

MEMORANDUM OF DENTAL SERVICES**REINSTATEMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN PATIENT
DECLARATION SIGNATURES**

The requirement to obtain patient declaration signatures for General Dental Services was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As evidence now indicates the risk of transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus from surfaces is low, the requirement to obtain patient signatures is being reinstated. From Monday 23 May 2022 patients registering or re-registering with a dentist or starting a new course of treatment must complete all the relevant patient declarations. Patients who started treatment prior to 23 May 2022 need only complete post treatment declarations as required.

While the risk of surface transmission is low, practices are encouraged to consider appropriate infection control measures when pens are being shared.

Please refer to the SDR Section XV – Condition of Payment of Remuneration, for further information.

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