed online and requiring all CPD claims to be made on a single claim form once a year.

#### **Changes to Determination VIII (Reimbursement of Non-domestic Rates)**

Gross figures have been uplifted by 1.5% following the usual conventions.