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DETERMINATION I - SCALE OF FEES

Section I - Interpretation

- (1) In Sections I to XIV of this Scale of Fees unless the context otherwise requires -
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "the Committee" means the Dental Committee;
- "consultant" means a medically and/or dentally qualified person who holds an appointment as a Health Service Consultant or as an Honorary Consultant;
- "month" means a calendar month and, unless specified to the contrary, payments in respect of such periods shall be made pro rata;
- "Patient's Charge" means the charge, authorised under the Health and Personal Social Services Dental Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 as amended, to the patient within the meaning of those regulations;
- "trauma" means damage to teeth, gingival tissues or alveoli caused by a force arising outside the mouth resulting in mobility, luxation, sub-luxation or fracture of the hard tissues or injury to the soft tissues, but excludes in the case of treatment for which a dentist is remunerated in accordance with Section X of this Determination tooth fracture which only involves enamel or enamel and dentine in the incisal two-thirds of the clinical crown of the tooth; and
- "the same dentist" means:
- the dentist, or
 - the partner or principal of the dentist, or
 - any party to an associateship agreement to which the dentist is a party, or
 - any other dentist with whom there are any financial arrangements connected with the provision of general dental services, or the partner, associate, deputy, or assistant of any of them, or
 - where the dentist is employed by a body corporate, another employee of that body.
- (2) Where an item (or sub-item) of treatment (including its provisos) is distinguished by an asterisk, it is an item of treatment for which the prior approval of the Committee is required by virtue of Schedules 2 and 5 of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended.
- (3) Where the word "normally" is applied to a treatment, a dentist may provide treatments in excess of the number specified or in circumstances other than those specified but the Committee may require the dentist to give reasons for the treatments.
- (4) A reference to a "patient aged 18 years or over" includes a patient who is accepted for continuing care at any time during the month before the patient attains the age of 18 provided that the patient is not immediately before that date under a capitation arrangement with that dentist; and, in all cases, patients' age shall be counted at the beginning of the appropriate course of treatment.
- (5) Wherever there is a requirement to take or provide radiographs, this shall not apply for patients whose medical or other condition contra-indicates radiographic examination.

Section II - Diagnosis

1. EXAMINATION AND REPORT

Fees for clinical examination, treatment planning, patient management, advice (including the issue of a prescription other than in connection with item 37 (treatment of acute conditions) and report:

1(a) Clinical examination, advice, charting (including monitoring of periodontal status) and report

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0101 | per course of treatment | £11.39 | (£9.11) |

1(b) Extensive clinical examination, advice, charting (including charting of periodontal status) and report

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 0111 | per course of treatment | £17.10 | (£13.68) |
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1(c) Full case assessment (including full charting and report of periodontal status), treatment planning and report:

- (i) in connection with item 10(c) (non-surgical treatment of chronic periodontal disease) where a report on periodontal status is required, including full pocket depth charting of each standing tooth; or
- (ii) in cases involving items 18 (bridges) and, where the treatment is of special complexity, 16 (veneers), 17 (inlays and crowns) and in dentate cases involving items 27(b) and 27(c) (provision of dentures); or
- (iii) in orthodontic cases other than in respect of treatment involving only the extraction of deciduous teeth; or
- (iv) where the treatment required carries a total fee exceeding £600

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|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 0121 | per course of treatment | £35.79 | (£28.63) |
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1(d) Provision of a care and treatment summary for a patient, other than a patient only accepted for occasional treatment, when requested by a patient/parent who has indicated an intention to change dentist, showing information about the patient's dental health and/or treatment which would not be readily available from visual examination.

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|-------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0131 | per report | £5.56 | (£4.45) |
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NON-ORTHODONTIC PROVISOS TO ITEM 1:

Where fees are claimed on form HS45 in connection with non-orthodontic treatment:

1. no fees under item 1 shall be payable for examination of a group of patients in a school or institution;
2. only one examination fee shall be payable to the same dentist during the same course of treatment;
3. no fee shall be payable under item 1(a) except where urgent attention and advice are required in connection with trauma for an examination of a patient for whom the same dentist was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) for an examination carried out during the previous 5 complete calendar months;
4. in the case of a patient who is pregnant or has borne a child in the previous 12 complete calendar months and who is not edentulous, a fee under item 1(a) shall be payable for an examination during the period of pregnancy and 12 months after confinement, in addition to the fees which may otherwise be payable and such treatment may be provided at any time during this period;
5. no fee shall be payable under item 1(b) for an examination of a patient for whom the same dentist:
 - (i) was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) for an examination during the previous 23 complete calendar months, or
 - (ii) was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under item 32 (orthodontics);
6. no fee shall be payable under item 1(c) for an examination of a patient for whom the same dentist was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under item 1(c) during the previous 23 complete calendar months, other than where the dentist is claiming under item 1(c)(iv).

ORTHODONTIC PROVISOS TO ITEM 1:

Where fees are claimed in connection with orthodontic treatment only:

1. a fee under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) shall be payable only to the dentist responsible for orthodontic treatment (see footnote);
2. only 1 examination fee shall be payable to the same dentist during the same course of treatment;
3. no fee shall be payable under item 1(a) for an examination of a patient for whom the same dentist was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) for an examination during the previous 5 complete calendar months;
4. no fee under item 1(b) shall be payable for an examination of a patient for whom the same dentist was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under items 1(a) 1(b) or 1(c) of this fee scale during the previous 23 complete calendar months;
5. no fee under item 1(c) shall be payable for an examination of a patient for whom the same dentist was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under item 1(c) during the previous 23 complete calendar months;
6. where a patient is receiving a course of orthodontic treatment, no fee under items 1(a) or 1(c) shall be payable where no permanent teeth are present;
7. no fee under item 1(c) shall be payable unless study casts and radiographs where appropriate, are available;
8. where orthodontic treatment only is provided any claim under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) must be made on the appropriate form.

NOTE: Where a dentist is responsible for a patient's general care and undertakes orthodontic treatment, claims under item 1(c) shall not preclude concurrent claims under item 1(a) or, for a single claim, under item 1(b).

2. PROCEDURES TO ASSIST DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PLANNING

Fee per course of treatment:

2(a) Radiographic examination and radiological report:

(1) small films (under 16 square centimetres):

| | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 film | £5.56 | (£4.45) |
| 2 films | £7.93 | (£6.34) |
| 3 films | £9.67 | (£7.74) |
| each additional film | £2.50 | (£2.00) |
| 0201 up to a maximum for additional films | £23.19 | (£18.55) |

(2) medium films (16 to 50 square centimetres):

| | | |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| 1 film | £7.49 | (£5.99) |
| each additional film | £3.12 | (£2.50) |
| 0202 up to a maximum for additional films | £6.45 | (£5.16) |

(3) large films (over 50 square centimetres, other than panoramic or lateral skull films):

| | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| 1 film | £11.74 | (£9.39) |
| each additional film | £5.49 | (£4.39) |
| 0203 up to a maximum for additional films | £11.22 | (£8.98) |

(4) panoramic film, normally not more than 1 film to be taken every 3 years

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| 0204 per film | £17.43 | (£13.94) |
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(5) lateral headplates, using films of over 430 square centimetres: in connection with orthodontic treatment using a cephalometric technique, normally not more than 2 films per patient

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| 0205 per film | £25.92 | (£20.74) |
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in other cases, normally not more than 1 film per patient

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| 0206 per film | £20.91 | (£16.73) |
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2(b) Study casts, where the treatment proposed is in connection with treatment under items 18 (bridges), or 32 (orthodontics), or in other cases of special complexity, or where requested by the Committee:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0211 | per set | £25.35 | (£20.28) |
| 0212 | per duplicate set | £15.85 | (£12.68) |
| 0213 | per single cast | £12.51 | (£10.01) |

Additional fee for occlusal analysis or in connection with treatment under items 17 (crowns), 18 (bridges), 27 (dentures), 29 (appliances) or 36(c) (occlusal equilibration) which requires the use of an adjustable articulator

0221 such fee as the Committee may determine

PROVISOS TO ITEM 2:

In cases of orthodontic treatment, a fee under item 2(b) shall only be payable:

- where the dentist is responsible for orthodontic treatment and a fee under item 1(a) (clinical examination) is payable and the patient has permanent teeth and no fee has previously been paid under this item; or
- where a fee under item 1(c) (full case assessment) is also payable; or
- where casts are required by a hospital in respect of a patient referred for advice or treatment; or
- where casts are required by the Committee.

3. COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS

Fees for clinical colour photographs, in connection with treatment under items 10 and 11 (periodontics), 16 (veneers), 17 (crowns), 18 (bridges) and 32 (orthodontics), normally before treatment and in connection with fees under item 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) (examinations):

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| | 1 film | £5.56 | (£4.45) |
| | each additional film | £2.85 | (£2.28) |
| 0301 | up to a maximum for additional films | £5.83 | (£4.66) |

4. UNALLOCATED

5. UNALLOCATED

Section III - Preventive Care

6. INTENSIVE INSTRUCTION IN THE PREVENTION OF DENTAL DISEASE

Including advice on diet and on oral hygiene techniques, and normally requiring more than 1 visit per course of treatment

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0601 | per course of treatment | £12.51 | (£10.01) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 6:

No fee under this item shall be payable where a fee under this item or under items 7(b) (topical fluoride) or 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c) (periodontics) has been paid, or is payable, to the same dentist for treatment provided during the previous 5 complete calendar months in the same or a previous course of treatment.

7. SURFACE APPLICATIONS AS PRIMARY PREVENTIVE MEASURES

7(a) Application of fissure sealants as a primary preventive measure to pits and fissures of first molar teeth in children under the age of 9, second molar teeth in children under the age of 13 and unfilled third molar teeth within 2 years of their eruption.

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|------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 0701 | per tooth | £15.36 | (£12.29) |
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7(b) Application of topical fluoride preparations to all teeth for patients who, because of their exceptional medical or dental conditions or because of their behavioural or habitual problems, show evidence of a high risk of rapidly advancing dental caries. Treatment normally requiring not less than 3 visits.

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| 0711 | per course of treatment | £53.58 | (£42.86) |
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PROVISOS TO ITEM 7:

1. a fee under item 7(b) shall only be payable in connection with treatment under items 10(a), (b) or (c) (periodontics) or where a fee under items 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c) is payable or has been paid to the same dentist during the previous 3 complete calendar months, except where such treatment under item 7(b) is provided on referral;
2. no fee shall be payable under item 7(b) where the same dentist has been paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee for treatment provided under this item during the previous 5 complete calendar months.
3. No fee shall be payable under item 7(a) for treatment that does not meet the criteria specified unless the prior approval of the Committee is obtained. Where the prior approval of the Committee is required, appropriate radiographs must be submitted with the estimate.

8. UNALLOCATED

9. UNALLOCATED

Section IV - Periodontal Treatment

10. NON-SURGICAL TREATMENT

10(a) Scaling, polishing and simple periodontal treatment, including oral hygiene instruction, normally only payable where at least 5 complete calendar months have elapsed since the last such treatment

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1001 | per course of treatment | £18.08 | (£14.46) |

10(b) Treatment of periodontal diseases requiring more than 1 visit, including oral hygiene instruction, scaling, polishing and marginal correction of fillings

| | | | |
|------|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1011 | per course of treatment | £43.49 | (£34.79) |
|------|----------------------------|--------|----------|

10(c) Non-surgical treatment of chronic periodontal diseases, including oral hygiene instruction, over a minimum of 3 visits, with not less than 1 month between the first and third visit, and with re-evaluation of the patient's condition (to include full periodontal charting) at a further visit not less than 2 complete calendar months after active treatment is complete. Treatment to include root-planing, deep scaling and, where required, marginal correction of restorations, irrigation of periodontal pockets, sub-gingival curettage and/or gingival packing of affected teeth, and all necessary scaling and polishing:

| | | | |
|------|---|--------|----------|
| | with 1 - 4 affected teeth treated under this item | £55.54 | (£44.43) |
| | with 5 - 9 affected teeth treated under this item | £67.80 | (£54.24) |
| | with 10 - 16 affected teeth treated under this item | £80.09 | (£64.07) |
| 1021 | with 17 or more affected teeth treated under this item | £89.78 | (£71.82) |

Additional fee payable in connection with item 10(c) for each sextant of the mouth treated

| | | | |
|------|-------------|--------|---------|
| 1022 | per sextant | £11.22 | (£8.98) |
|------|-------------|--------|---------|

10(d) this item has been deleted.

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10(e)* Splinting of periodontally compromised teeth

1041 such fee as the Committee may determine

PROVISOS TO ITEM 10:

1. only 1 fee under any 1 of the items 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c) shall be payable during the same course of treatment;
2. a fee under items 10(a) or 10(b) shall only be payable either in connection with treatment under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) (examination) or where a fee under items 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) is payable or has been paid to the same dentist during the previous 11 complete calendar months;
3. no fee under items 10(b) or 10(c) shall be payable if a fee has been paid, or is payable, to the same dentist for treatment provided under items 10(b) or 10(c) during the previous 11 complete calendar months;
4. a fee under item 10(c) shall only be payable where the same dentist has been paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee for treatment provided under item 1(c) (full case assessment) for that patient in the previous 23 complete calendar months;
5. a fee under item 10(c) shall only be payable where appropriate radiographs are available.

11. SURGICAL TREATMENT

11(a) Gingivectomy, gingivoplasty and other similar procedures, with post operative instruction and management:

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| | | In each surgical procedure, the first 2 adjacent teeth in 1 jaw | £30.58 | (£24.46) |
| 1101 | upper | additional teeth, per tooth | £6.68 | (£5.34) |
| 1102 | lower | up to a maximum per visit | £70.19 | (£56.15) |

11(b) Raising and replacement of a mucoperiosteal flap inclusive of any necessary curettage, root planing and bone resection, and including post-operative management and instruction:

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---|---------|----------|
| | | In each surgical procedure, the first 2 adjacent teeth in 1 jaw | £67.80 | (£54.24) |
| 1111 | upper | additional teeth, per tooth | £9.20 | (£7.36) |
| 1112 | lower | up to a maximum per visit | £121.25 | (£97.00) |

Additional fee for each sextant of the mouth treated in the same jaw, under either item 11(a) or 11(b) alone or in combination

| | | | |
|------|-------------|--------|---------|
| 1113 | per sextant | £11.22 | (£8.98) |
|------|-------------|--------|---------|

11(c) Free gingival grafts including raising tissue from a donor site and preparation of a recipient site, with post-operative instruction and management and normally with not more than 2 grafts per course of treatment

| | | | |
|------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 1121 | per graft | £109.15 | (£87.32) |
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11(d) Simple excision of soft tissue to lengthen crowns in connection with items 16 (veneers), 17 (crowns), 18 (bridges), 27 (dentures) and/or 29 (obturators) and normally with not more than 2 teeth treated

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 1131 | per tooth | £11.22 | (£8.98) |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|

11(e)* Other periodontal surgery

1191 such fee as the Committee may determine

PROVISOS TO ITEM 11:

- no fee shall be payable under items 11(a), 11(b), 11(d) or 11(e) unless appropriate radiographs are available;
- no fee shall be payable under items 11(a), 11(b), 11(c) or 11(e) unless a fee under items 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c) (non-surgical periodontal treatment) has been paid to the same dentist during the previous 11 complete calendar months, except where such treatment under items 11(a), 11(b), 11(c) or 11(e) is provided on referral.

12. UNALLOCATED

13. UNALLOCATED

Section V - Conservative Treatment

14. PERMANENT FILLINGS

Including any dressings, pulp capping, or other preparatory treatment, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 15 (endodontics):

14(a) Amalgam fillings in permanent or retained deciduous teeth:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1401 | (1) 1 surface per tooth | £15.06 | (£12.05) |

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1402 | (2) 2 or more surfaces per tooth | £22.40 | (£17.92) |
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| 1403 | (3) 2 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal or disto-occlusal surfaces are involved per tooth | £29.54 | (£23.63) |
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| 1404 | (4) 3 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal and disto-occlusal surfaces are involved per tooth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |
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14(b) Composite, glass ionomer or resin fillings in permanent or retained deciduous posterior teeth in patients aged under 15 years:

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1405 | (1) occlusal surface per tooth | £32.95 | (£0.00) |
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| 1406 | (2) 2 or more surfaces where the occlusal surface is involved per tooth | £44.34 | (£0.00) |
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| 1407 | (3) 2 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal or disto-occlusal surfaces are involved per tooth | £56.94 | (£0.00) |
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| 1408 | (4) 3 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal and disto-occlusal surfaces are involved per tooth | £73.04 | (£0.00) |
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14(c) Tunnel restorations in permanent or retained deciduous teeth, undertaken to conserve sound tooth structure as an alternative to treatment under items 14(a)(3) or 14(a)(4), involving the use of glass ionomer with composite materials or amalgam to restore the occlusal surface

| | | | |
|------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| | per filling | £29.54 | (£23.63) |
| 1411 | maximum per tooth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |

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| 14(d) | Other fillings in permanent or retained deciduous teeth: | | |
| | (1) | composite resin or synthetic resin filling, including acid etch retention: | |
| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| | 1 filling | £28.58 | (£22.86) |
| 1421 | 2 or more fillings in the same tooth | £44.34 | (£35.47) |
| Additional fees for a restoration involving: | | | |
| 1422 | 1 incisal angle (mesial or distal) | £9.29 | (£7.43) |
| 1423 | incisal edge not involving incisal angle | £1.80 | (£1.44) |
| 1424 | 2 incisal angles (mesial and distal) | £15.06 | (£12.05) |
| Additional fee for restoration of a cusp tip of a premolar or a buccal cusp tip of a first molar tooth | | | |
| 1425 | per tooth | £21.60 | (£17.28) |
| | (2) | glass ionomer, silicate or silico-phosphate filling: | |
| | 1 filling | £25.91 | (£20.73) |
| 1426 | 2 or more fillings in the same tooth | £35.41 | (£28.33) |
| 14(e) | Pin or screw retention in connection with treatment under items 14(a)(2), 14(a)(3) or 14(a)(4), or 14(c) | | |
| 1431 | per tooth | £11.97 | (£9.58) |
| 14(f) | Treatment of early or small carious lesions in pits and fissures of permanent or retained deciduous teeth, by the application of a fissure sealant to all pits and fissures, including, where necessary, removal of caries and insertion of composite resin and/or glass ionomer cement in the cavity and normally not more than 6 teeth to be treated. Where more than 6 teeth are to be treated appropriate radiographs must be available. | | |
| 1441 | per tooth | £17.03 | (£13.62) |
| 14(g)* | Additional fee for patients with an exceptional medical condition for the replacement of 1 or more amalgam fillings or the provision of a restoration in permanent or retained deciduous teeth, where a fee is also payable under items 14(c)(1) or 14(c)(2) and where the request for approval is supported by an appropriate consultant's report | | |
| 1451 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
| 14(h) | Treatment of any surface of a permanent tooth using glass ionomer cement, where the tooth would otherwise be extracted but this is contra-indicated by exceptional medical or dental conditions | | |
| 1461 | per filling | £25.91 | (£20.73) |
| | maximum per tooth | £38.40 | (£30.72) |

14(i) Treatment of any surface of a permanent tooth using composite, glass ionomer or resin materials for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1471 | per filling | £25.91 | (£20.73) |
| | maximum per tooth | £38.40 | (£30.72) |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 14:

- where more than 1 claim is made under item 14(a) for the same tooth in the same course of treatment, the higher fee only shall be paid;
- item 14(b) codes (1405 – 1408) and item 14(i) (1471) have been added to the SDR in line with EU Regulation 2017/852 on Mercury Article 10(2) restrictions on the use of amalgam as effective from 1 July 2018;
- where more than 1 claim is made under item 14(b) for the same tooth in the same course of treatment, the higher fee only shall be paid;
- no fee in excess of £53.89 shall be payable for any combination of treatment in 1 tooth under items 14(a), 14(c), 14(d) and 14(f), except where an additional fee would be payable under item 14(d)(1) or 14(e) when the maximum shall be £60.00;
- no fee shall be payable under items 14(b) for treatment on patients aged 15 years or older;
- no fee shall be payable under items 14(a), 14(c), 14(d), 14(f), 14(g), 14(h) or 14(i); when a fee is payable under item 14(b) in respect of the same tooth;
- no fee shall be payable under item 14(f) where a fee is payable under items 14(a)(1), 14(a)(2), 14(a)(3) or 14(a)(4) in respect of the same tooth;
- no fee shall be payable under item 14(f) where a fee is payable under items 14(b)(1), 14(b)(2), 14(b)(3) or 14(b)(4) in respect of the same tooth;
- no fee shall be payable under items 14(d)(1) or 14(d)(2) where the filling involves the occlusal surface of a molar or premolar tooth, except as in items 14(f) and 14(g);
- no fee shall be payable under item 14(h) or 14(i) where a fee is payable under items 14(a), 14(b), 14(c), 14(d), 14(f) or 14(g) in respect of the same tooth.

15. ENDODONTIC TREATMENT

Including opening root canal(s) for drainage, pulp extirpation, incision of an abscess and any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment and attention in connection therewith, except for treatment appropriate to items 2 (diagnosis), 14 (fillings), 16 (veneers), 17 (inlays and crowns), 18 (bridges), or 25 (sedations) and, except for the dressing or temporary protection of a tooth, where the permanent restoration is not provided:

15(a) Root filling of each root canal of a permanent tooth with a permanent radio-opaque filling material, normally not more than 3 teeth being treated under this item in a course of treatment:

| | | | |
|-------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| | per incisor or canine tooth | £80.75 | (£64.60) |
| | per upper premolar tooth | £110.30 | (£88.24) |
| | per lower premolar tooth | £95.14 | (£76.11) |
| 1501 | per molar tooth | £169.93 | (£135.94) |

15(b) Amputation of a vital pulp of a permanent tooth with an incomplete apex, consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp and including any necessary dressing

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| 1511 | per tooth | £50.90 | (£40.72) |
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15(c) Apicectomy of a permanent tooth

| | | | |
|-------------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| 1521 | per incisor or canine tooth | £72.14 | (£57.71) |
| 1522 | per premolar tooth | £99.24 | (£79.39) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------|---|------------------|---|
| 1523 | buccal root(s) of upper molar teeth, per tooth | £117.01 | (£93.61) |
| 1531 | all other roots | | such fee as the Committee may determine |
| | Additional fee for retrograde root filling of a permanent tooth | | |
| 1541 | per tooth | £15.50 | (£12.40) |
| 15(d) | Endodontic treatment of a retained deciduous tooth | | |
| 1551 | per tooth | £58.64 | (£46.91) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 15:

No fee shall be payable under item 15 unless appropriate radiographs are available.

16. PORCELAIN VENEERS

Facing or refacing a permanent upper tooth anterior to the first premolar, normally for patients aged 17 years or over, and including acid etch retention, other necessary preparation of the enamel and temporary coverage of the tooth, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 15 (endodontics):

| | | | |
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| | per tooth | £145.42 | (£116.34) |
| 1601 | Additional fee for first or only tooth treated | £11.22 | (£8.98) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 16

No fee shall be payable for a veneer unless the Prior Approval of the Committee is obtained

17. INLAYS AND CROWNS

In permanent teeth and in retained deciduous teeth, normally for patients aged 17 years or over, inclusive of all preparation in connection therewith, including dressing, pulp capping, pins incorporated in castings, cores fabricated in the mouth and temporary coverage during construction, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 15 (endodontics);

| | | | |
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| 17(a) | In alloys containing 60% or more fine gold: | | |
| | (1) inlays or pinlays: | | |
| 1701 | 1 surface cavity | £94.44 | (£75.55) |
| 1702 | 2 surface cavity | £133.13 | (£106.50) |
| 1703 | 2 surface cavity involving incisal angle 5.13 | £121.25 | (£97.00) |
| 1704 | 3 or more surface cavity | £176.90 | (£141.52) |
| 1705 | this item has been deleted. | | |
| 1706 | this item has been deleted. | | |

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| 17(b) | In cast alloys: | | |
| | (1) | full or three quarter crown cast in precious metal alloy: | |
| | | | Dentist's Fee |
| | | | Patient's Charge |
| 1711 | per crown | | £157.43 |
| | | | (£125.94) |
| 8.91 | (2) | full or jacket crown cast in non-precious metal alloy | |
| 1712 | per crown | | £121.25 |
| | | | (£97.00) |
| 17(c) | Porcelain jacket crown | | |
| 1716 | per crown | | £118.60 |
| | | | (£94.88) |
| 17(d) | Bonded crowns on teeth anterior to the first molar: | | |
| | (1) | full or jacket crown cast in an alloy of fine gold or precious metal, with thermally bonded porcelain | |
| 1721 | per crown | | £180.74 |
| | | | (£144.59) |
| | (2) | full or jacket crown cast in non-precious metal alloy, with thermally bonded porcelain | |
| 1722 | per crown | | £162.11 |
| | | | (£129.69) |
| | (3) | porcelain jacket crown thermally bonded to wrought platinum coping | |
| 1723 | per crown | | £138.21 |
| | | | (£110.57) |
| 17(e) | Jacket crown in synthetic resin: | | |
| 1726 | per crown | | £96.80 |
| | | | (£77.44) |
| | Additional fee in connection with items 17(a)(1) 17(a)(2), 17(a)(3), 17(b), 17(c), 17(d) and 17(e) for the first or only inlay or crown in the same arch | | |
| | per arch | | £11.22 |
| | | | (£8.98) |
| 17(f) | Additional items when necessary for crowns or inlays under items 17(a), 17(b), 17(c), 17(d) or 17(e) | | |
| | (1) | this item has been deleted. | |
| 1731 | | | |
| | (2) | core and post both cast in metal alloy | |
| 1732 | per tooth | | £50.26 |
| | | | (£40.21) |
| | (3) | core and post prefabricated in non-precious metal alloy | |
| 1733 | per tooth | | £26.33 |
| | | | (£21.06) |

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| | (4) | pin or screw retention for a core fabricated in the mouth | | |
| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| 1734 | | per tooth | £12.51 | (£10.01) |
| | (5) | provision of a facing with silicate, silico-phosphate, glass ionomer, synthetic resin or composite resin: | | |
| 1735 | | per inlay | £14.45 | (£11.56) |
| 1736 | | per crown | £20.30 | (£16.24) |
| | (6) | this item has been deleted | | |
| 1737 | | | | |
| | (7) | laboratory produced dovetail or slot in the metal component of a crown for the support and/or retention of a denture where the denture is to be provided within a reasonable period and normally not more than 4 dovetails or slots in 1 arch | | |
| 1738 | | per dovetail | £24.82 | (£19.86) |
| | (8) | Laboratory produced parallel metallic surface of a crown for the support and/or retention of a denture where the denture is to be provided within a reasonable period | | |
| 1739 | | per crown | £23.06 | (£18.45) |
| | 17(g) | Temporary crown provided prior to the preparation of a permanent crown as an immediately necessary palliative: | | |
| 1742 | | other than post retained | £20.91 | (£16.73) |
| 1743 | | post retained | £29.45 | (£23.56) |
| | 17(h) | Removal of a post fractured at or below a root face, necessitating the modification of the existing canal form: | | |
| 1744 | | per post | £23.01 | (£18.41) |
| | 17(i)* | Other forms of crown not included above | | |
| 1751 | | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
| | 17(j) | Repair of an inlay or crown: | | |
| | (1) | renewal of a facing in silicate, silico-phosphate, glass ionomer, synthetic resin or composite resin: | | |
| 1761 | | per inlay | £14.45 | (£11.56) |
| 1762 | | per crown | £17.10 | (£13.68) |
| | (2) | other repair of a crown | | |
| 1771 | | such fee as the Committee may determine not exceeding 70% of the fee for a single or first new crown of the type being repaired | | |

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| 17(k) | Refixing or recementing an inlay or crown: | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| 1781 | per inlay | £14.94 | (£11.95) |
| 1782 | per crown | £14.94 | (£11.95) |

18. PROVISION OF BRIDGES

Normally for patients aged 17 years or over, normally at least 6 months after extraction and subject to satisfactory periapical condition of the abutment teeth, periodontal status, general standard of oral hygiene and occlusion. Fees are inclusive of all preparatory treatment in connection therewith, including dressing, pulp capping, pins incorporated in castings and cores fabricated in the mouth, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 2(b) (casts) and item 15 (endodontics). Bridges should have an adequate retainer to pontic ratio: normally not more than 1 pontic per retainer in cantilever bridges, 2 pontics per retainer in fixed movable bridges and 3 pontics per 2 retainers in other bridges. Bridgework of 4 or more units requires the prior approval of the Dental Committee. Bridgework to replace molar teeth requires the prior approval of the Dental Committee and must be necessary for the stability of the occlusion:

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| 18(a) | Retainers for other than acid etch retained bridges: | | |
| | (1) | cast in alloy containing 60% or more fine gold (but see proviso 5) | |
| 1801 | inlay or pinlay: compound cavity | £145.42 | (£116.34) |
| 1802 | inlay or pinlay: compound confluent cavity or three- quarter crown | £186.56 | (£149.25) |
| 1803 | full or jacket crown | £198.72 | (£158.98) |
| | (2) | in other alloys (but see proviso 5): | |
| 1804 | full or jacket crown cast in precious metal | £170.51 | (£136.41) |
| 1805 | full or jacket crown cast in non-precious metal | £133.13 | (£106.50) |
| | (3) | porcelain, full or jacket crown | |
| 1806 | per retainer | £145.42 | (£116.34) |
| | (4) | bonded retainers: | |
| | | full or jacket crown cast in an alloy of fine gold or precious metal with thermally bonded porcelain | |
| 1807 | per retainer | £191.19 | (£152.95) |
| | | full or jacket crown cast in an alloy of non-precious metal with thermally bonded porcelain | |
| 1808 | per retainer | £174.19 | (£139.35) |
| 18(b) | Additional items when necessary in connection with item 18(a); | | |
| | (1) | core and post both cast in precious metal alloy | |
| 1811 | per abutment tooth | £51.78 | (£41.42) |
| | (2) | core and post both cast in non-precious metal alloy | |
| 1812 | per abutment tooth | £35.79 | (£28.63) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| (3) | core and post prefabricated in non-precious metal alloy | | |
| 1813 | per abutment tooth | £26.33 | (£21.06) |
| (4) | pin or screw retention for a core fabricated in the mouth | | |
| 1814 | per abutment tooth | £12.51 | (£10.01) |
| (5) | laboratory produced dovetail or slot in the metal component of a retainer | | |
| 1815 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
| (6) | laboratory processed composite facing in connection with full or jacket retainers under items 18(a)(1) or 18(a)(2) where the use of other types of retainer is clinically inappropriate | | |
| 1816 | per abutment tooth | £38.78 | (£31.02) |
| 18(c) | Pontics (other than for acid etch retained bridges) constructed in: | | |
| (1) | cast alloy containing 60% or more fine gold (but see proviso 5) | | |
| 1821 | per unit | £99.36 | (£79.49) |
| (2) | other alloys (but see proviso 5) | | |
| | precious metal | | |
| 1822 | per unit | £72.12 | (£57.70) |
| | non-precious metal | | |
| 1823 | per unit | £51.22 | (£40.97) |
| (3) | porcelain | | |
| 1824 | per unit | £72.49 | (£57.99) |
| (4) | bonded porcelain: | | |
| | porcelain bonded to an alloy of fine gold or precious metal | | |
| 1825 | per unit | £108.53 | (£86.82) |
| | porcelain bonded to an alloy of non-precious metal | | |
| 1826 | per unit | £94.44 | (£75.55) |
| (5) | laboratory processed composite facing in connection with pontics under items 18(c)(1) or 18(c)(2) where the use of other types of pontic is clinically inappropriate | | |
| 1827 | per unit | £38.98 | (£31.18) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 18(d) | Acid etch retained bridges: | | |
| | (1) retainer in cast metal | | |
| 1831 | per unit | £55.54 | (£44.43) |
| | (2) pontic in thermally bonded porcelain | | |
| 1832 | per unit | £106.10 | (£84.88) |
| 18(e)* | Bridge constructed in units not contained in items 18(a), 18(b), 18(c) or 18(d) above | | |
| 1841 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
| 18(f) | Temporary bridge: | | |
| | (1) fabricated in the laboratory in cases where the temporary bridge is to be retained for at least 3 months | | |
| 1851 | per unit | £24.82 | (£19.86) |
| | (2) all other temporary bridges | | |
| 1852 | per unit | £9.20 | (£7.36) |
| 18(g) | Recementing or refixing: | | |
| | (1) an acid etch retained bridge | | |
| 1861 | per bridge | £41.20 | (£0.00) |
| | (2) any other bridge | | |
| 1862 | per bridge | £21.96 | (£0.00) |
| 18(h) | Repairing a bridge | | |
| 1871 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 18:

1. no fee shall be payable for the provision of a bridge except where study casts and appropriate radiographs are available;
2. no fee shall be payable for more than one temporary bridge under items 18(f)(1) or 18(f)(2) per course of treatment per permanent bridge provided;
3. no fee shall be payable for an all-porcelain bridge of more than 2 units;
4. no fee shall be payable for the provision of an acid etched retained bridge in excess of a total of 6 units;
5. no fee shall be payable for a bridge which includes all-metal units anterior to the premolars unless the prior approval of the Committee is obtained.
6. no fee shall be payable for a bridge of 4 units or more unless the prior approval of the Committee is obtained.
7. no fee shall be payable for a bridge replacing molar teeth unless the prior approval of the Committee is obtained

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Section VI - Surgical Treatment

21. EXTRACTIONS OF TEETH

Extractions and associated treatment:

Fee per course of treatment for extraction of:

| | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 tooth | £13.91 | (£11.13) |
| 2 teeth | £25.16 | (£20.13) |
| 3 or 4 teeth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |
| 5 to 9 teeth | £51.05 | (£40.84) |
| 10 to 16 teeth | £68.81 | (£55.05) |
| 2101 17 or more teeth | £84.01 | (£67.21) |

Additional fee for each visit for extractions, including the first

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 2121 | per visit | £11.39 | (£9.11) |
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22. EXTRACTIONS OF SPECIAL DIFFICULTY AND OTHER ORAL SURGERY

Extractions and other oral surgery not included in items 10 (periodontics), 15 (endodontics) and 21 (extractions):

22(a) Removal of buried root, unerupted tooth, impacted tooth or exostosed tooth, involving the raising and replacement of a surgical flap with any necessary suturing, including all associated attention except in connection with post-operative haemorrhage requiring additional visit(s):

| | | | |
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| (1) | involving soft tissue only | | |
| 2201 | per tooth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |

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| (2) | involving bone removal for: | | |
| (i) | incisor and canines | | |
| 2202 | per tooth | £53.89 | (£43.11) |

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| (ii) | premolars, molars other than impacted third molars | | |
| 2203 | per tooth | £66.40 | (£53.12) |

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| (iii) | impacted third molars not requiring division of roots or crown: | | |
| | upper jaw, per tooth | £68.81 | (£55.05) |
| 2204 | lower jaw, per tooth | £81.27 | (£65.02) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|--------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| | (iv) impacted third molars requiring division of roots or crown: | | |
| | upper jaw, per tooth | £86.96 | (£69.57) |
| 2205 | lower jaw, per tooth | £96.01 | (£76.81) |
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| 22(b) | Fraenectomy | | |
| 2211 | per course of treatment | £43.49 | (£34.79) |
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| 22(c)* | Other oral surgery and more complex operations justifying higher fees | | |
| 2221 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 22:

1. no fee shall be payable under item 22(a) unless appropriate radiographs are available;
2. no fee shall be payable under item 22(c) where bone removal is involved unless appropriate radiographs are available;
3. where the prior approval of the Committee is required, appropriate radiographs must be submitted with the estimate.

23. POST OPERATIVE CARE

23(a) Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorrhage, including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:

| | | | |
|------|---|--------|---------|
| | (1) arrest of haemorrhage, other than under items 23(a)(2) and/or 23(b) | | |
| 2301 | per visit | £44.34 | (£0.00) |

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| | (2) the removal of plugs and/or sutures | | |
| 2302 | per visit | £13.91 | (£0.00) |

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| 23(b) | Treatment of infected sockets and/or other sequelae: | | |
| | 1 visit | £13.91 | (£11.13) |
| 2311 | 2 or more visits | £28.58 | (£22.86) |

24. GENERAL ANAESTHETICS

This Section has been removed

25. SEDATIONS

25(a) Administration of a sedation by a doctor or a dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment to include any preliminary investigation and blood testing:

- (1) in connection with treatment provided under only item 21 (extractions) or, for patients under capitation, in connection with extractions only. Fee per visit, where the number of teeth extracted at the visit is:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 2551 | 1 - 4 | £35.79 | (£28.63) |
| 2552 | 5 - 9 | £41.20 | (£32.96) |
| 2553 | 10 - 16 | £48.42 | (£38.74) |
| 2554 | 17 or more | £60.39 | (£48.31) |
| | up to a maximum per course of treatment | £120.89 | (£96.71) |

- (2) for patients in continuing care in connection with any items, whether or not including treatment under item 21 (extractions), except those items involving the provision of dentures or the preparation and fitting of veneers, inlays, crowns or bridge retainers. Fee per visit, where the cost of treatment carried out under sedation at that visit is:

| | | | |
|------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2555 | up to and including £10.00 | £35.79 | (£28.63) |
| 2556 | from £10.01 to £25.00 | £65.59 | (£52.47) |
| 2557 | from £25.01 to £50.00 | £94.44 | (£75.55) |
| 2558 | greater than £50.00 | £120.89 | (£96.71) |

- (3) for patients under capitation in connection with any treatment other than extractions only

2561 such fee as the Committee may determine up to a maximum of £120.89

- (4) in connection with treatment which involves the preparation and fitting of veneers, inlays, crowns or bridge retainers

2563 such fee as the Committee may determine up to a maximum of £120.89

25(b) Additional fee where the doctor or a dentist other than the dentist carrying out their treatment is called to the surgery where the dentist is to provide treatment in an emergency and where the distance travelled is:

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 2566 | less than 1.61kms (1 mile) | £41.20 | (£0.00) |
| 2567 | 1.61kms (1 mile) or more | £72.49 | (£0.00) |

25(c) Administration of a single intravenous sedative agent or inhalational sedation by and under the direct and constant supervision of the dentist carrying out the treatment where, in the opinion of the dentist, any necessary treatment could not otherwise be provided because of a physical or mental disability, or a form of mental illness requiring medical attention, or disproportionate dental anxiety:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2571 | inhalation | £17.10 | (£13.68) |
| | supplement | £8.20 | (£0.00) |
| 2572 | injection | £30.58 | (£24.46) |
| | supplement | £10.64 | (£0.00) |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 25:

1. no fee shall be payable under item 25(a)(1) where a fee is also payable under item 25(a)(2) for treatment provided at the same visit;
 2. no fee shall be payable under item 25(b) where the attendance of the doctor or the dentist other than the dentists carrying out the treatment, immediately precedes or follows any other attendance at that surgery on the same day.
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Section VII - Prosthesis, Obturators and other (Non-Orthodontic) Appliances

27. PROVISION OF DENTURES

Including all necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners, and all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:

27(a) Treatment provided prior to the provision of denture(s);

(1) Provision of synthetic resin additions to the occlusal surface of existing dentures to restore the vertical dimension

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2701 | per course of treatment | £31.01 | (£24.81) |

(2) provision of a temporary base using auto-polymerising tissue conditioner to an existing denture where such lining is required because of the condition of the patient's alveolus:

| | | | | |
|------|---|-----------------|--------|----------|
| 2711 | upper | per application | £41.09 | (£32.87) |
| 2712 | lower | per application | £41.09 | (£32.87) |
| | maximum per denture per course of treatment | | £81.99 | (£65.59) |

(3) provision of other treatment prior to the provision of dentures

2721 such fee as the Committee may determine

27(b) Provision of dentures in synthetic resin, including all necessary backing and tagging:

(1) full upper and full lower dentures

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 2731 | upper | per set | £309.55 | (£247.64) |
| 2732 | lower | per set | £309.55 | (£247.64) |

(2) full upper or full lower denture (one only)

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 2731 | upper | per denture | £193.15 | (£154.52) |
| 2732 | lower | per denture | £193.15 | (£154.52) |

(3) partial denture bearing:

| | | | | |
|------|--|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| | | 1, 2 or 3 teeth | £121.16 | (£96.93) |
| | | 4 to 8 teeth | £160.44 | (£128.35) |
| 2733 | | 9 or more teeth | £191.02 | (£152.82) |

(4) additional fee for stainless steel lingual or palatal bar

| | | | |
|------|----------|--------|----------|
| 2734 | per unit | £25.38 | (£20.30) |
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27(c) Provision of metal based dentures which may not be provided until such period after extraction (normally not less than 3 months) as the dentist thinks fit:

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------|-------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| | (1) | full upper or full lower denture in chrome cobalt or stainless steel | | |
| 2741 | upper | per denture | £272.63 | (£218.10) |
| 2742 | lower | per denture | £272.63 | (£218.10) |
| | (2) | plate design partial denture bearing: | | |
| | | 1, 2 or 3 teeth | £278.92 | (£223.14) |
| | | 4 to 8 teeth | £305.71 | (£244.57) |
| 2743 | | 9 to 12 teeth | £317.95 | (£254.36) |
| | (3) | skeleton design partial denture with single connecting bar bearing: | | |
| | | 1, 2 or 3 teeth | £293.93 | (£235.14) |
| 2744 | | 4 or more teeth | £320.92 | (£256.74) |
| | (4) | skeleton design partial denture with multiple connecting bars bearing: | | |
| | | 1, 2 or 3 teeth | £305.71 | (£244.57) |
| 2745 | | 4 or more teeth | £342.38 | (£273.90) |
| | (5) | additional fee where teeth are backed: | | |
| | | per tooth | £19.21 | (£15.37) |
| 2746 | | up to a maximum per denture of | £115.33 | (£92.26) |
| | (6)* | dentures in any other metal | | |
| 2751 | | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
| 27(d) | | Additional fee per denture for the provision of a soft lining or soft partial lining other than one polymerised in the mouth where such lining is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus | | |
| 2761 | upper | per denture | £64.02 | (£51.22) |
| 2762 | lower | per denture | £64.02 | (£51.22) |
| 27(e) | | Additional fee for the use of laboratory-constructed special trays for the taking of final impressions | | |
| 2771 | upper | per denture | £31.01 | (£24.81) |
| 2772 | lower | per denture | £31.01 | (£24.81) |

27(f) Additional fee for inclusion of a permanent patient identification marker in a denture

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2781 | upper | per denture | £9.92 | (£7.94) |
| 2782 | lower | per denture | £9.92 | (£7.94) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 27:

- No fee in excess of £384.15 shall be payable for any combination of treatment under items 27(b)(2) and/or 27(b)(3), except where treatment is also provided under items 27(b)(4), 27(d), 27(e) or 27(f) in which case these fees are payable in addition.
- No fee shall be payable for treatment under item 27 (c) unless the prior approval of the Committee is obtained.

28. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO DENTURES

Including adjustments, relinings, rebasings and additions:

28(a) Repair to dentures:

- repairing a crack or fracture, or renewal of gum (including provision of any strengthener), or refixing a tooth, or providing and fixing a replacement tooth (including any associated gum):

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--|--------|---------|
| 2801 | upper | 1 repair | £29.28 | (£0.00) |
| 2802 | lower | each additional repair to the same denture | £10.25 | (£0.00) |

- refixing a clasp, or providing and fixing a replacement clasp (including any associated gum):

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|------|-------|--|--------|---------|
| 2803 | upper | 1 repair | £42.30 | (£0.00) |
| 2804 | lower | each additional repair to the same denture | £20.52 | (£0.00) |

- other repairs. Fee appropriate to similar treatment under items 28(a)(1) and/or (2), together with an additional fee when attention to cast metal components is necessary

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| 2811 | upper | | | |
| 2812 | lower | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

- additional fee where impression technique is necessary in connection with 1 or more repairs under item 28(a) (repairs to dentures)

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|------|-------------|--|--------|---------|
| 2821 | per denture | | £13.56 | (£0.00) |
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28(b) Adjustments to dentures:

- adjusting a denture (including any easing and/or polishing) other than a denture provided, relined or rebased by the same dentist within the preceding 5 complete calendar months

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|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 2831 | upper | per denture | £20.52 | (£16.42) |
| 2832 | lower | per denture | £20.52 | (£16.42) |

- other adjustments. Fee appropriate to similar treatment under item 28(b)(1), together with an additional fee where attention to cast metal components is necessary

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---|--|--|
| 2841 | upper | | | |
| 2842 | lower | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

28(c) Relining or rebasing dentures or provision or renewal of soft linings to existing dentures other than with a material polymerised in the mouth. Treatment to include all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:

(1) for relining or rebasing only

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2851 | upper | per denture | £69.41 | (£55.53) |
| 2852 | lower | per denture | £69.41 | (£55.53) |

(2) for relining or rebasing with the addition of a labial and/or buccal flange

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 2853 | upper | per denture | £78.68 | (£62.94) |
| 2854 | lower | per denture | £78.68 | (£62.94) |

(3) for provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining to an existing denture where such lining is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus

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|------|-------|-------------|---------|----------|
| 2855 | upper | per denture | £106.30 | (£85.04) |
| 2856 | lower | per denture | £106.30 | (£85.04) |

28(d) Additions to dentures:

(1) addition of a clasp (including any associated gum)

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--------------|--------|----------|
| 2861 | upper | per addition | £57.41 | (£45.93) |
| 2862 | lower | per addition | £57.41 | (£45.93) |

(2) addition of a tooth (including any associated gum)

| | | | | |
|------|--------------|--|--------|----------|
| 2863 | per addition | | £48.47 | (£38.78) |
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(3) addition of a new gum not associated with an addition under items 28(d)(1) or 28(d)(2)

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--------------|--------|----------|
| 2865 | upper | per addition | £48.47 | (£38.78) |
| 2866 | lower | per addition | £48.47 | (£38.78) |

(4) other additions. Fee appropriate to similar treatment under items 28(d)(1) and/or 28(d)(2), together with an additional fee where attention to cast metal components is necessary

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---|--|--|
| 2871 | upper | | | |
| 2872 | lower | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 28:

1. where combinations of repairs under items 28(a)(1) and 28(a)(2) are undertaken, the fee for one repair shall be at the highest appropriate fee for the single repair and the fee for each additional repair shall be £10.25;
2. no fee in excess of £66.99 per denture shall be payable under items 28(a)(1) and 28(a)(2);
3. no fee shall be payable under item 28(a)(4) (impressions) where a fee is also payable under items 28(c) (relining) or 28(d) (additions) for the same denture;
4. no fee in excess of £81.99 per denture shall be payable under item 28(d) or for any combination of treatment under items 28(a) and 28(d), except where treatment is also provided under items 28(a)(3) and/or 28(d)(4) in which case these fees are payable in addition.

29. OBTURATORS, SPLINTS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES OTHER THAN ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

29(a) Obturators. Fee per case, in addition to appropriate denture fee

2901 such fee as the Committee may determine

29(b) Repairs to obturators

2911 such fee as the Committee may determine – no patient's charge

29(c) Splinting in connection with external trauma:

- (1) provision of emergency splinting for luxated or mobile teeth consisting of cemented foil or other similar material designed to allow primary healing to take place

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| 2921 | per splint | £42.30 | (£33.84) |

- (2) provision of acid etch retained composite splint

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2922 | per union | £31.01 | (£24.81) |
| | up to a maximum per arch of | £112.22 | (£89.78) |

- (3) additional fee for metal bar or wire insert in conjunction with treatment under item 29(c)(2)

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------|---------|
| 2923 | per splint | £6.46 | (£5.17) |
|-------------|------------|-------|---------|

- (4) provision of laboratory fabricated heat cured acrylic splint designed to be retained normally for more than 6 weeks

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| 2924 | per unit | £36.63 | (£29.30) |
| | up to a maximum of | £127.09 | (£101.67) |

- (5) provision of cast metal splint designed to be retained normally for more than 3 months

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| 2925 | per unit | £78.68 | (£62.94) |
| | up to a maximum of | £275.67 | (£220.54) |

- (6) provision of any other type of splint

2926 such fee as the Committee may determine

29(d) Provision of a laboratory processed heat-cured acrylic occlusal appliance normally covering the occlusal and incisal surfaces of all the teeth in one jaw and used for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes. There should normally be three months between the first and last visit. Fee to include all adjustments.

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2941 | per appliance | £118.60 | (£94.88) |

29(e)* Treatment involving other appliances

2991 such fee as the Committee may determine

PROVISO TO ITEM 29:

No fee shall be payable under item 29(d) unless study casts are available.

30. USE OF LEVEL II PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN THE PROVISION OF AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURES

3001 such fee as the committee may determine, no patient charge

PROVISO TO ITEM 30:

1. No fee shall be payable for item 30 in connection with items of service other than those which are Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) unless Approval of the Committee is obtained.
 2. Multiple claims are permitted, however should be limited to 1 claim per patient visit and not more than 8 in total for the course of treatment, unless Approval of the Committee is obtained.
 3. The fee for Item 30 will be determined by the Committee and will be based on 2 sets of L2 PPE as outlined in the GDS Operational Guidance.
 4. The justification for the use of L2 PPE at each patient visit must be recorded in patient records and be in line with the extant GDS Operational Guidance.
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31. UNALLOCATED

Section VIII - Orthodontic Treatment

32. ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

Including any necessary oral hygiene instruction and general patient management

32(a) Intra-Oral appliances. Fee per appliance (including routine fixed appliance maintenance as necessary), where the treatment required for the permanent dentition is completed by the use of 1 or more of the following:

(1) removable spring and/or screw type appliance

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 3201 | upper | per appliance | £171.85 | (£137.48) |
| 3202 | lower | per appliance | £171.85 | (£137.48) |

(2) simple fixed type appliance

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| 3203 | upper | per appliance | £164.87 | (£131.90) |
| 3204 | lower | per appliance | £164.87 | (£131.90) |

(3) fixed multiband or multibracket appliance

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| 3205 | upper | per appliance | £482.07 | (£385.66) |
| 3206 | lower | per appliance | £482.07 | (£385.66) |

(4) functional appliance

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|------|---------------|--|---------|-----------|
| 3207 | per appliance | | £295.64 | (£236.51) |
|------|---------------|--|---------|-----------|

(5) bite plane appliance

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|------|---------------|--|---------|-----------|
| 3211 | per appliance | | £126.17 | (£100.94) |
|------|---------------|--|---------|-----------|

32(b) Temporary addition of acid-etch composite, glass ionomer, or resin material to facilitate bite raising:

| | | | | |
|------|-------------------------|--|--------|----------|
| 3212 | per course of treatment | | £41.82 | (£33.46) |
|------|-------------------------|--|--------|----------|

Additional fee for extra-oral traction or anchorage reinforcement, where necessary

| | | | | |
|------|----------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| 3221 | extra-oral traction | per appliance | £70.19 | (£56.15) |
| 3222 | anchorage reinforcement | per appliance | £70.19 | (£56.15) |

32(c) Retention:

(1) supervision of retention for a period of not less than 5 complete calendar months

| | | | | |
|------|-------------------------|--|--------|----------|
| 3231 | per course of treatment | | £43.49 | (£34.79) |
|------|-------------------------|--|--------|----------|

Additional fee for each further period of supervision of not less than 2 complete calendar months, normally subject to a maximum of 2 such periods

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 3232 | per additional period | | £21.96 | (£17.57) |
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| (2) | retention appliance, normally only 1 removable or 1 fixed retainer per arch and only provided after active appliance treatment. Fee per appliance: | | | |
| 3233 | upper | removable retainer in acrylic resin | £85.04 | (£68.03) |
| 3234 | lower | removable retainer in acrylic resin | £85.04 | (£68.03) |
| 3235 | upper | fixed or bonded retainer | £96.93 | (£77.54) |
| 3236 | lower | fixed or bonded retainer | £96.93 | (£77.54) |
| 3237 | upper | removable pressure formed retainer | £68.92 | (£55.14) |
| 3238 | lower | removable pressure formed retainer | £68.92 | (£55.14) |
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| 32(d) | repairs to orthodontic appliances: | | | |
| (1) | repairing cracks or fractures in the acrylic of a removable appliance | | | |
| 3241 | per appliance | | £35.79 | (£0.00) |
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| (2) | refixing a metal component or providing and fixing a replacement metal component on a removable appliance only. Fee per appliance: | | | |
| | 1 repair | | £43.49 | (£0.00) |
| 3242 | each additional repair | | £11.22 | (£0.00) |
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| (3) | repairing a functional appliance | | | |
| 3243 | per appliance | | £55.54 | (£0.00) |
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| (4) | repairing a fixed appliance involving the replacing of 2 or more brackets, bands, archwires or auxiliaries or any combination thereof in 1 arch. | | | |
| 3244 | per appliance | | £75.04 | (£0.00) |
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| Additional fee where an impression technique is necessary in connection with repairs under items 32(c)(1), 32(c)(2) or 32(c)(3) above. A second additional fee shall only be payable when necessary in connection with the repair of a functional appliance | | | | |
| 3245 | per impression | | £10.85 | (£0.00) |
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| 32(e) | Additions to or inclusions in orthodontic appliances of an artificial tooth to replace a missing natural tooth: | | | |
| (1) | addition or inclusion of an artificial tooth (including any associated gum) to a fixed appliance or fixed retainer | | | |
| 3261 | upper | first tooth | £18.85 | (£15.08) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| | each additional tooth | £18.85 | (£15.08) |
| 3262 | lower first tooth | £18.85 | (£15.08) |
| | each additional tooth | £18.85 | (£15.08) |
| (2) addition or inclusion of an artificial tooth (including any associated gum) to a removable appliance or removable retainer | | | |
| 3263 | upper first tooth | £27.92 | (£22.34) |
| | each additional tooth | £27.92 | (£22.34) |
| 3264 | lower first tooth | £27.92 | (£22.34) |
| | each additional tooth | £27.92 | (£22.34) |
| 32(f) Replacement of appliances lost or damaged beyond repair: | | | |
| (1) space maintainer or retention appliance | | | |
| 3281 | per appliance | £67.80 | (£54.24) |
| (2) removable spring and/or screw type appliance | | | |
| 3282 | per appliance | £92.26 | (£73.81) |
| (3) simple fixed type appliance | | | |
| 3283 | per appliance | £94.44 | (£75.55) |
| (4) fixed multiband or multibracket appliance | | | |
| 3284 | per appliance | £176.90 | (£141.52) |
| (5) functional appliance | | | |
| 3285 | per appliance | £109.15 | (£87.32) |
| 32(g)* Any other orthodontic treatment | | | |
| 3291 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 32:

1. no fee shall be payable under item 32 unless the diagnosed Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need is recorded and reported including the sub-classification of the Dental Health Component;
2. no fee shall be payable for treatment under item 32 where the patient has an Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need rating of less than 3.6 unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained;
3. Proviso 3 omitted from 1 April 2019;
4. no fee shall be payable under items 32(a) or 32(g) unless study casts and radiographs where appropriate are available;
5. no more than 3 fees per course of treatment shall be payable for extra-oral traction and/or anchorage enforcement;
6. where a combination of repairs under items 32(d)(1) and 32(d)(2) is undertaken, the fee for the repair shall be the highest appropriate fee for the single repair and the fee for each additional repair shall be £11.22 up to a maximum of £23.06;

7. no fee in excess of £37.59 per appliance shall be paid under item 32(e)(1);
8. no fee in excess of £55.85 per appliance shall be paid under item 32(e)(2);
9. Regardless of a patient's assessed Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need the prior approval of the Committee must be obtained in cases where previous orthodontic appliance treatment was undertaken under GDS Regulations.
10. Only one fee for item 32(b) shall be payable to the same dentist during the same course of treatment.

33. UNALLOCATED

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Section IX - Other Forms of Treatment

35. DOMICILIARY VISITS AND RECALLED ATTENDANCE

35(a) Domiciliary visits including travel to one or more patients whose condition so requires at a location or locations other than the dentist's practice. Normally no more than two claims would be appropriate for domiciliary visits in respect of any day. Fee per circuit where the total distance travelled is:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 3501 | less than 16.1 kilometres (10 miles) | £51.22 | (£0.00) |
| 3502 | 16.1 kilometres (10 miles) to 64.4 kilometres (40 miles) | £70.19 | (£0.00) |
| 3503 | over 64.4 kilometres (40 miles) | £92.26 | (£0.00) |

35(b) Recalled attendance to reopen the dentist's surgery and provide treatment in an emergency under Health Service arrangements at a time when the surgery would not normally be open. Fee per circuit where the total distance travelled is:

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 3511 | less than 1.61 kilometres (1 mile) | £60.39 | (£0.00) |
| 3512 | 1.61 kilometres (1 mile) or more | £99.36 | (£0.00) |

36. MISCELLANEOUS TREATMENTS

36(a) Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination.

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| 3601 | per course of treatment | £17.10 | (£13.68) |
|------|-------------------------|--------|----------|

36(b) Stoning and smoothing the surface of a tooth including any necessary finishing and polishing (except in the case of treatment under item 10(c) (periodontics) and in respect of teeth filled or restored under items 14 (fillings), 17 (inlays and crowns) and/or 18 (bridges)):

| | | | |
|------|-----------------|-------|---------|
| | 1 tooth | £3.89 | (£3.11) |
| 3611 | 2 or more teeth | £7.49 | (£5.99) |

36(c)* Occlusal equilibration. Estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment

| | | | |
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| 3621 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
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36(d) Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| 3631 | per course of treatment | £7.49 | (£5.99) |
|------|-------------------------|-------|---------|

36(e) Issue of a prescription only (but see proviso)

| | | | |
|------|------------------|-------|---------|
| 3641 | per prescription | £6.13 | (£4.90) |
|------|------------------|-------|---------|

36(f) Re-implantation of a luxated permanent tooth following trauma

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 3651 | per tooth | £23.42 | (£18.74) |
|------|-----------|--------|----------|

36(g) Removal of the fractured portion of a natural crown, where its dissection from the supporting soft tissues is necessary, prior to the provision of a permanent restoration

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 3661 | per tooth | £11.74 | (£9.39) |

36(h) Removal of the coronal portion of a permanent tooth and the shaping and preparation of the root face, for the provision of an overdenture; normally not more than 4 teeth per arch

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 3671 | per tooth | £15.85 | (£12.68) |
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PROVISOS TO ITEM 36:

1. no fee shall be payable under item 36(e) in connection with any item of treatment other than items 35 (domiciliary visits and recalled attendance) and 45 (continuing care payments).
 2. no fee shall be payable under item 36(a) in connection with any item of treatment under item 24.
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37. TREATMENT URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR ACUTE CONDITIONS

For conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa (including pericoronitis, ulcers and herpetic lesions), including any necessary oral hygiene instruction and/or the issue of a prescription

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 3701 | per course of treatment | £10.85 | (£8.68) |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|

38. UNALLOCATED

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40.* ANY OTHER TREATMENT

For treatment necessary to secure and maintain oral health, but not included elsewhere in this fee scale

4001 **such fee as the Committee may determine**

Section X - Treatment Under Capitation

41. CAPITATION PAYMENTS

Fees for patients aged under 18 years and accepted into capitation for the care and treatment necessary to secure and maintain oral health:

| | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| 41(a) Basic fee: | £2.17 | (£0.00) |
| 6 - 12 years per month | £4.43 | (£0.00) |
| 13 - 17 years per month | £6.45 | (£0.00) |
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| 41(b) | Where the patient has a severe mental or physical disability or severe learning difficulties and where, to provide treatment, it is necessary for the dentist to spend at least double the normal amount of time for a patient of the same age: | |
| | per month double the appropriate basic fee (item 41(a)) (no patient charge) | |
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| 41(c) | Where a patient aged 5 years and under with a home postcode address within a Northern Ireland electoral ward with a dmf score of between 1.63 and 2.95 as specified at Annex 1, is accepted into capitation by a dentist, the BSO shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 25% of the appropriate basic fee (item 41(a)). | |
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| 41(d) | Where a patient aged 5 years and under with a home postcode address within a Northern Ireland electoral ward with a dmf score of 2.96 or above as specified at Annex 1, is accepted into capitation by a dentist, the BSO shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 100% of the appropriate basic fee (item 41(a)). | |
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| 41(e) | Where a patient aged between 6 years and 17 years with a home postcode address within a Northern Ireland electoral ward with a dmf score of 2.96 or above as specified at Annex 1, is accepted into capitation by a dentist, the BSO shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 50% of the appropriate basic fee (item 41(a)). | |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 41:

1. no fee shall be payable under both items 41(a) and 41(b) for the same patient;
2. where necessary to secure or maintain oral health, additional fees shall be payable to the same dentist under the following items: 1(d) (care and treatment summary), 2(b) (study casts), 3 (clinical photographs), 7(a) (fissure sealants), 14 (permanent fillings), 15(a), 15(b) and 15(c) (endodontics) 16 (veneers), 17 (inlays and crowns), 18 (bridges), 21 (extractions), 22 (extractions of special difficulty and other oral surgery), 23(a)(1)(arrest of haemorrhage), 25 (sedations) 27(b) and 27(c) (provision of dentures), 27(e) (special trays), 27(f) (identification marker), 28(a) (repairs to dentures), 28(c) (relining and rebasing dentures), 28(d) (additions to dentures), 29 (appliances), 32 (orthodontics), 35 (domiciliary visits and recalled attendance), 40 (any other treatment - where lab cost is involved), 44 (treatment special to minors), 53(a)(1)(arrest of haemorrhage), 62 (incomplete dentures), 63(e) and 63(f) (incomplete endodontic treatment), 64 (incomplete porcelain veneers), 65 (incomplete crowns), 73 (any other incomplete treatment - where lab cost is involved) and, when in connection with orthodontic treatment, 1(a) 1(b) or 1(c) (examination), 2 (radiographs);
3. where necessitated by trauma (see para (1) of Section 1 - interpretation), additional fees shall be payable for all items of treatment provided;
4. no fee shall be payable under item 41 for a patient in respect of whom the same dentist is providing occasional treatment or treatment on referral from another dentist;
5. where, as a result, the total payments authorised under item 41(c) in any one month amount to a fraction of one whole penny, the BSO shall round the payment to the nearest whole penny.

42. UNALLOCATED

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44. TREATMENT SPECIAL TO MINORS

Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth in patients under 18 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment:

44(a) Filling including any dressing, pulp capping and pin or screw or acid etch retention and other preparatory treatment, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 44(c) and 44(d).

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 4401 | per tooth | £13.91 | (£0.00) |

44(b) Conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap inclusive of all preparation in connection therewith, including dressings, pulp cappings and pin or screw or acid etch retention but excluding associated treatment in connection with item 44(c).

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|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 4402 | per tooth | £36.49 | (£0.00) |
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44(c) Vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing.

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|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 4403 | per tooth | £14.55 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|

44(d) Non-vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing.

| | | | |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 4404 | per tooth | £27.90 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|

44(e) In connection with treatment on referral: filling including any dressing, pulp capping and pin or screw or acid etch retention and other preparatory treatment, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 44(c) and 44(d).

| | | | |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 4405 | per tooth | £24.62 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|

PROVISO TO ITEM 44

No fee under item 44(e) shall be payable where a fee has been paid, or is payable, to the same dentist under item 41.

Section XI - Continuing Care And Patient Management

45. CONTINUING CARE PAYMENTS

Fees payable for the provision of continuing care to patients aged 18 years or over:

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 45(a) | 18 - 64 years of age | per month | £1.11 | (£0.00) |
| 45(b) | 65 or over | per month | £1.34 | (£0.00) |

45(c) Where a patient aged 18 years and over with a home postcode address within a Northern Ireland electoral ward with a dmf score 2.96 and above as specified at Annex 1, is accepted into continuing care by a dentist, the BSO shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 50% of the appropriate basic fee (item 45(a) or 45(b)).

PROVISOS TO ITEM 45:

1. no fee shall be payable under item 45 for a patient in respect of whom the same dentist is providing occasional treatment or treatment on referral from another dentist;
 2. where the BSO authorises a payment under item 45 in respect of a patient aged 18 years or over and in continuing care on or after April 2008, the BSO shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 0.40% of the amount so authorised. Where as a result, the total payments authorised under item 45 in any month amount to a fraction of one whole penny, the BSO shall round the payment to the nearest whole penny.
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46. TREATMENT ON REFERRAL

Fee for patient management where the patient is being treated on referral from another dentist with whom the patient has a continuing care or capitation agreement

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 4601 | per whole or part 3 month period | £9.67 | (£0.00) |
|------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|

PROVISOS TO ITEM 46:

1. fees shall only be payable under this item in connection with treatment which the referring dentist is unable to carry out because of a lack of necessary facilities, experience or expertise;
 2. additional fees under Sections I-X inclusive and Section XIII shall be payable for all items of treatment, subject to proviso 1, other than where the referral is for occasional treatment in which case fees shall be payable only for items listed in Section XII (occasional treatment);
 3. where the treatment is required because of trauma or where the patient is judged to be in pain, the prior approval of the Committee shall not be required;
 4. at least 1 patient visit shall occur within each 3 month period for which a fee is claimed;
 5. no more than 8 such quarterly fees or in the case of orthodontic referrals 12 such quarterly fees, are payable, per referral, for any patient;
 6. no fee shall be payable under this item where the referral is for examination or diagnosis only or where the referral is for occasional treatment.
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Section XII - Occasional Treatment

47. ASSESSMENT AND ADVICE

47(a) Fee for the assessment of, and the giving of advice to, a patient:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 4701 | per course of treatment | £11.39 | (£9.11) |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 47:

1. no fee under item 47(a) shall be payable for assessment of patients in a school or institution;
2. only 1 assessment fee shall be payable to the same dentist during the same course of treatment;
3. no fee shall be payable under item 47(a), except where urgent attention and advice are required in connection with trauma, for an assessment of a patient for whom the same dentist was paid, or is entitled to be paid, a fee under item 47(a) for an assessment carried out during the previous 5 complete calendar months.

48. ISSUE OF A PRESCRIPTION ONLY

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|------|------------------|-------|---------|
| 4801 | per prescription | £6.13 | (£4.90) |
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PROVISO TO ITEM 48:

No fee shall be payable under item 48 in connection with any item of treatment other than item 57 (domiciliary visits and recalled attendance).

49. RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION AND RADIOLOGICAL REPORT

Fee per course of occasional treatment:

49(a) Small films (under 16 square centimetres):

| | | | |
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| | 1 film | £5.56 | (£4.45) |
| | 2 films | £7.93 | (£6.34) |
| | 3 films | £9.67 | (£7.74) |
| | each additional film | £2.50 | (£2.00) |
| 4901 | up to a maximum for additional films | £23.36 | (£18.69) |

49(b) Medium films (16 to 50 square centimetres):

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| | 1 Film | £7.49 | (£5.99) |
| | each additional film | £3.12 | (£2.50) |
| 4911 | up to a maximum for additional films | £6.45 | (£5.16) |

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| 49(c) | Large films (over 50 square centimetres, other than panoramic or lateral skull films): | | |
| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| | 1 film | £11.74 | (£9.39) |
| | each additional film | £5.56 | (£4.45) |
| 4921 | up to a maximum for additional films | £11.22 | (£8.98) |
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| 49(d) | Panoramic film, normally not more than 1 film to be taken every 3 years | | |
| 4931 | per film | £17.43 | (£13.94) |
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| 50. | DRESSING OF DECIDUOUS OR PERMANENT TEETH AND OTHER PALLIATIVE TREATMENT | | |
| 50(a) | Dressings, including any preparatory treatment: | | |
| | 1 tooth | £10.69 | (£8.55) |
| | 2 teeth | £15.06 | (£12.05) |
| | each additional tooth | £3.87 | (£3.10) |
| 5001 | up to maximum of | £31.49 | (£25.19) |
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| 50(b) | Incising an abscess | | |
| 5011 | per abscess | £13.91 | (£11.13) |
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| 50(c) | Opening root canal(s) for drainage | | |
| 5021 | per tooth | £34.36 | (£27.49) |
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| 50(d) | Pulp extirpation and dressing to seal cavities in permanent teeth: | | |
| 5031 | 1 canal per tooth | £40.61 | (£32.49) |
| 5032 | more than 1 canal per tooth | £51.65 | (£41.32) |
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| 50(e) | Stoning and smoothing the surface of a tooth, including any necessary finishing and polishing (except in respect of teeth treated under items 51 (inlays, crowns and bridges) and/or 58(a), 58(b), 58(c) and 58(e) (fillings)): | | |
| | 1 tooth | £4.82 | (£3.86) |
| 5041 | 2 or more teeth | £9.29 | (£7.43) |
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| 50(f) | Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine | | |
| 5051 | per course of treatment | £9.29 | (£7.43) |
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| 50(g) | Splinting in connection with external trauma: | | |
| | (1) | provision of emergency splinting for luxated or mobile teeth consisting of cemented foil or other similar material designed to allow primary healing to take place | |
| | | | Dentist's Fee |
| | | | Patient's Charge |
| 5061 | per splint | £41.93 | (£33.54) |
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| | (2) | provision of an acid etch retained composite splint: | |
| | | per union | £30.74 |
| | | | (£24.59) |
| 5062 | up to a maximum per arch of | £111.23 | (£88.98) |
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| | (3) | additional fee for metal bar or wire insert in connection with treatment under item 50(g)(2) | |
| 5063 | per splint | £6.39 | (£5.11) |
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| 50(h) | Re-implantation of a luxated permanent tooth following trauma | | |
| 5071 | per tooth | £29.02 | (£23.22) |
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| 50(i) | Removal of the fractural portion of a natural crown, where its dissection from supporting soft tissues is necessary, prior to the provision of a permanent restoration | | |
| 5075 | per tooth | £14.55 | (£11.64) |
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| 50(j) | Any other treatment immediately necessary as a result of trauma | | |
| 5081 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
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| 51. | INLAYS, CROWNS AND BRIDGES | | |
| 51(a) | Temporary crown provided as an immediately necessary palliative: | | |
| 5102 | other than post retained | £20.91 | (£16.73) |
| 5103 | post retained | £29.45 | (£23.56) |
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| 51(b) | Removal of a post fractured at or below a root face, necessitating the modification of the existing canal form: | | |
| 5104 | per post | £23.01 | (£18.41) |
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| 51(c) | Refixing or recementing an inlay or a crown: | | |
| 5111 | per inlay | £14.94 | (£11.95) |
| 5112 | per crown | £14.94 | (£11.95) |
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| 51(d) | Refixing or recementing: | | |
| | (1) | an acid etch retained bridge | |
| 5121 | per bridge | £41.20 | (£0.00) |
| | (2) | any other bridge | |
| 5122 | per bridge | £21.96 | (£0.00) |
| 51(e) | Repairing a bridge | | |
| 5131 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |
| 52. | EXTRACTION OF TEETH | | |
| 52(a) | Fee per course of treatment for extraction of: | | |
| | 1 tooth | £13.91 | (£11.13) |
| | 2 teeth | £25.16 | (£20.13) |
| | 3 or 4 teeth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |
| | 5 to 9 teeth | £51.05 | (£40.84) |
| | 10 to 16 teeth | £68.81 | (£55.05) |
| 5201 | 17 or more teeth | £84.01 | (£67.21) |
| | Additional fee for each visit for extractions, including the first | | |
| 5206 | per visit | £11.39 | (£9.11) |
| 52(b) | Removal of buried root, unerupted tooth, impacted tooth or exostosed tooth, involving the raising and replacement of a surgical flap with any necessary suturing, including all associated attention except in connection with post-operative haemorrhage requiring additional visit(s): | | |
| | (1) | involving soft tissue only | |
| 5211 | per tooth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |
| | (2) | involving bone removal for: | |
| | (i) | incisors and canines | |
| 5212 | per tooth | £53.89 | (£43.11) |
| | (ii) | premolars, molars other than impacted third molars | |
| 5213 | per tooth | £66.40 | (£53.12) |

(iii) impacted third molars not requiring division of roots or crown:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | upper jaw, per tooth | £68.81 | (£55.05) |
| 5214 | lower jaw, per tooth | £81.27 | (£65.02) |

(iv) impacted third molars requiring division of roots or crown:

| | | | |
|------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| | upper jaw, per tooth | £86.96 | (£69.57) |
| 5215 | lower jaw, per tooth | £96.01 | (£76.81) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 52:

No fee shall be payable under item 52(b) unless appropriate radiographs are available.

53. POST-OPERATIVE CARE

53(a) Treatment for arrest of haemorrhage, including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:

(1) arrest of haemorrhage, other than under item 53(a)(2) and/or 53(b)

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 5301 | per visit | £44.34 | (£0.00) |
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(2) removal of plugs and/or sutures

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 5302 | per visit | £13.91 | (£0.00) |
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53(b) Treatment of infected sockets and/or other sequelae:

| | | | |
|------|------------------|--------|----------|
| | 1 visit | £13.91 | (£11.13) |
| 5311 | 2 or more visits | £28.58 | (£22.86) |

54. SEDATIONS

54(a) UNALLOCATED.

54(b) Administration of a sedation by a doctor or a dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment to include any preliminary investigation and blood testing:

(1) in connection with treatment under only item 52(a) (extractions). Fee per visit, where the number of teeth extracted at the visit is:

| | | | |
|------|-------|--------|----------|
| 5451 | 1 - 4 | £35.79 | (£28.63) |
| 5452 | 5 - 9 | £41.20 | (£32.96) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 5453 | 10 – 16 | £48.42 | (£38.74) |
| 5454 | 17 or more | £60.39 | (£48.31) |
| | up to a maximum per course of treatment | £120.89 | (£96.71) |

(2) in connection with treatment under item 50 (dressings), 52(b) (extractions of special difficulty), and/or item 58(e - f) (conservation). Fee per visit, where the cost of treatment carried out under sedation at that visit is:

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 5455 | up to and including £10.00 | £35.79 | (£28.63) |
| 5456 | from £10.01 to £25.00 | £65.59 | (£52.47) |
| 5457 | from £25.01 to £50.00 | £94.44 | (£75.55) |
| 5458 | greater than £50.00 | £120.89 | (£96.71) |

(3) additional fee where a doctor or a dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment is called to the surgery where the dentist is to provide treatment in an emergency and where the distance travelled is:

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 5466 | less than 1.61kms (1 mile) | £41.20 | (£0.00) |
| 5467 | 1.61kms (1 mile) or more | £72.49 | (£0.00) |

54(c) Administration of a single intravenous sedative agent or inhalational sedation by and under the direct constant supervision of the dentist carrying out the treatment where, in the opinion of the dentist, any necessary treatment could not otherwise be provided because of a physical or mental disability, or a form of mental illness requiring medical attention, or disproportionate dental anxiety:

| | | | |
|------|------------|--------|----------|
| 5471 | inhalation | £17.10 | (£13.68) |
| | supplement | £8.20 | (£0.00) |
| 5472 | injection | £30.58 | (£24.46) |
| | supplement | £10.64 | (£0.00) |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 54:

- no fee shall be payable under either item 54(b)(1) where a fee is also payable under item 54(b)(2), for treatment provided at the same visit;
- no fee shall be payable under item 54(b)(3) where the attendance of the doctor or dentist administering the sedation immediately precedes or follows any other attendance at that surgery on the same day.

55. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO DENTURES AND OTHER APPLIANCES

55(a) Repairs to dentures:

- (1) repairing a crack or fracture, or renewal of gum (including provision of any strengthener), or refixing a tooth, or providing and fixing a replacement tooth (including any associated gum):

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 5501 | upper | 1 repair | £29.28 | (£0.00) |
| 5502 | lower | each additional repair to the same denture | £10.25 | (£0.00) |

- (2) refixing a clasp, or providing and fixing a replacement clasp (including any associated gum):

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--|--------|---------|
| 5503 | upper | 1 repair | £42.30 | (£0.00) |
| 5504 | lower | each additional repair to the same denture | £20.52 | (£0.00) |

- (3) other repairs. Fee appropriate to similar treatment under items 55(a)(1) and/or 55(a)(2), together with an additional fee when attention to cast metal components is necessary

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---|--|--|
| 5511 | upper | | | |
| 5512 | lower | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

- (4) additional fee where impression technique is necessary in connection with 1 or more repairs under item 55(a) (repairs to dentures)

| | | | | |
|------|-------------|--|--------|---------|
| 5521 | per denture | | £13.56 | (£0.00) |
|------|-------------|--|--------|---------|

55(b) Adjustments to dentures:

- (1) adjusting a denture (including any easing and/or polishing) other than a denture provided, relined or rebased by the same dentist within the preceding 5 complete calendar months

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 5531 | upper | per denture | £16.42 | (£13.14) |
| 5532 | lower | per denture | £16.42 | (£13.14) |

- (2) other adjustments. Fee appropriate to similar treatment under item 55(b)(1), together with an additional fee where attention to cast metal components is necessary

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---|--|--|
| 5541 | upper | | | |
| 5542 | lower | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

55(c) Relining or rebasing dentures or provision or renewal of soft linings to existing dentures other than with a material polymerised in the mouth. Treatment to include all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:

(1) for relining or rebasing only

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 5551 | upper | per denture | £69.41 | (£55.53) |
| 5552 | lower | per denture | £69.41 | (£55.53) |

(2) for relining or rebasing with the addition of a labial and/or buccal flange

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 5553 | upper | per denture | £78.68 | (£62.94) |
| 5554 | lower | per denture | £78.68 | (£62.94) |

(3) for provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining to an existing denture where such lining is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus

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|------|-------|-------------|---------|----------|
| 5555 | upper | per denture | £106.30 | (£85.04) |
| 5556 | lower | per denture | £106.30 | (£85.04) |

55(d) Additions to dentures:

(1) addition of a clasp (including any associated gum)

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--------------|--------|----------|
| 5561 | upper | per addition | £57.41 | (£45.93) |
| 5562 | lower | per addition | £57.41 | (£45.93) |

(2) addition of a tooth (including any associated gum)

| | | | | |
|------|--------------|--|--------|----------|
| 5563 | per addition | | £48.47 | (£38.78) |
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(3) addition of a new gum not associated with an addition under items 55(d)(1) or 55(d)(2)

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--------------|--------|----------|
| 5565 | upper | per addition | £48.47 | (£38.78) |
| 5566 | lower | per addition | £48.47 | (£38.78) |

(4) other additions. Fee appropriate to similar treatment under items 55(d)(1) and/or 55(d)(2), together with an additional fee where attention to cast metal components is necessary

| | | | | |
|------|-------|---|--|--|
| 5571 | upper | | | |
| 5572 | lower | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 55(e) | Repairs to orthodontic appliances: | | |
| | (1) repairing cracks or fractures in the acrylic of a removable appliance | | |
| 5581 | per appliance | £35.79 | (£0.00) |
| | (2) refixing a metal component or providing and fixing a replacement metal component on a removable appliance only. Fee per appliance: | | |
| | 1 repair | £43.49 | (£0.00) |
| 5582 | each additional repair | £11.22 | (£0.00) |
| | (3) repairing a functional appliance | | |
| 5583 | per appliance | £55.54 | (£0.00) |
| | (4) repairing a fixed appliance involving the replacing of 1 or more brackets, bands, archwires or auxiliaries or any combination thereof in 1 arch. | | |
| 5584 | per appliance | £75.04 | (£0.00) |
| | Additional fee where an impression technique is necessary in connection with repairs under items 55(e)(1), 55(e)(2) or 55(e)(3) above. A second additional fee shall only be payable when necessary in connection with the repair of a functional appliance. | | |
| 5585 | per impression | £10.85 | (£0.00) |
| 55(f) | Other repair or adjustment to a fixed or removable appliance | | |
| 5591 | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 55:

1. where combinations of repairs under items 55(a)(1) and 55(a)(2) are undertaken, the fee for one repair shall be at the highest appropriate fee for the single repair and the fee for each additional repair shall be £10.25;
2. no fee in excess of £66.99 per denture shall be payable under items 55(a)(1) and 55(a)(2);
3. no fee shall be payable under item 55(a)(4) (impressions) where a fee is also payable under items 55(c) (relining) or 55(d) (additions) for the same denture;
4. no fee in excess of £81.99 per denture shall be payable under item 55(d) or for any combination of treatment under items 55(a) and 55(d), except where treatment is also provided under items 55(a)(3) and/or 55(d)(4) in which case these fees are payable in addition;
5. where a combination of repairs under items 55(e)(1) and 55(e)(2) is undertaken, the fee for the repair shall be the highest appropriate fee for the single repair and the fee for each additional repair shall be £11.22 up to a maximum of £23.06.

56. TREATMENT URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR ACUTE CONDITIONS

For conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa (including pericoronitis, ulcers and herpetic lesions), including any necessary oral hygiene instruction and/or the issue of a prescription

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 5601 | per course of treatment | £10.85 | (£8.68) |

57. DOMICILIARY VISITS AND RECALLED ATTENDANCE

57(a) Domiciliary visits including travel to one or more patients whose condition so requires at a location or locations other than the dentist's surgery to provide treatment under Health Service arrangements. Normally no more than two claims would be appropriate for domiciliary visits in respect of any day. Fee per circuit where the total distance travelled is:

| | | | |
|------|--|--------|---------|
| 5701 | less than 16.1kms (10 miles) | £51.22 | (£0.00) |
| 5702 | 16.1kms (10 miles) 64.4kms (40 miles) | £70.19 | (£0.00) |
| 5703 | over 64.4kms (40 miles) | £92.26 | (£0.00) |

57(b) Recalled attendance to reopen the dentist's surgery and provide treatment in an emergency under Health Service arrangements at a time when the surgery would not normally be open. Fee per circuit where the total distance travelled is:

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 5711 | less than 1.61kms (1 mile) | £60.39 | (£0.00) |
| 5712 | 1.61kms (1 mile) or more | £99.36 | (£0.00) |

58. CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

58(a) UNALLOCATED.

58(b) Permanent amalgam fillings, including any dressings, pulp capping and other preparatory treatment, in permanent or retained deciduous teeth:

| | | | |
|------|--|--------|----------|
| (1) | 1 surface | | |
| 5811 | per tooth | £15.06 | (£12.05) |
| (2) | 2 or more surfaces | | |
| 5812 | per tooth | £22.40 | (£17.92) |
| (3) | 2 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal or disto-occlusal surfaces are involved | | |
| 5813 | per tooth | £29.54 | (£23.63) |
| (4) | 3 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal and disto-occlusal surfaces are involved | | |
| 5814 | per tooth | £38.76 | (£31.01) |

58(c) Composite, glass ionomer or resin fillings, including any dressings, pulp capping or other preparatory treatment, in permanent or retained deciduous posterior teeth in patients aged under 15 years:

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|--|---------------|------------------|
| | (1) occlusal surface | | |
| 5815 | per tooth | £32.95 | (£0.00) |
| | (2) 2 or more surfaces where the occlusal surface is involved | | |
| 5816 | per tooth | £44.34 | (£0.00) |
| | (3) 2 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal or disto-occlusal surfaces are involved | | |
| 5817 | per tooth | £56.94 | (£0.00) |
| | (4) 3 or more surfaces where the mesio-occlusal and disto-occlusal surfaces are involved | | |
| 5818 | per tooth | £73.04 | (£0.00) |

58(d) Other permanent fillings, including any dressings, pulp capping or other preparatory treatment, in permanent or retained deciduous teeth.

| | | | |
|--|--|---------------|-----------------|
| | (1) composite resin or synthetic resin filling, including acid etch retention: | | |
| | 1 filling | £28.58 | (£22.86) |
| 5821 | 2 or more fillings in the same tooth | £44.34 | (£35.47) |
| Additional fees for a restoration involving: | | | |
| 5822 | 1 incisal angle (mesial or distal) | £9.29 | (£7.43) |
| 5823 | incisal edge not involving incisal angle | £1.80 | (£1.44) |
| 5824 | 2 incisal angles (mesial and distal) | £15.06 | (£12.05) |

Additional fee for restoration of a cusp tip of a premolar or a buccal cusp tip of a first molar tooth

| | | | |
|-------------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| 5825 | per tooth | £21.60 | (£17.28) |
| | (2) glass ionomer, silicate or silico-phosphate filling: | | |
| | 1 filling | £25.91 | (£20.73) |
| 5826 | 2 or more fillings in the same tooth | £35.41 | (£28.33) |

58(e) Pin or screw retention in connection with treatment under item 58(b)(2), 58(b)(3), 58(b)(4) or 58(c)

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 5831 | per tooth | £11.97 | (£9.58) |
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| 58(f) | Treatment of any surface of a permanent tooth using glass ionomer cement, where the tooth would otherwise be extracted but this is contra-indicated by exceptional medical or dental conditions | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| | per filling | £25.91 | (£20.73) |
| 5836 | maximum per tooth | £38.40 | (£30.72) |

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|-------------|--|---------------|------------------|
| 58(g) | Treatment of any surface of a permanent tooth using composite, glass ionomer, or resin materials for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| | per filling | £25.91 | (£20.73) |
| 5837 | maximum per tooth | £38.40 | (£30.72) |

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|-------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| 58(h) | For teeth anterior to the first molar, root filling of each root canal with a permanent radio-opaque filling material, normally not more than 2 premolar teeth being treated under this item in a course of treatment, including all attention in connection therewith except for treatment appropriate to items 49 (radiographs), 51 (inlays, crowns and bridges), 54 (sedations), 58(b), 58(c) and 58(e) (fillings), 58(g) (replacement of a temporary bridge), and except for the dressing or temporary protection of a tooth where a permanent restoration is not provided: | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
| | Incisor or canine tooth | £62.43 | (£49.94) |
| | Upper premolar tooth | £91.86 | (£73.49) |
| 5841 | lower premolar tooth | £76.95 | (£61.56) |

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|-------------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| 58(i) | Replacement of a temporary bridge where the original is lost or damaged beyond repair: | | |
| | (1) fabricated in the laboratory in cases where the temporary bridge is to be retained for at least 3 months | | |
| 5851 | per unit | £24.82 | (£19.86) |

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| | (2) all other temporary bridges | | |
| 5852 | per unit | £9.20 | (£7.36) |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 58:

- where more than 1 claim is made under item 58(b) for the same tooth in the same course of treatment, the higher fee only shall be paid;
- item 58(c) codes (5815 – 5818) and item 58(g) code (5837) have been added to the SDR in line with EU Regulation 2017/852 on Mercury Article 10(2) restrictions on the use of amalgam as effective from 1 July 2018;
- where more than 1 claim is made under item 58(c) for the same tooth in the same course of treatment, the higher fee only shall be paid;
- no fee shall normally be payable under items 58(b), 58(c), or 58(d) for more than 2 permanent or retained deciduous teeth in the same course of treatment;
- no fee shall be payable under items 58(c) for treatment on patients aged 15 years or older;
- no fee in excess of £51.40 shall be payable for any combination of treatment in 1 tooth under items 58(b) and 58(d), except where an additional fee would be payable under items 58(d)(1) or 58(e) when the maximum shall be £57.22;
- no fee shall be payable under items 58(b), 58(d), 58(f), or 58(g); when a fee is payable under item 58(c) in respect of the same tooth;
- no fee shall be payable under item 58(f) or 58(g) where a fee is payable under items 58(b), 58(c) or 58(d) in respect of the same tooth;
- no fee shall be payable under item 58(h) unless appropriate radiographs are available.

59. APPLIANCES

Provision or replacement of a synthetic resin denture bearing one or more teeth anterior to the first premolar where there are no unsound teeth in the same arch, including any necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners and all adjustments needed within a reasonable period after completion:

59(a) Provision of dentures in synthetic resin, including all necessary backing and tagging:

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| (1) | full upper and full lower dentures | | | |
| 5901 | upper | per set | £247.65 | (£198.12) |
| 5902 | lower | per set | £247.65 | (£198.12) |
| (2) | full upper or full lower denture (one only) | | | |
| 5901 | upper | per denture | £154.52 | (£123.62) |
| 5902 | lower | per denture | £154.52 | (£123.62) |
| (3) | partial denture bearing: | | | |
| | | 1, 2 or 3 teeth | £96.93 | (£77.54) |
| | | 4 to 8 teeth | £128.35 | (£102.68) |
| 5903 | | 9 or more teeth | £152.82 | (£122.26) |
| (4) | additional fee for stainless steel lingual or palatal bar | | | |
| 5904 | | per unit | £20.30 | (£16.24) |
| 59(b) | Replacement of metal based dentures which may not be provided until such period after extraction (normally not less than 3 months) as the dentist thinks fit: | | | |
| (1) | dentures in chrome cobalt or stainless steel | | | |
| 5911 | | full upper denture | £218.11 | (£174.49) |
| 5912 | | full lower denture | £218.11 | (£174.49) |
| (2) | additional fee where teeth are backed | | | |
| | | per tooth | £15.36 | (£12.29) |
| 5916 | | up to a maximum per denture of | £92.26 | (£73.81) |
| (3)* | dentures in any other metal | | | |
| 5921 | | such fee as the Committee may determine | | |

59(c) Additional fee per denture for the provision of a soft lining or soft partial lining other than one polymerised in the mouth where such lining is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus

| | | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|------|-------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 5931 | upper | per denture | £51.22 | (£40.98) |
| 5932 | lower | per denture | £51.22 | (£40.98) |

59(d) Additional fee for the use of laboratory-constructed special trays for the taking of final impressions

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 5941 | upper | per denture | £24.82 | (£19.86) |
| 5942 | lower | per denture | £24.82 | (£19.86) |

59(e) Additional fee for inclusion of a permanent patient identification marker in a denture

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-------------|-------|---------|
| 5951 | upper | per denture | £7.93 | (£6.34) |
| 5952 | lower | per denture | £7.93 | (£6.34) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 59:

No fee in excess of £307.32 shall be payable for any combination of treatment under items 59(a)(2) or 59(a)(3), except where treatment is also provided under items 59(a)(4), 59(c), 59(d) or 59(e) in which case these fees are payable in addition.

60. TREATMENT SPECIAL TO MINORS

Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth in patients under 18 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment:

60(a) Filling including any dressing, pulp capping and pin or screw or acid etch retention and other preparatory treatment, but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 60(c) and 60(d).

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 6001 | per tooth | £24.62 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|

60(b) Conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap inclusive of all preparation in connection therewith, including dressings, pulp cappings and pin or screw or acid etch retention but excluding associated treatment in connection with item 60(c).

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|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 6002 | per tooth | £36.49 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|

60(c) Vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing.

| | | | |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 6003 | per tooth | £14.55 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|

60(d) Non-vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing.

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|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 6004 | per tooth | £27.90 | (£0.00) |
|------|-----------|--------|---------|

61. UNALLOCATED

Section XIII - Incomplete Treatment

Fees under this section should normally be claimed only after the elapse of at least 2 months since the last patient attendance. When fees for veneers, inlays, pinlays, crowns, dentures, bridges and other appliances are claimed under this section the appliance must be retained for at least 12 months after the date of payment and submitted to the Committee on request. If the patient resumes treatment, normally only the balance of fees will be subsequently payable.

62. DENTURES

Treatment begun under items 27 or 59, but either not completed or not fitted

IN SYNTHETIC RESIN:

| | | |
|-------------|--|---|
| 62(a) | Impression taken and occlusal rims constructed | |
| 6201 | | 25% of the appropriate scale fee for a synthetic resin denture |

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|-------------|------------------------|---|
| 62(b) | Set-up to try-in stage | |
| 6211 | | 50% of the appropriate scale fee for a synthetic resin denture |

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|-------------|---------------------------|---|
| 62(c) | Tried-in in the wax state | |
| 6221 | | 66 2/3% of the appropriate scale fee for a synthetic resin denture |

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| 62(d) | Completed but not fitted | |
| 6231 | | 95% of the appropriate scale fee for a synthetic resin denture |

IN CHROME COBALT OR STAINLESS STEEL:

| | | |
|-------------|--|---|
| 62(e) | Impression taken and occlusal rims constructed | |
| 6241 | | 25% of the appropriate scale fee for a synthetic resin denture |

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|-------------|--|---|
| 62(f) | Set-up to try-in stage - no metal cast | |
| 6251 | | 50% of the appropriate scale fee for a synthetic resin denture |

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 62(g) | Set-up to try-in stage - metal cast: | |
| | (1) full upper or full lower denture | |
| 6261 | upper | 70% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| 6262 | lower | |

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|-------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | (2) plate design partial denture | |
| 6263 | | 70% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |

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| | (3) skeleton design partial denture with single connecting bar | |
| 6264 | | 70% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |

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| | (4) skeleton design partial denture with multiple connecting bars | |
| 6265 | | 70% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |

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|-------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 62(h) | Tried-in in the wax state: | | |
| | (1) | full upper or full lower denture | |
| 6271 | | upper | 85% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| 6272 | | lower | |
| | (2) | plate design partial denture | |
| 6273 | | | 85% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| | (3) | skeleton design partial denture with single connecting bar | |
| 6274 | | | 85% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| | (4) | skeleton design partial denture with multiple connecting bars | |
| 6275 | | | 85% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| 62(i) | Completed but not fitted: | | |
| | (1) | full upper or full lower denture | |
| 6281 | | upper | 95% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| 6282 | | lower | |
| | (2) | plate design partial denture | |
| 6283 | | | 95% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| | (3) | skeleton design partial denture with single connecting bar | |
| 6284 | | | 95% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |
| | (4) | skeleton design partial denture with multiple connecting bars | |
| 6285 | | | 95% of the appropriate scale fee for a metal denture |

63. FILLINGS AND ENDODONTIC TREATMENT

Treatment begun under item 14, 15 or 58, but not completed

63(a) Dressings, including any preparatory treatment

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | 1 tooth | £10.69 | (£8.55) |
| | 2 teeth | £15.06 | (£12.05) |
| | each additional tooth | £3.87 | (£3.10) |
| 6301 | up to a maximum of | £31.49 | (£25.19) |

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 63(b) | Incising an abscess | | |
| 6311 | per abscess | £13.91 | (£11.13) |
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| 63(c) | Opening root canal(s) for drainage | | |
| 6321 | per tooth | £34.36 | (£27.49) |
| <hr/> | | | |
| 63(d) | Pulp extirpation and dressing to seal cavities in permanent teeth: | | |
| 6331 | 1 canal per tooth | £40.61 | (£32.49) |
| 6332 | more than 1 canal per tooth | £51.65 | (£41.32) |
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| 63(e) | Any other endodontic treatment (including combinations of 63(b), 63(c) and 63(d), involving 1 visit only: | | |
| | per incisor or canine tooth | £48.21 | (£38.57) |
| | per upper premolar tooth | £62.65 | (£50.12) |
| | per lower premolar tooth | £54.25 | (£43.40) |
| 6341 | per molar tooth | £90.38 | (£72.30) |
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| 63(f) | Any other endodontic treatment (including combinations of 63(b), 63(c) and 63(d), involving more than 1 visit: | | |
| | per incisor or canine tooth | £63.61 | (£50.89) |
| | per upper premolar tooth | £84.53 | (£67.62) |
| | per lower premolar tooth | £72.32 | (£57.86) |
| 6351 | per molar tooth | £126.39 | (£101.11) |

PROVISO TO ITEM 63:

Only 1 fee shall be payable under this item for the same tooth in the same course of treatment.

64. PORCELAIN VENEERS

Made under item 16, but not fitted

| | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|------------------|
| 6401 | per tooth | £128.35 | (£102.68) |
| | additional fee for first or only tooth treated | £11.22 | (£8.98) |

65. CROWNS

Made under item 17, but not fitted

65(a) Porcelain jacket crown

| | | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 6501 | per crown | £104.22 | (£83.38) |

65(b) Bonded crowns:

(1) full or jacket crown cast in an alloy of fine gold or precious metal, with thermally bonded porcelain

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 6511 | per crown | £152.32 | (£121.86) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|

(2) full or jacket crown cast in non-precious metal alloy, with thermally bonded porcelain

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 6512 | per crown | £145.42 | (£116.34) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|

(3) porcelain jacket crown thermally bonded to wrought platinum coping

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 6513 | per crown | £118.60 | (£94.88) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|

65(c) Cast full or jacket crowns:

(1) this item has been deleted

6521

(2) in precious metal alloy

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 6522 | per crown | £129.03 | (£103.22) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|

(3) in non-precious metal alloy

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 6523 | per crown | £104.22 | (£83.38) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|

Additional fee in connection with items 65(a), 65(b) and 65(c) for the first or only crown in the same arch

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | per arch | £11.22 | (£8.98) |
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66. UNALLOCATED**67. UNALLOCATED****68. UNALLOCATED****69. UNALLOCATED****70. UNALLOCATED****71. UNALLOCATED****72. UNALLOCATED****73. ANY OTHER INCOMPLETE TREATMENT****7301** such fee as the Committee may determine

Section XIV - Additional Payments

74. UNALLOCATED

75. SCALE ADDITIONS

Where the BSO authorises a payment under Determination I dated on or after 1 April 2021 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made:

- (a) on or after 1 April 2021 and before 1 April 2022, the BSO shall pay the dentist an additional sum equal to 19.60% of the payment so authorised.
 - (b) on or after 1 April 2022 and before 1 April 2023, the BSO shall pay the dentist an additional sum equal to 14.45% of the payment so authorised.
 - (c) on or after 1 April 2023 and before 1 April 2024, the BSO shall pay the dentist an additional sum equal to 9.09% of the payment so authorised.
 - (d) on or after 1 April 2024 and before 1 April 2025, the BSO shall pay the dentist an additional sum equal to 4.04% of the payment so authorised.
 - (e) on or after 1 April 2025, no additional payment will be made.
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PROVISO TO ITEM 75:

No additional payments under item 75 will be made on payments on account already paid by the BSO pending completion of care and treatment.

76. POINT OF TREATMENT CHECKS

76(a) Fee per course of treatment where the patient is an adult and has claimed entitlement to exemption from, or remission of, the Patient's Charge.

| | Dentist's Fee | Patient's Charge |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| per course of treatment | £0.16 | (£0.00) |

PROVISOS TO ITEM 76(a)

1. fees shall only be payable under this item where the patient is aged 18 or over;
2. only one claim under this item is allowed per course of treatment;
3. fees shall only be payable under this item where the dentist has met the obligations under paragraph 27 of Schedule 2 to the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 with regard to the checking of a patient's entitlement to exemption from, or remission of, the Patient's Charge.

Section XV - Conditions Of Payment Of Remuneration

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Section, unless the context otherwise requires -
 - ""the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
 - "The Committee" means the Dental Committee;
 - "dental list" means the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the Regulations;
 - "dental payment claim form" means a form HS45 supplied by the BSO for the purposes of payment for the provision of general dental services, or a form to the like effect
 - and "appropriate dental payment claim form" shall be construed accordingly;
 - "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner whose name is included on the dental list otherwise than as a salaried dentist;
 - "the Department" means the Department of Health;
 - "emergency dental services" shall have the same meaning as in the Regulations;
 - "practice record form" means a form supplied by the BSO and completed for the purpose of obtaining general dental services in circumstances where the dentist intends to use a computer to make a claim for remuneration or to overprint a dental payment claim form; and
 - "Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended.
- (2) In this Section, unless the context otherwise requires -
 - (a) any reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Section;
 - (b) any reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph; and
 - (c) any reference to a form supplied by the BSO includes a reference to a form which, although not supplied by the BSO, is in all material respects the same as the form which is supplied by the BSO

CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

2. (1) It shall be a condition of the payment of remuneration for the provision of general dental services that a dentist satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2).
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are that the dentist -
 - (a) shall make a claim for remuneration on the relevant part of the appropriate dental payment claim form completed and sent to the BSO in accordance with paragraph 3 (completion of forms);
 - (b) shall comply with paragraph 4 (time limits); and
 - (c) shall comply with paragraph 6 (conditions as to materials).

COMPLETION OF APPROPRIATE DENTAL PAYMENT CLAIM FORM

3. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and (3) and paragraph 5 (use of computers), in providing general dental services a dentist shall, at the appropriate time -
 - (a) complete each relevant part of the appropriate dental payment claim form; and
 - (b) secure the completion of that form as far as applicable, by the patient or any person acting on behalf of the patient;in accordance with instructions given by the Department for completion of dental payment claim forms and send that form to the BSO.
- (2) A dentist may, where the patient is accepted into a continuing care arrangement without an examination by the dentist or requires care and treatment under such an arrangement which is likely to last more than 3 months, use an appropriate dental payment claim summary form supplied by the BSO for the purposes of payment for such an arrangement and shall -
 - (a) complete the relevant part of that form; and
 - (b) secure the completion of that form as far as applicable by the patient;in accordance with instructions given by the Department for completion of the summary form and send that form to the BSO.

- (3) Where a dentist uses a computer to overprint a dental payment claim form the dentist may, at the appropriate time, instead of securing completion of that form so far as applicable, by the patient or by any person acting on behalf of the patient, secure the completion of the practice record form.

TIME LIMITS

4. A dentist shall -
- (a) where care and treatment is provided for a patient under a continuing care arrangement or a capitation arrangement, send the appropriate dental payment claim form to the BSO within 6 months of the completion of such care and treatment;
 - (b) send an appropriate dental payment claim form, referred to in paragraph 3(2), to the BSO within 6 months of the patient being accepted into a continuing care arrangement;
 - (c) when making a claim for payment under Section X, paragraph 41 (capitation payments) of this Determination, send the appropriate dental payment claim form to the BSO within 6 months of the patient being accepted into the capitation arrangement or the arrangement being extended;
 - (d) in the case of treatment on referral, send the appropriate dental payment claim form to the BSO within 6 months of the completion of such treatment on referral;
 - (e) in the case of occasional treatment, send the appropriate dental payment claim form to the BSO within 6 months of the completion of such occasional treatment; or
 - (f) in the case of uncompleted treatment, send the appropriate dental payment claim form to the BSO within 6 months of the date on which treatment was last provided.

USE OF COMPUTERS

5. (1) A dentist who is required by paragraph 3 to make a claim for remuneration by completing and sending a dental payment claim form to the BSO may, by arrangement with the BSO, use a computer to make that claim for remuneration.
- (2) A dentist who, in accordance with sub-paragraph (1), uses a computer to make a claim for remuneration -
- (a) shall, at the appropriate time, secure the completion so far as applicable, by the patient or by any person acting on behalf of the patient, of the practice record form; and
 - (b) shall use only such computer program as the BSO has approved as suitable for the purpose;
 - (c) shall include with the claim for remuneration -
 - (i) the number by which the dentist's arrangement with the BSO is identified, the patient's name and address, sex and date of birth, CHI number and details of the care and treatment provided; and
 - (ii) the personal identification number allocated to the dentist by the BSO for that purpose; and
 - (d) shall ensure so far as is reasonably possible, that the data is transmitted to the BSO in the format required by the BSO.
- (3) A dentist who uses a computer to make a claim for remuneration is deemed to have accepted responsibility for any claim for remuneration which is made by computer using the personal identification number allocated to the dentist by the BSO for that purpose.

CONDITIONS AS TO MATERIALS

6. (1) A dentist shall not, without the prior approval of the Committee, use materials other than dental amalgam, silicate, silico-phosphate or glass ionomer cements or composites or other self-polymerising synthetic resin filling materials for the filling of permanent teeth.
- (2) A dentist -
- (a) shall only use in metal denture bases -
 - (i) an alloy containing not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % fine gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20% base metal; or
 - (ii) stainless steel; or
 - (iii) cobalt chromium casting alloy;
 - (b) shall only use in bands and clasps -

- (i) an alloy containing not less than 40% precious metal of fine gold, platinum or palladium, and including not less than 15% fine gold, and not more than 20% base metal; or
 - (ii) stainless steel; or
 - (iii) cobalt chromium casting alloy;
- (c) shall only use in cusps, backing posts and tags -
- (i) an alloy containing not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % fine gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20% base metal; or
 - (ii) stainless steel; or
 - (iii) cobalt chromium casting alloy; or
 - (iv) nickel chromium casting alloy;
- provided that the dentist shall only use metal cusps in cases of close bite where porcelain or synthetic resin teeth cannot be used;
- (d) shall only use lingual or palatal bar castings which contain not less than 75% gold;
- (e) shall only use in crowns -
- (i) an alloy containing not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % fine gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20% base metal; or
 - (ii) stainless steel; or
 - (iii) cobalt chromium alloy; or
 - (iv) nickel chromium casting alloy
- (f) shall only use in inlays and bridges -
- (i) an alloy containing not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of fine gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20% base metal; or
 - (ii) cobalt chromium casting alloy, or
 - (iii) nickel chromium casting alloy; and
- (g) shall only use inlay or three-quarter crown construction, synthetic resin for the provision of any facing or core.

CLAIMS FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

7. (1) Where a dentist -
- (a) in the course of a continuing care arrangement, repairs or replaces a restoration in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations, which the dentist or another dentist on the dentist's behalf has provided;
 - (b) in the course of a capitation arrangement, repairs or replaces any restoration specified in sub-paragraph (3), which the dentist or another dentist on the dentist's behalf has provided and for which remuneration apart from the capitation fee is payable; or
 - (c) in the course of providing treatment on referral, repairs or replaces a restoration in accordance with paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations, which the dentist has provided;
 - (d) in the course of providing occasional treatment, repairs or replaces, in accordance with paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations, a restoration which the dentist has provided;
- the dentist may, unless the dentist considers the failure was due to some fault on the dentist's part, make a claim to the BSO for payment of the fee in full for that repair or replacement.
- (2) Where a dentist makes a claim under sub-paragraph (1), the BSO shall pay in accordance with the Scale of Fees, the remuneration to be paid to the dentist in respect of that repair or replacement unless it is satisfied that the need for the repair or replacement was the fault of the dentist who repaired or replaced the restoration.
 - (3) The restorations referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(b) are any filling, root filling, inlay, pinlay or crown which, within 12 months of the date on which it was provided, has to be repaired or replaced to secure oral health.
 - (4) Where a dentist, in the course of a continuing care arrangement or capitation arrangement transferred to the dentist, repairs or replaces in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations, a restoration which was provided by or on behalf of the dentist from whom the arrangement was transferred, the dentist may make a claim to the BSO for payment of the fee in full for that repair or replacement.

- (5) Where a dentist makes a claim under sub-paragraph (4), the BSO shall pay in accordance with the Scale of Fees, the remuneration to be paid to the dentist in respect of that repair or replacement.

EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICES

8. Where a dentist provides, pursuant to arrangements made under regulation 14 of the Regulations, emergency dental services to a patient who has a continuing care or capitation arrangement with the dentist, the dentist shall not be entitled to claim item of service fees in respect of any treatment provided to that patient as part of the emergency dental services.

APPLICATION OF THIS SECTION

9. This section applies where the contract or arrangement leading to the provision of general dental services is made on or after 1 October 1990.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

10. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

Section XVI – Prior Approval Limit Amount

1. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 (Prior Approval Treatment) to the General Dental Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 is £440.

DETERMINATION II - RATES OF REMUNERATION FOR A SALARIED DENTIST AND PROVISION OF EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICES

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "appropriate salary scale" means, for the period from 1 April 2025, the salary scale set out in paragraph 2;
- "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner whose name is included in the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "emergency dental services" shall have the same meaning as in the Regulations;
- "registerable higher qualification" means any dental qualification held by the dentist (other than the dental qualification which entitled the dentist to be registered as a dental practitioner under section 14 of the Dentists Act 1984) which is registerable pursuant to section 19(1)(c) of that Act;
- "the Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "salaried dentist" means a dentist employed by the Department, who undertakes to provide general dental services at a health centre.
- (2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

REMUNERATION

Salaried dentists employed full-time

2. Full details of the pay and conditions for salaried dentists are contained in the DoH Circular Ref. No. HSC (TC8) 05/2025 Remuneration Circular for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff, the remuneration payable by the Department to a salaried dentist who is employed full-time shall be with effect from 1 April 2025, £48,218 per annum increasing to £67,718 per annum by annual increments as follows:

| Salary Scale (£) | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| £48,218 | (minimum point) |
| £52,118 | (2 nd point) |
| £56,017 | (3 rd point) |
| £59,920 | (4 th point) |
| £63,820 | (5 th point) |
| £67,718 | (maximum point) |
| £71,622 | (1 st discretionary point) |
| £75,522 | (2 nd discretionary point) |

Criteria for the award of discretionary points are published in MDS XXXX

Salaried dentists employed otherwise than full-time but for more than 18 hours a week

3. Subject to paragraph 5, a salaried dentist who is employed otherwise than full-time but for more than 18 hours a week shall be paid pro-rata to the appropriate salary scale, receiving the appropriate fraction of the increments to the scale annually, and calculated on the basis of a whole-time week of 37 hours.

Salaried dentists employed for 6 or less 3-hour sessions a week

4. A salaried dentist who is employed for 6 or less 3-hour sessions a week shall be paid for each session with effect from 1 April 2025 at the sessional rate of £117.70.

RATE OF REMUNERATION

5. (1) The Department shall determine the rate of remuneration payable to a salaried dentist under paragraph 2 or 3 in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the dentist shall, on appointment, be paid at the minimum point on the salary scale.
- (3) The Department may appoint a salaried dentist to a point other than the minimum point on the appropriate salary scale and in determining that point may -

- (a) allow additional increments up to the 4th point on the appropriate salary scale on the basis of 1 increment for each year of experience in dental practice; and
 - (b) where the dentist has a registrable higher qualification, allow an additional increment provided that the point on the appropriate salary scale to which the dentist is appointed does not exceed the 5th point on that scale.
- (4) The payment of the annual increments for which provision is made in paragraph 2 shall be conditional on the salaried dentist providing satisfactory service.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONAL WORK

6. Where a salaried dentist employed full-time or for more than 18 hours a week undertakes to provide any additional 3-hour session(s), the dentist shall be paid for each additional 3-hour session with effect from 1 April 2025, at the sessional rate of £117.70.
7. Where a salaried dentist attends the dentist's surgery at a Health Centre outside the dentist's normal working hours, to provide treatment for the dentist's continuing care or capitation patients under emergency cover arrangements, the dentist shall be paid at the rate of £55.42 per hour or part hour or £166.25 per 3-hour session with effect from 1 April 2025.

EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICES

8. (1) Where a dentist enters into arrangements to provide emergency dental services under regulation 14 of the Regulations the dentist shall -
- (a) be paid a fee for each 3-hour session the dentist undertakes with effect from 1 April 2025, of £167.94;
 - (b) be paid for the mileage travelled in excess of 32.2 kilometres (20 miles) (for each round trip to an emergency session) at normal Health Service rates; and
 - (c) send an appropriate dental payment claim form to the BSO within 6 months of the session being undertaken.
- (2) A dentist working in an Emergency Dental Clinic commissioned by the Department of Health shall be entitled to claim an additional payment of £167.94 when working on recognised public holidays. These public holidays are specified as:
- Christmas Day
 - Boxing Day
 - New Years Day
 - St Patricks Day
 - Early May Bank Holiday Monday
 - Late May Bank Holiday Monday
 - Easter Monday & Tuesday
 - July 12th
 - Late August Bank Holiday Monday

The Department may also permit a claim for an additional payment for days adjacent to these recognised dates to ensure staffing and access for patients over a discrete holiday period.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

9. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION III - SENIORITY PAYMENTS

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -
- "accumulated gross fees" means gross fees authorised for payment by the Committee in respect of a period since 1 April 2025;
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "approved post graduate education session" means a session of not less than two and a half hours duration which forms the whole or a part of a course approved by the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency;
- "Committee" means the Dental Committee;
- "financial year" means the period beginning on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March in the next year;
- "payment period" means a period since 1 April T2025;
- "pensionable earnings" means that remuneration defined -
- (a) in Schedule 2 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, as amended and Regulation 143 in the Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended; or
- (b) in corresponding legislation in Great Britain or the Isle of Man;
- which is paid to a dentist for the provision of general dental services or the provision or performance of pilot personal dental services whether or not such a dentist is entitled to participate in the benefits provided under those Regulations, as if that definition -
- (i) excluded payments made under this Determination and remuneration as a salaried practitioner; and
- (ii) disregarded any limit on remuneration on which account shall be taken under those Regulations;
- "pilot personal dental services" means the provision or performance by the dentist of personal dental services under a pilot scheme agreement made in accordance with the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;
- "quarter" means a period of 3 months ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September or 31 December;
- "seniority payment" has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 2 of this Determination;
- "superannuation benefit" means any payment, other than a return of contributions, made to a dentist by virtue of the application of -
- (a) the Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, as amended and the Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended; or
- (b) the corresponding provisions of the law in force in Great Britain or the Isle of Man;
- as a result of the dentist's providing general dental services or providing or performing pilot personal dental services.
- (2) In this Determination, a reference to any enactment or statutory instrument is to that enactment or statutory instrument as amended or re-enacted by any subsequent enactment or statutory instrument.
- (3) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

ENTITLEMENT

2. (1) The BSO shall, with effect from the first day of a quarter on which a dentist shall have fulfilled the conditions set out in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) and complied with the requirements set out in sub-paragraph (4), pay to the dentist in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 such additional remuneration as is appropriate. This additional remuneration will be referred to as a seniority payment.

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- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are -

- (a) the dentist has reached the age of 55 years on or before the first day of the relevant quarter;
 - (b) the dentist has provided general dental services other than as a salaried dentist or provided or performed pilot personal dental services or as an assistant for a period of not less than 10 years since July 1948, of which not less than a period of 5 years (whether or not either of such periods has been continuous) has been within the period of 10 years ending on the first day of the relevant quarter; and
 - (c) the dentist has, within the 10 years ending 31 March 2025, received pensionable earnings of not less than £332,682.00.
- (3) A dentist, who becomes entitled to seniority payments for the first time on or after 1 April 1992, shall have undertaken not less than two approved postgraduate education sessions in the preceding 5 financial quarters prior to the first day of the quarter to which the claim relates.
- (4) The requirements referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are that an application for a seniority payment shall be made on a form which shall be obtained from the BSO, shall be made by recorded delivery to the BSO, and shall include particulars of the fulfilment by the dentist of the conditions set out in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).
3. A dentist shall cease from being entitled to a seniority payment from the beginning of the first day of -
- (a) the quarter in which the dentist's name is removed from the dentist list pursuant to Regulation 9 of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended; or
 - (b) the quarter immediately following any quarter in which the dentist receives a superannuation benefit.

PAYMENTS

4. (1) A seniority payment shall be calculated and payable as follows -
- (a) for the period from 1 April 2024, where a dentist is or becomes eligible for seniority payments on or after 1 April 2025 by virtue of the provisions of paragraph 2, a seniority payment shall be payable in the first and each subsequent quarter in which the dentist is entitled, provided -
 - (i) that the dentist's accumulated gross fees to the end of the relevant quarter amount to at least the sums listed below

| quarter ending | accumulated gross fees |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 30 June 2024 | £9,892.00 |
| 30 September 2024 | £19,685.00 |
| 31 December 2024 | £29,597.00 |
| 31 March 2025 | £39,464.00 |

Or;

- (ii) if the dentist's accumulated gross fees are less than the minimum figure stipulated in sub-paragraph (a), but at least 85% of the dentist's earnings from dentistry was attributable to accumulated gross fees; and the dentist applies for a seniority payment by completing the form provided to the dentist, for that purpose, by the BSO and returning it to the BSO.

The seniority payments shall be 10% of accumulated gross fees in the relevant quarter, less any seniority payment already made in respect of any previous quarter or quarters in the payment period (or in the case of a dentist who becomes eligible for seniority payments after 1 April 2025, less an amount equal to any seniority payment that would have been made if the dentist had been eligible for seniority payments on 1 April 2025), up to a maximum accumulated gross fee income by the end of the relevant quarter as listed below -

| quarter ending | accumulated gross fees |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 30 June 2024 | £29,530.00 |
| 30 September 2024 | £54,594.00 |
| 31 December 2024 | £88,797.00 |
| 31 March 2025 | £118,392.00 |

- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c), a seniority payment shall be payable at the end of the quarter following the one to which it relates;
 - (c) no seniority payment shall be made by the BSO to a dentist in respect of any period before the quarter immediately preceding the quarter in which the dentist's application for a seniority payment is delivered to the BSO.
- (2) Form DA 1, certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed in accordance with MDS 700.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

5. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION IV – DENTAL FOUNDATION TRAINING ALLOWANCES / GENERAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ALLOWANCES/QUALITY ASSURANCE GRANT/CHARTER MARK ALLOWANCE/POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATION ALLOWANCE

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "dental list" means the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "EEA" means European Economic Area;
- "quarter" means a period of 3 months ending on 31 October, 31 January, 30 April and 31 July;
- "trainee" means a dentist who is employed by a trainer as an assistant in accordance with paragraph 2 or paragraph 5 of this Determination;
- "trainer" means a dentist who employs a trainee as an assistant in accordance with paragraph 2 or paragraph 5 of this Determination.
- (2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

DENTAL FOUNDATION TRAINING

Entitlement

2. (1) A trainer who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim in accordance with paragraph 8 shall be entitled to the allowances specified in paragraph 3.
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are -
- (a) the trainer's name is included in the dental list;
- (b) the trainer's application to act as a trainer in a dental foundation training scheme for general dental practice has been approved by a selection committee set up for the purpose by the Committee on Dental Foundation Training for Northern Ireland (CDFT NI) of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency;
- (c) the trainer has engaged a trainee under a contract of employment as an assistant in the trainer's dental practice for a period of one year's full time employment (or an equivalent period of part-time employment) **or for such additional period, of normally three months' full time employment or the part-time equivalent, or for such a period as the Postgraduate Dental Dean has authorised as necessary for the completion of training** and the trainee is for the time being employed by the trainer under such a contract; and
- (d) the trainer has agreed to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination.
- (3) No allowances will be made under this Determination in respect of trainees who are overseas nationals (other than EEA nationals)
- (a) who do not hold a work permit from the Department for the Economy issued under the Training and Work Experience Scheme, or
- (b) who do not have a right to work in the United Kingdom for a period greater than 12 months from the date of commencement of the training contract.
- (4) Accurate claims for treatment completed by the trainee must be submitted in accordance with Determination I.

Allowances

3. The BSO shall pay the following allowances to the trainer each month during the currency of the training contract.
- (a) a training grant -
- (i) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of at least 35 hours each week, inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the dental foundation training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 4(a); or
- (ii) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 4(a), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides;
- (b) reimbursement of the salary which the trainer has paid to the trainee -

- (i) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of at least 35 hours each week inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the vocational training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 4(b); or
 - (ii) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 4(b), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides; and
- (c) Payment for treatment completed by the trainee –
- (i) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of at least 35 hours each week inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the foundation training scheme, the total fees claimed for treatment complete by the trainee will be adjusted to equal the sum specified in paragraph 4(c); or
 - (ii) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 4(c), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides;
- (d) reimbursement of the amount of the national insurance contributions which the trainer has paid each month as the employer of the trainee.

Amount of allowances

4. The sums referred to in paragraph 3 are as follows -
- (a) training grant in respect of a contract providing for employment of at least 35 hours each week, with effect from 1 April 2025, £1,040.00 a month;
 - (b) reimbursement of salary paid to the trainee under a contract providing for employment of at least 35 hours each week, with effect from 1 August 2025, £3,457.00 a month.
 - (c) payment for the total claims for treatment completed by the trainee will be adjusted to, with effect from 1 April 2025, £4,376.00 per month.

GENERAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Entitlement

5. (1) A trainer who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim in accordance with paragraph 8 shall be entitled to the allowances specified in paragraph 6.
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are -
- (a) the trainer's name is included in the dental list;
 - (b) the trainer's application to act as a trainer in a general professional training scheme has been approved by a selection committee set up for the purpose by the Committee on Dental Foundation Training for Northern Ireland (CDFT NI) of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency;
 - (c) the trainer has engaged a trainee under a contract of employment as an assistant in the trainer's dental practice for a period of one year's full-time or two year's part-time employment **or for such additional period, of normally three months' full time employment or the part-time equivalent, or for such a period as the Postgraduate Dental Dean has authorised as necessary for the completion of training** and the trainee is for the time being employed by the trainer under such a contract; and
 - (d) the trainer has agreed to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination.
- (3) No allowances will be made under this Determination in respect trainees who are overseas nationals (other than EEA nationals)
- (a) who do not hold a work permit from the Department for the Economy issued under the Training and Work Experience Scheme, or
 - (b) who do not have a right to work in the United Kingdom for a period greater than 12 months from the date of commencement of the training contract.

Allowances

6. The BSO shall pay the following allowances to the trainer each month during the currency of the training contract.
- (a) a training grant --
 - (i) in any case where the trainees contract provides for full time employment of at least 35 hours each week, inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the dental foundation training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 7(a); or

- (ii) in any case where the trainees contract provides for full time employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 7(a), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides;
 - (iii) in any case where the trainees contract provides for part time employment of at least 17½ hours each week, inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the general professional training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 7(b); or
 - (iv) in any case where the trainees contract provides for part time employment of less than 17½ hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 7(b), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides;
- (b) reimbursement of the salary which the trainer has paid to the trainee --
- (i) in any case where the trainees contract provides for full time employment of at least 35 hours each week, inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the dental foundation training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 7(c); or
 - (ii) in any case where the trainees contract provides for full time employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 7(c), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides;
 - (iii) in any case where the trainees contract provides for part time employment of at least 17½ hours each week inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the general professional training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 7(d); or
 - (iv) in any case where the trainees contract provides for part time employment of less than 17½ hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 7(d), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides; and
- (c) reimbursement of the amount of the national insurance contributions which the trainer has paid each month as the employer of the trainee.

Amount of allowances

7. The sums referred to in paragraph 6 are as follows -
- (a) training grant in respect of a contract providing for full time employment of at least 35 hours each week with effect from 1 April 2025, £1,040.00 a month;
 - (b) training grant in respect of a contract providing for part time employment of at least 17½ hours each week with effect from 1 April 2025, £521.00 a month;
 - (c) reimbursement of salary paid to the trainee under a contract providing for full time employment of at least 35 hours each week with effect from 1 August 2025, £3,457.00 a month.
 - (d) reimbursement of salary paid to the trainee under a contract providing for part time employment of at least 17½ hours each week with effect from 1 August 2025, £1,727.00 a month.

QUALITY ASSURANCE GRANT

Entitlement

8. (1) A trainer who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim in accordance with paragraph 17 shall be entitled to the allowances specified in paragraph 9.
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (10) are –
- (a) the trainer's name is included in the dental list;
 - (b) the trainer's application to act as a trainer in a dental foundation training or a general professional training scheme has been approved by a selection committee set up for the purpose by the Committee on Dental Foundation Training for Northern Ireland (CDFT NI) of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency;
 - (c) the trainer has engaged a trainee under a contract of employment as an assistant in the trainer's dental practice for a period of one year's full-time or two year's part-time employment **or for such additional period, of normally three months' full time employment or the part-time equivalent, or for such a period as the Postgraduate Dental Dean has authorised as necessary for the completion of training** and the trainee is for the time being employed by the trainer under such a contract; and
 - (d) the trainer has agreed to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination.

- (3) No allowances will be made under this Determination in respect of trainees who are overseas nationals (other than EEA nationals)
 - (a) who do not hold a work permit from the Department for the Economy issued under the Training and Work Experience Scheme, or
 - (b) who do not have a right to work in the United Kingdom for a period greater than 12 months from the date of commencement of the training contract.

Allowances

9. The BSO shall pay the following allowances to the trainer each quarter during the currency of the training contract.

A quality assurance grant

- (i) a quality assurance grant will be paid annually to trainers on the dental foundation training scheme and general professional training scheme. Trainers will be required to successfully complete the assessment of their appointed trainee using the assessment tools as defined by the Postgraduate Dental Dean.
- (ii) payments may be withheld where the Postgraduate Dental Dean deems that the assessment and assurance of the trainee has not been satisfactorily completed.
- (iii) payments will be automatic and only withheld under the direction of the Postgraduate Dental Dean.

Amount of allowances

10. The sums referred to in paragraph 9 are as follows –

Total amount of grant £14,309.00. The grant will be paid as follows; £5,728.00 in the first quarter and £2,862.00 in each subsequent quarter.

CHARTER MARK ALLOWANCE

Entitlement

- 11. (1) A trainer who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim in accordance with paragraph 17 shall be entitled to the allowances specified in paragraph 12.
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (10) are –
 - (a) the trainer's name is included in the dental list;
 - (b) the trainer's application to act as a trainer in a vocational training or a general professional training scheme has been approved by a selection committee set up for the purpose by the Committee on Dental Foundation Training for Northern Ireland (CDFT NI) of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency;
 - (c) the trainer has engaged a trainee under a contract of employment as an assistant in the trainer's dental practice for a period of one year's full-time or two year's part-time employment **or for such additional period, of normally three months' full time employment or the part-time equivalent, or for such a period as the Postgraduate Dental Dean has authorised as necessary for the completion of training** and the trainee is for the time being employed by the trainer under such a contract; and
 - (d) the trainer has agreed to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination.
- (3) No allowances will be made under this Determination in respect of trainees who are overseas nationals (other than EEA nationals)
 - (a) who do not hold a work permit from the Department for the Economy issued under the Training and Work Experience Scheme, or
 - (b) who do not have a right to work in the United Kingdom for a period greater than 12 months from the date of commencement of the training contract.

Allowances

12. The BSO shall pay the following allowances to the trainer during the currency of the training contract.

a charter mark allowance

- (i) a charter mark allowance will be paid annually to those trainers who hold an accredited charter mark/ quality mark as agreed by the Postgraduate Dental Dean
- (ii) the Postgraduate Dental Dean will hold an approved list of schemes/charter marks covered by this allowance.

- (iii) trainers must hold a valid certificate (or other validatory evidence) of the recognised scheme at the start of the training years which must be produced on request
- (iv) the payment will be paid at the end of the first quarter of the training years. NIMDTA will notify the BSO of those trainers to whom this allowance is payable.

Amount of allowances

13. The sums referred to in paragraph 12 are as follows –

Total amount of allowance £1,430.00

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATION ALLOWANCE

Entitlement

14. (1) A trainer who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim in accordance with paragraph 17 shall be entitled to the allowances specified in paragraph 15.
- (2) The condition referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are –
- (a) the trainer's name is included in the dental list;
 - (b) the trainer's application to act as a trainer in a dental foundation training or a general professional training scheme has been approved by a selection committee set up for the purpose by the Committee on Dental Foundation Training for Northern Ireland (CDFT NI) of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency;
 - (c) the trainer has engaged a trainee under a contract of employment as an assistant in the trainer's dental practice for a period of one year's full-time or two year's part-time employment **or for such additional period, of normally three months' full time employment or the part-time equivalent, or for such a period as the Postgraduate Dental Dean has authorised as necessary for the completion of training** and the trainee is for the time being employed by the trainer under such a contract; and
 - (d) the trainer has agreed to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination.
- (3) No allowances will be made under this Determination in respect of trainees who are overseas nationals (other than EEA nationals)
- (a) who do not hold a work permit from the Department for the Economy issued under the Training and Work Experience Scheme, or
 - (b) who do not have a right to work in the United Kingdom for a period greater than 12 months from the date of commencement of the training contract.

Allowances

15. The BSO shall pay the following allowances to the trainer during the currency of the training contract.

- (a) a postgraduate qualification allowance
 - (i) a postgraduate qualification allowance will be paid to those trainers who hold an approved qualification as agreed on a list held by the Postgraduate Dental Dean
 - (ii) trainers must hold the qualification at the start of the training years and must produce documentary evidence to this effect on request
 - (iii) the payment will be paid at the end of the first quarter of the training years. NIMDTA will notify the BSO of those trainers to whom this allowance is payable.

Amount of allowances

16. The sums referred to in paragraph 15 are as follows –

(a) Total amount of allowance £1,430.00

CLAIM FOR ALLOWANCES

17. (1) The trainer shall make the claim for the allowances on a form supplied by the BSO for the purpose, or on a form to like effect, and shall include with the claim -

- (a) a certificate provided by the Medical and Dental Training Agency that the trainer satisfies the condition specified in paragraph 2(2)(b) or 5(2)(b);
 - (b) the name of the trainee appointed, the date when the trainee's employment commenced, the number of hours worked, the date when the trainee's employment will end, and the date of the month on which payment of the salary will be made to the trainee; and
 - (c) a declaration in writing that the trainer agrees to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination.
- (2) The dentist shall notify the BSO of any change in the dentist's circumstances which may affect the dentist's entitlement to the payment of the allowances.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

18. If the contract between the trainer and the trainee is terminated by either party before it has run its full course and the trainee does not serve out a period of notice but instead is paid an amount equal to the salary due in respect of the period of notice, the trainer will be reimbursed the amount of the salary which the trainer has paid to the trainee up to a maximum of 1 month's salary. In these circumstances the payment of the training grant will cease from the date of the expiry of the period of notice.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

19. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION V - MATERNITY, PATERNITY AND ADOPTION LEAVE PAYMENTS

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation

"confinement" means the birth of a living child, or the birth of a child whether living or not after 24 weeks of pregnancy;

"dental list" means the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended, or any equivalent to such a list prepared by an equivalent body in England, Scotland or Wales;

"dentist" means a registered dental practitioner;

"the earnings requirement" means that either -

(a) the dentist's gross earnings for the test period amount to -

- (i) in a case where the test period begins on 1 April in any of the financial years listed below, not less than the sum listed below in respect of that financial year,
- (ii) in a case where the test period begins after the 1 April and falls across two financial years, not less than the total of the amounts which, in respect of each of those years, are in the same proportion to the figure listed for that year as is that part of the test period falling in that financial year to a full year.

The sums referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) are as follows -

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| For 2023/24 | £35,995.00 |
| For 2024/25 | £37,741.00 |
| For 2025/26 | £39,266.00; or |

(b) at least 85 percent of the dentist's earnings from the practice of dentistry during the test period was attributable to gross earnings.

"expected date of confinement" means the date on which the birth of a child is expected;

"expected week of confinement" means the week in which the birth of a child is expected;

"equivalent body" means a Health Authority in England or Wales, and a Health Board or an NHS Trust in Scotland;

"equivalent list" means a list kept by an equivalent body;

"financial year" means the period beginning on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March in the next year;

"gross earnings" means the dentist's gross earnings from the provision of general dental services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended, or from the provision or performance of pilot personal dental services under the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, and does not include remuneration by way of salary;

"gross earnings for the test period" means the dentist's gross earnings over the duration of the test period;

"net earnings" means the dentist's net earnings over the test period, where net earnings are calculated as a percentage of gross earnings over the test period. The percentage to be applied in respect of earnings in 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 is 42.6 per cent;

"partner" means a member of a couple who, in the case of a man and a woman are living as husband and wife, and, in any other case, are living in like family arrangements;

"payment" means a maternity payment, a paternity payment, or an adoption leave payment, as the case may be;

"paternity payment" includes payment for adoption leave for an adoptive parent who is not the main care provider;

"pay period" means -

- (a) in the case of a maternity payment, a period not exceeding 26 weeks commencing on or after 1 April 2025, which is -
 - (i) not earlier than the 11th week before the expected week of confinement, nor later than the expected week of confinement; or

- (ii) on the Monday immediately before the actual date of confinement, if confinement occurs prior to the 11th week before the expected week of confinement;
- (b) in the case of a paternity payment, a period not exceeding 2 weeks commencing on or after 1 April 2025, which is within 26 weeks of the date of birth or adoption; or
- (c) in the case of an adoption leave payment, a period not exceeding 26 weeks commencing on or after 1 April 2025, which immediately follows the date of the adoption;

"pilot dental list" means the pilot dental list maintained by Department of pilot scheme providers and pilot dentists;

"pilot personal dental services" means the provision or performance by the dentist of personal dental services under a pilot scheme agreement made in accordance with the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

"test period" means the period of 12 months –

- (a) beginning, in the case of a maternity payment, on the date which falls 21 months before the expected date of confinement;
- (b) beginning, in the case of a paternity payment, on the date which falls 12 months before the date of birth or adoption;
- (c) beginning, in the case of an adoption leave payment, on the date which falls 12 months before the date of adoption; and

"week" means a period of 7 days beginning with midnight between Sunday and Monday.

- (2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

- 2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (5) and (6), a dentist who, at the date when the claim is made, satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4) and who makes a claim to the BSO in accordance with paragraph 5, shall be entitled to payments calculated in accordance with paragraph 3.
- (2) The maternity payment conditions are that –
 - (a) subject to sub-paragraph (5), that the dentist's name has been included in the dental list or pilot dental list for a period of at least 2 years, the last 26 weeks of which period must be continuous and immediately precede the 15th week before the expected week of confinement;
 - (b) that the dentist has become pregnant and has reached, or been confined before reaching, the commencement of the 11th week before the expected week of confinement;
 - (c) that the dentist has ceased to provide General Dental Services, wholly or partly because of pregnancy or confinement, although the dentist's name remains included in the dental list; and
 - (d) that dentist has met the earnings requirement.
- (3) The paternity payment conditions are that –
 - (a) subject to sub-paragraph (5), the dentist's name has been included in the dental list or pilot dental list for a period of at least 2 years, the last 26 weeks of which period must be continuous and immediately precede the date of birth or adoption;
 - (b) the dentist's wife or partner has –
 - (i) given birth; or
 - (ii) has adopted a child and will be the principal care provider and the dentist is also an adoptive parent of that child;
 - (c) that dentist has met the earnings requirement.
- (4) The adoption leave payment conditions are that–
 - (a) subject to sub-paragraph (5), the dentist's name has been included in the dental list or pilot dental list for a period of at least 2 years, the last 26 weeks of which period must be continuous and immediately precede the date of the adoption;
 - (b) the dentist has become the adoptive parent of a child and is the main care provider for that child;
 - (c) the dentist has ceased to provide General Dental Services, wholly or partly because of that adoption, although the dentist's name remains included in the dental list; and

- (d) that dentist has met the earnings requirement.
- (5) In the case of a dentist who has undergone 1 year's approved vocational training, the 2 years mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a), (3)(a) or (4)(a) shall be reduced to 1 year.
- (6) A dentist who is in receipt of:-
- (a) payments in consequence of suspension under the Department's Determination; or
- (b) payments in consequence of suspension under Part V of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended,
- shall not be entitled to payments under this Determination.

CALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS

3. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (5) and (6), the amount of the payment payable in respect of each week is the weekly rate equivalent of the dentist's net earnings.
- (2) The amount of the payment payable in respect of each week may not exceed £1,950.00.
- (3) **Where a dentist has received maternity payments for any part of the test period, the weeks for which the maternity payments were made shall be excluded from the test period and the test period shall be extended by the number of weeks for which those payments were made.**
- (4) Where, for any part of the test period, a dentist who was employed as a vocational trainee, shall be treated for each financial year or part thereof in that test period as having had gross earnings calculated as follows in relation to the figures listed below -
- (a) where that dentist's contracted hours of employment each week were 35 hours or more, a sum equivalent to such proportion of the figure listed as the period of vocational training bears to the test period; or
- (b) where that dentist's contracted hours of employment each week were less than 35 hours, a sum calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) and discounted by a percentage equivalent to the difference between those contracted hours and 35,

and, for the purposes of calculating the dentist's gross earnings over the test period, that amount shall be added to that dentist's gross earnings for the remainder of the test period.

The sums referred to in (a) and (b) are -

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| For 2023/24 | £185,709.00 |
| For 2024/25 | £194,716.00 |
| For 2025/26 | £202,583.00 |

- (5) Where, prior to 1 April 2025 a dentist has received maternity payments under an entitlement beginning before and continuing after that date, the payments already calculated under that entitlement falling due on or after that date shall not be increased.
- (6) Where sub-paragraph (5) does not apply and any part of the test period falls after 1 April 2024 and before 1 April 2025, then, for the purposes of calculation of the amount of payments only, the gross earnings earned in this part of the test period shall be increased by 2.78 per cent.

DURATION AND PAYMENT OF PAYMENTS

4. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a payment calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 shall be payable in respect of each week during the pay period.
- (2) Payments -
- (a) shall be payable monthly in arrears and only for complete weeks; and
- (b) shall not be payable in respect of any week falling more than 5 weeks before the date on which the dentist makes the claim.
- (3) A payment shall not be payable in respect of any week in the pay period during which the dentist provides general dental services.
- (4) Where a dentist who is in receipt of payment dies before the end of the pay period, the BSO shall pay to the executor or other personal representative the balance of payments due for as many weeks of the pay period as were not paid at the date on which the dentist died.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS

5. (1) A dentist shall make a claim for payments on a form supplied by the BSO for the purpose, or a form to like effect, and shall include with the claim the intended dates of the period of leave and -
- (a) in the case of a claim for a maternity payment, the documents required under sub-paragraph (2);
- (b) in the case of a claim for a paternity payment, the documents required under sub-paragraph (3); or

- (c) in the case of a claim for an adoption leave payment, the documents required under sub-paragraph (4) and (5);
- (2) The documents required under this sub-paragraph are –
 - (a) a maternity certificate or other statement completed by a registered medical practitioner or registered midwife, giving the expected week of confinement of the dentist or, as the case may be, the date of confinement; and
 - (b) a declaration in writing that the dentist intends to return to dental practice to provide general dental services within a period of 1 year after the date of confinement and that the dentist agrees to repay any maternity payment made to the dentist if the dentist fails to do so.
- (3) The documents required under this sub-paragraph are –
 - (a) in respect of the birth of a child, declarations by the dentist –
 - (i) of the expected or actual date of birth, and
 - (ii) that the dentist is the husband or partner of the mother, will share responsibility for the child's upbringing and is taking time off to support the mother or care for the child; or
 - (b) in respect of the adoption of a child, documents showing the date on which the child is expected to be placed for adoption or the actual date of the placement, the date the adopter was notified of having been matched with the child and declarations that the dentist –
 - (i) is the partner of the main care provider,
 - (ii) will share responsibility for the child's upbringing, and
 - (iii) is taking time off to support the dentist's partner or to care for the child.
- (4) The documents required under this sub-paragraph are documents showing –
 - (a) the date on which the child is expected to be placed for adoption or the actual date the adopter was notified of having been matched with the child endorsed by the appropriate adoption agency with its name and address or a matching certificate giving equivalent details; or
 - (b) in the case of an inter-country adoption –
 - (i) the date on which the adopter received official notification,
 - (ii) the expected date the child will enter the United Kingdom or the date upon which the child did so enter, and
 - (iii) a copy of the official notification and evidence of the date of the child's arrival; and

that the dentist will be the main care provider for that child.
- (5) The documents required under this sub-paragraph are declarations in writing that the dentist intends to return to dental practice to provide general dental services within a period of 1 year after the adoption and that the dentist agrees to repay any payment made to the dentist if the dentist fails to do so.
- (6) Form DA 1, certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed in accordance with MDS 700.

FAILURE TO RETURN TO WORK

- 6. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), a dentist who does not return to dental practice to provide general dental services or provide or perform pilot personal dental services within one year of the date of confinement or the date of the adoption, as the case may be, shall repay to the BSO all payments made to the dentist under this Determination, if required to do so by the BSO, within such period as the BSO considers to be reasonable.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply in any case where a dentist is unable to return to dental practice because of sickness or such other circumstances as the BSO considers reasonable provided that the dentist eventually returns to dental practice to provide general dental service or provide or perform pilot personal dental services for at least a calendar month.
- (3) The BSO may waive repayment of payments in any case where it considers that a dentist is unable to return to work because of exceptional circumstances.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 7. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION VI - LONG-TERM SICKNESS PAYMENTS

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "dental list" means the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner;
- "financial year" means the period beginning on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March in the next year;
- "gross earnings" means the dentist's gross earnings from the provision of general dental services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended, or from the provision or performance of pilot personal dental services under the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, and does not include remuneration by way of salary;
- "gross earnings for the test period" means the dentist's gross earnings over the duration of the test period;
- "net earnings" means the dentist's net earnings over the test period, where net earnings are calculated as a percentage of gross earnings over the test period. The percentage to be applied in respect of earnings in 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 is 42.6 per cent;
- "period of sickness" means the period beginning with the date on which the dentist ceases to provide general dental services because of sickness and ending with the date on which the dentist returns to dental practice to provide general dental services;
- "pilot dental list" means the pilot dental list maintained by the Department of pilot scheme providers and pilot dentists;
- "pilot personal dental services" means the provision or performance by the dentist of personal dental services under a pilot scheme agreement made in accordance with the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;
- "test period" means the period of 2 years immediately before the commencement of the period of sickness.
- (2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), a dentist who, at the date when the claim is made, satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim in accordance with paragraph 5, shall be entitled to sickness payments calculated in accordance with paragraph 3.
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are -
- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (3), that the dentist's name has been included in the dental list or pilot dental list for a period of at least 2 years which need not be continuous, or immediately precede the period of sickness;
- (b) that the dentist has been unable to provide general dental services for at least 4 weeks because of sickness; and
- (c) either that -
- (i) the gross earnings for the test period amount to -
- (aa) in a case where the test period begins on 1 April in any of the financial years listed below, not less than the total of the amounts listed below for each of the financial years in which the test period falls,
- (bb) in a case where the test period begins after the 1 April and falls across three financial years, not less than the total of the amounts which, in respect of each of those years, are in the same proportion to the figure listed for that year as is that part of the test period falling in that financial year to a full year.

The sums referred to in sub-paragraphs (aa) and (bb) are as follows -

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| For 2023/24 | £36,177.00 |
| For 2024/25 | £37,392.00 |
| For 2025/26 | £39,464.00 |

- (ii) at least 85 percent of the dentist's earning from the practice of dentistry during the test period were attributable to gross earnings.

- (3) In the case of any dentist who has undergone 1 year's approved vocational training, the 2 years mentioned in sub-paragraph 2(a) shall be reduced to 1 year.
- (4) A dentist who is in receipt of -
- (a) payments in consequence of suspension under the Department's Determination; or
 - (b) payments in consequence of suspension under Part V of the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended; or
 - (c) maternity payments under Determination VI of the Statement of Dental Remuneration;
- shall not be entitled to sickness payments under this Determination.

CALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT OF SICKNESS PAYMENTS

3. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) the amount of the sickness payment payable in respect of each week is the weekly rate equivalent of 25 per cent of the dentist's net earnings.
- (2) The amount of the sickness payment payable in respect of each week may not exceed £473.00
- (3) Where, for any part of the test period, a dentist was employed as a vocational trainee, the dentist shall be treated for each financial year or part thereof in that test period as having had gross earnings calculated as follows in relation to the figures listed below -
- (a) where the dentist's contracted hours of employment each week were 35 hours or more, a sum equivalent to such proportion of the figure listed as the period of vocational training bears to the test period; or
 - (b) where the dentist's contracted hours of employment each week were less than 35 hours, a sum calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) and discounted by a percentage equivalent to the difference between the dentist's contracted hours and 35.

and, for the purposes of calculating the dentist's gross earnings over the test period, that amount shall be added to the dentist's gross earnings for the remainder of the test period.

The sums referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) are

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| For 2023/24 | £182,497.00 |
| For 2024/25 | £191,348.00 |
| For 2025/26 | £199,078.00 |

- (4) Where, prior to 1 April 2025 a dentist has received sickness payments under an entitlement beginning before and continuing after that date, payments already calculated under that entitlement falling due on or after that date shall not be increased.
- (5) Where sub-paragraph (4) does not apply and any part of the test period falls after 1 April 2024 before 1 April 2025, then, for the purposes of calculation of the amount of sickness payments only, the gross earnings earned in this part of the test period shall be increased by 4.04 per cent.

DURATION AND PAYMENT OF SICKNESS PAYMENTS

4. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (4), sickness payments calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 shall be payable in respect of any complete week during the period of sickness during which a dentist is unable to provide general dental services because of sickness.
- (2) Sickness payments -
- (a) shall not be payable in respect of the first 4 weeks of any period of sickness
 - (b) shall be payable in respect of a maximum of 22 weeks in any period of sickness; and
 - (c) shall terminate when the dentist returns to dental practice to provide general dental services or withdraws the dentist's name from the dental list, whichever occurs first.
- (3) Sickness payments shall be payable monthly in arrears and only for complete weeks and may be backdated.
- (4) Where a dentist who is in receipt of sickness payments dies before the end of the period of sickness, the BSO shall pay to the dentist's executor or other personal representative the balance of the sickness payments due for as many of the 22 weeks as were not paid at the date on which the dentist died.

CLAIM FOR SICKNESS PAYMENTS

5. (1) A dentist shall make a claim for sickness payments on a form supplied by the BSO for the purpose, or a form to like effect and shall include with the claim a medical certificate, or other statement, completed by a registered medical practitioner to the effect that the dentist is incapable of work by reason of sickness.
- (2) A dentist shall furnish the BSO with appropriate medical certificates, or other statements, completed by a registered medical practitioner throughout the period of sickness.
- (3) Form DA 1, certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed in accordance with MDS 700.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

6. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION VII – CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCES

PART I

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires –
- "BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "approved postgraduate course" means a course which meets the General Dental Council's definition of verifiable CPD as described in its January 2018 (updated in May 2018) publication entitled "Enhanced CPD guidance for dental professionals"^(a)
- "CPD" means verifiable continuing professional development, as described in the General Dental Council's September 2013 publication entitled "Continuing Professional Development for dental professionals" but does not include any clinical audit activities within the meaning of paragraph 31E of Schedule 2^(b) to the GDS Regulations in respect of which a dentist is claiming an allowance in accordance with Determination X;
- "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner;
- "dental list" means the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the GDS Regulations;
- "GDS Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "total earnings" means all of a dentist's gross earnings from the practice of dentistry by the dentist in person, and "HS earnings" means the dentist's gross earnings from the provision by the dentist in person of general dental services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 as amended and the dentist's gross earnings (if any) from the provision by the dentist of personal dental services under a pilot scheme agreement made in accordance with the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, but the dentist's HS earnings shall not include any remuneration by way of salary;
- "year" means the period beginning on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March in the following year.
- (2) In this Determination a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

2. (1) A dentist who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim to the BSO in accordance with paragraph 5 shall be paid a CPD allowance of an amount ascertained in accordance with paragraph 4.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) the specified conditions are that –
- (a) the dentist's name is included in the dental list;
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (3); either –
- (i) the dentist's HS earnings in the year prior to that in respect of which the allowance is to be paid are not less than the sum listed below –
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| For 2025/26 | £37,620.00; or |
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- (ii) at least 85 per cent of the dentist's earning from the practice of dentistry in the year prior to that in respect of which the allowance is to be paid were attributable to HS earnings.
- (3) The condition referred to in sub-paragraph 2(b) does not apply to any dentist whose name has been included in the dental list for less than one year on 1 April in the year in respect of which the dentist's claim is made.

(a) <https://www.gdc-uk.org/professionals/cpd>

(b) Paragraph 31E was inserted into Schedule 2 to the GDS Regulations by S.R. 2001 No. 309, regulation 4(b) with effect from 1 October 2001

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT FOR ASSISTANTS

3. (1) Where a dentist makes a claim for payment to the BSO in respect of the dentist's assistant in accordance with paragraph 5, the dentist shall be paid a CPD allowance of an amount ascertained in accordance with paragraph 4.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) the specified conditions are that -
- (a) the dentist's name is on a dental list;
- (b) the assistant in respect of whom the claim is being made, is the dentist's assistant at the date of claim;
- (c) either -
- (i) the assistant's HS earnings in the year prior to that in respect of which the allowance is to be paid are not less than the sum listed below-
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| For 2025/26 | £37,620.00 |
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- (ii) at least 85 per cent of the assistant's earnings from the practice of dentistry during in the year prior to that in respect of which the allowance is to be paid were HS earnings.
- (3) The condition referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(c) does not apply to an assistant who was first employed, by a dentist whose name is included in a dental list less than one year prior to the year in respect of which the dentist's claim is made.

AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE

4. (1) The amount of CPD allowance to be paid where a dentist has satisfied the conditions in paragraph 2(2) and made a claim in accordance with paragraph 5 for attendance at an approved postgraduate course shall be:

| Duration of Educational Time | Amount of Allowance |
|--|---------------------|
| Less than 1 hour | nil |
| ½ session of 1 hour or more and up to 2 hours | £159.86 |
| 1 session of more than 2 hours and up to 3 ½ hours | £319.71 |

less any abatement in accordance with sub-paragraph (4).

- (2) Payments under subparagraph (1) shall not exceed £1,918.21 for the year, less any abatement calculated in accordance with subparagraph (3).
- (3) Subject to paragraph 2(2)(b), the abatement to be applied is the amount which represents the percentage of the dentist's total earnings which is specified in column 2 of the Table below as corresponding to the proportion in column 1 of that Table which the dentist's HS earnings bear to the dentist's total earnings in the year prior to the one in respect of which the allowance is to be paid.

| COLUMN 1 | COLUMN 2 | | |
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| Proportion which HS earnings bear to total earnings | Percentage of abatement | Full Session | Half Session |
| 85% or more | no abatement | £319.71 | £159.86 |
| 80% or more but less than 85% | 10% | £287.74 | £143.87 |
| 70% or more but less than 80% | 20% | £255.77 | £127.89 |
| 60% or more but less than 70% | 30% | £223.79 | £111.90 |
| 50% or more but less than 60% | 40% | £191.82 | £95.92 |
| 40% or more but less than 50% | 50% | £159.85 | £79.93 |
| 30% or more but less than 40% | 60% | £127.88 | £63.94 |
| 20% or more but less than 30% | 70% | £95.91 | £47.96 |
| 10% or more but less than 20% | 80% | £63.94 | £31.97 |
| Less than 10% | 90% | £31.97 | £15.99 |

CLAIM FOR ALLOWANCE

5. (1) A dentist shall make a single claim each year for an allowance to cover all their CPD on a form supplied by the BSO for this 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.
- (i) A dentist shall provide certificates or course registration documents of the kind required by the General Dental Council in respect of verifiable CPD undertaken in the previous year, and that the dentist will provide such certificates or documents within 28 days of the request being made.
- (2) A claim for an allowance under sub-paragraph 1 shall be made along with the submission of Form DA 1 no later than 30 June each year.
- (3) Only 3 on-line session may be claimed per year (April – March).

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

6. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION VIII - REIMBURSEMENT OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "dental list" means the dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with the Regulations;
- "demand notice" means the notice served by the Department of Finance, in accordance with the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, in relation to the hereditament, and for the financial year, in respect of which a claim is made under this Determination;
- "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner;
- "financial year" means either the financial year preceding that in which a claim is made under this Determination eg April 2025 - March 2026 or the dentist's year end accounts that close during or in the three months preceding that financial year. If a dentist avails of the second option, the BSO will review the claim made, once accounts become available;
- "gross earnings" in relation to a hereditament means the gross earnings of the hereditament as a whole from the provision of general dental services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended;
- "gross income" in relation to a hereditament means the gross income of the hereditament as a whole;
- "hereditament" means a property which is or may become liable to a rate being a unit of such property which is or would fall to be shown as a separate item in the valuation list;
- "non-domestic rates" means the rate payable under Article 9(4) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977;
- "ratepayer" means the occupier who is liable to pay under Article 18 of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, an amount in respect of non-domestic rates;
- "Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "relevant period" means either the financial year preceding that in which a claim is made under this Determination or the period relating to the dentist's year end accounts that close during that financial year.
- (2) In this Determination, any reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and any reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), a dentist who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim to the BSO in accordance with paragraph 4 shall be entitled to be reimbursed an amount, calculated in accordance with paragraph 3, in respect of the non-domestic rates payable in any financial year in relation to any hereditament at which the dentist provides general dental services.
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are -
- (a) the dentist is the ratepayer or is a partner in a partnership of dentists which is the ratepayer, in relation to the hereditament in respect of which the claim is made ("the hereditament");
- (b) the dentist's name is included in the dental list;
- (c) subject to sub-paragraph (3), the gross earnings of the hereditament for the financial year preceding that in respect of which the claim is made are not less than the sums listed below:-
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| For 2023/24 | £35,717.00 |
| For 2024/25 | £37,449.00 |
| For 2025/26 | £38,962.00 |
- (3) The BSO may waive the condition in sub-paragraph (2)(c) in any case where it considers it is reasonable in all the circumstances to do so.
- (4) Where the dentist satisfies the conditions in sub-paragraph (2) but the BSO considers that part of the hereditament to which paragraph 33(1) and (3) of Schedule 2 to the Regulations applies ("the premises"), does not satisfy the requirements of that paragraph, the BSO shall be entitled to delay payment of the reimbursement of an amount under this Determination until such time as it is satisfied that the premises comply with the requirements of that paragraph.

AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES

3. (1) The amount of any reimbursement shall be the amount specified in the demand notice less, where the gross income of the hereditament as a whole is not exclusively derived from the provision of general dental services, any amount ("the abatement") calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2).
- (2) The abatement shall be the amount which represents the percentage of the non-domestic rates or, where the dentist pays the non-domestic rates in two equal instalments, the percentage of the half of the domestic rates which is specified in column 2 of the Table below as corresponding to the proportion in column 1 of that Table which the gross earnings bear to the gross income of the hereditament during the relevant period.

| Column 1 Proportion which the gross earnings bear to the gross income of the hereditament during the relevant period | Column 2 Proportion of non-domestic rates to be abated |
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| 85% or more | no abatement |
| 80% or more but less than 85% | 10% |
| 70% or more but less than 80% | 20% |
| 60% or more but less than 70% | 30% |
| 50% or more but less than 60% | 40% |
| 40% or more but less than 50% | 50% |
| 30% or more but less than 40% | 60% |
| 20% or more but less than 30% | 70% |
| 10% or more but less than 20% | 80% |
| Less than 10% | 90% |

CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

4. (1) Form DEN/PREM 1, certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed, and shall include with the claim -
- (i) the demand notice or a copy thereof certified by the Department of Finance;
 - (ii) unless the provisions of sub-paragraph (4) apply, a receipt from the Department of Finance for the whole amount or, as the case may be, half the amount specified in the demand notice; In the event that a receipt is not available from the Department of Finance, a screen shot shall be produced, showing the balances at start and end of the financial year;
 - (iii) a declaration in writing, as to the proportion, expressed as a percentage, which the gross earnings of the hereditament bear to the gross income of the hereditament during the relevant period; and
 - (iv) where the dentist is a partner a declaration in writing that no claim for reimbursement in respect of the same financial year has been made by another partner.
- (2) Where a dentist seeks reimbursement of an amount in respect of non-domestic rates in relation to more than one hereditament, the dentist shall submit to the BSO a claim in relation to each such hereditament.
- (3) Except where the provisions of sub-paragraph (4) apply, a claim for reimbursement of non-domestic rates, whether it is for the whole amount or half the amount specified in the demand notice, shall be made within 6 months of the date that the Department of Finance has specified that payment should be made.
- (4) Where a dentist pays the non-domestic rates in monthly instalments the dentist shall send to the BSO at the end of the financial year in respect of which the claim is made a receipt, or screen shot as outlined at 4. (1) (ii), from the Department of Finance for the whole amount specified in the demand notice, as confirmation that the previous year's rates have been paid in full, and the claim for reimbursement shall be made:-
- (a) where the dentist wishes to be reimbursed in monthly instalments, within 6 months of the date on which payment of the first monthly instalment falls due and the dentist shall include with the claim, details of the amount to be paid each month, the date the payments are due to commence and the date the payments are due to cease; or
 - (b) where the dentist wishes to be reimbursed in a lump sum after payment of all the instalments, within 6 months of the date on which payment of the last instalment falls due.
- (5) The dentist shall notify the BSO of any change in the dentist's circumstances which may affect the dentist's entitlement to reimbursement of an amount under this Determination.
- (6) Where a dentist has died and at the time of the dentist's death the dentist satisfied the conditions set out in paragraph 2(2), for so long as the dentist's name remains on the dental list in accordance with regulation 5(1) of the Regulations, the dentist's personal representative shall be entitled to make a claim for reimbursement of an amount under this Determination.

APPLICATION OF THIS DETERMINATION

5. This Determination shall take effect on 1 April 1993 and shall not apply to any liability to pay non-domestic rates in respect of any period before that date.

DETERMINATION IX – CLINICAL AUDIT ALLOWANCES

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires –
- "BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "approved project" means a project of clinical audit activities which has been approved by CAPRAP and "first approved project" means the first such project undertaken in the relevant period;
- "assistant" has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the GDS Regulations;
- "CAPRAP" means the Assessment Panel set up in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Health for the purpose of approving clinical audit activities;
- "clinical audit activities" has the meaning given in paragraph 31E(2) of Schedule 2 to the GDS Regulations^(a), namely activities which involve the systematic and critical analysis of the quality of dental care provided by the dentist, including the processes used by the dentist for diagnosis, intervention and treatment and the dentist's use of resources, and may include peer review by means of participation in meetings of a group of not less than 4 dentists where such a group considers the quality and performance of specific treatments and approaches to treatment;
- "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner but does not include a dentist who is an assistant;
- "dental list" means a dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the GDS Regulations;
- "the GDS Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;
- "relevant period" has the meaning given in paragraph 31E(2) of Schedule 2 to the GDS Regulations, namely -
- (a) subject to head (b) below where a dentist's name is included in the dental list and the dentist is providing dental services –
- (i) on 1 October 2001, the period of three years commencing on that date,
- (ii) from a date after 1 October 2001, the period of three years commencing with that later date,
- and each successive period of three years thereafter,
- (b) where a dentist's name remains included in the dental list but the dentist does not provide dental services during any continuous period in excess of thirteen weeks, the period specified in head (a), to which is added any such continuous period during which the dentist is not providing dental services; and
- "three year period" in relation to an assistant means –
- (a) subject to head (b) below, where an assistant is employed –
- (i) on 1 October 2001, the period of three years commencing on that date,
- (ii) from a date after 1 October 2001, the period of three years commencing with that later date,
- and each successive period of three years thereafter,
- (b) where an assistant does not provide dental services during any continuous period in excess of thirteen weeks, the period specified in head (a), to which is added any such continuous period during which the assistant is not providing dental services.
- (2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

(a) Paragraph 31E was inserted into Schedule 2 to the GDS Regulations by S.R. 2001/309, regulation 4 (b) with effect from 1 October 2001

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

2. (1) A dentist who –
- (a) satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) or, in respect of an assistant of the dentist's, sub-paragraph (3), and
 - (b) makes a claim to the BSO in accordance with paragraph 4,
- shall be entitled to an allowance of an amount ascertained in accordance with paragraph 3.
- (2) The conditions are that –
- (a) at the time of undertaking an approved project, and at the time of making the claim, the dentist's name is included in the dental list and the dentist is providing general dental services; and
 - (b) the first approved project undertaken by the dentist is one of not less than 5 hours' duration except where CAPRAP have approved a shorter first project.
- (3) The conditions are that –
- (a) at the time an assistant undertakes an approved project, and at the time of making the claim in respect of the assistant, the dentist's name is included in the dental list and the dentist is providing general dental services; and
 - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (4), the first approved project which the assistant undertakes is of not less than 5 hours' duration except where CAPRAP have approved a shorter first project.
- (4) The condition specified in sub-paragraph (3)(b) shall not apply where an assistant was previously employed as such by another dentist and undertook an approved project in that previous employment of not less than 5 hours' duration.

AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE

3. (1) Subject to the following sub-paragraphs, the allowance payable for undertaking approved projects in the relevant period is to be calculated at an hourly rate of £89.82.
- (2) After the first approved project is completed a dentist may claim in respect of periods of not less than half an hour which the dentist has spent undertaking an approved project.
- (3) The number of hours for which an allowance is payable to any dentist, in respect of the dentist's undertaking any approved project over the relevant period, is 15 hours.
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), where an assistant undertakes any approved project the number of hours for which an allowance is payable to the dentist in respect of that assistant is 15 hours in the three year period in question.
- (5) Where in a three year period an assistant who was previously employed as such by another dentist undertook an approved project in that previous employment for which a claim was made in accordance with this Determination, the number of hours for which an allowance is payable is 15 hours, less the number of hours in respect of which any earlier claim was made.
- (6) After an assistant has participated in a first approved project a dentist may claim in respect of the assistant's participation in subsequent approved projects for periods of not less than half an hour.

CLAIMS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. (1) A dentist shall make a claim for the allowance in question on a form supplied by the BSO for the purpose, or a form to like effect and shall include with the claim a certificate of completion of the approved project in respect of which the claim is made, signed by a member of CAPRAP which approved that project.
- (2) Where a dentist makes a claim in respect of an assistant of the dentist's, the dentist shall include a signed statement from the assistant to the effect that the assistant's payments under the contract of employment with the dentist were not reduced on account of the assistant's participation in the approved project in respect of which the claim is being made.
- (3) Where in a three year period the assistant was previously employed as such by another dentist and undertook an approved project in that previous employment for which a claim was made in accordance with this Determination, the statement referred to at sub-paragraph (2) above shall also specify the number of hours in respect of which any earlier claim was made.

AUTHORISATION TO THE BSO

5. Where CAPRAP determines that a dentist is entitled to the allowance in question it shall inform the BSO and authorise the BSO to pay the allowance to the dentist.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

6. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

DETERMINATION X- PRACTICE ALLOWANCE

INTERPRETATION

1 (1) In this Determination unless the context otherwise requires: -

"the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;

"accumulative gross practice earnings" means the gross earnings of all of the dentists on the dental list within the practice and all of the assistants within the practice for the preceding 6 scheduled payments prior to the half year end in respect of which the allowance is to be paid;

"assistant" has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 but excludes those assistants who are vocational trainees/general professional trainees;

"average gross practice earnings" means the gross earnings of all of the dentists on the dental list within the practice and all of the assistants within the practice divided by that number of dentists;

"average gross earnings" means in relation to a Health Service committed practice under this Determination the dentist's gross earnings, excluding any remuneration by way of salary as a salaried dentist, from the provision or performance of pilot personal dental services under the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and from the provision of general dental services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, including;

- Item of service payments
- Continuing care and capitation payments
- Seniority payments
- Vocational trainers grant
- Vocational Trainee's GDS income (but not salary)
- Continuing professional development allowance
- Clinical audit allowance
- Maternity payments, paternity payments and adoptive leave payments
- Sickness payments
- Peer Review Scheme

"dental list" means a list prepared by the BSO in accordance with the Regulations ;

"dentist" means a registered dental practitioner and includes a dentist who is an assistant;

"designated dentist" means the dentist notified to the BSO as the dentist to whom the allowance should be paid on behalf of the practice;

"Exempt patient" in relation to this Determination means children under 18, those aged 18 in full time education, pregnant women and nursing mothers;

Fully and partially remitted patients in relation to this Determination are those patients and their partners who are relevant Universal Credit recipients or in receipt of income support, income based jobseekers allowance, pension credit guarantee credit, Health Service Low Income certificate HC2 or HC3 holders and those patients entitled to, or named on, a valid tax credit exemption certificate.

"Fee paying adult" in relation to this Determination means any person who does not fall into the category of Exempt or Fully and Partially Remitted patients.

"financial year" means the period beginning on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March in the next year;

"gross earnings" means the dentist's gross earnings, excluding any remuneration by way of salary or relief of pain clinics, from the provision or performance of pilot personal dental services under the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and from the provision by the dentist in person of general dental services under the Health and Personal Social Services Order (Northern Ireland) 1972, including:

- Item of service payments
- Continuing care and capitation payments
- Seniority payments
- Vocational trainers grant
- Vocational Trainee's GDS income (but not salary)
- Continuing professional development allowance
- Clinical audit allowance
- Maternity payments, paternity payments and adoptive leave payments
- Sickness payments
- Peer Review Scheme

"half year" means a period ending on 30 September and 31 March;

"HS committed practice" means:

- (a) in relation to specialised orthodontic practices, a practice from which:
 - (i) the dentists accept orthodontic referrals under general dental services for all categories of patients;
 - (ii) payment has been received for an average of at least 750 unique patient claims (i.e. 750 different patients) per dentist (full or part-time) under item 4601 (treatment on referral) of Determination I in the period of 12 months immediately preceding the last day of the six months for which the allowance is payable
 - (iii) payment has been received for an average of at least 200 claims per dentist (full or part-time) under item 1(c) (full case assessment) of Determination I in the period of 12 months immediately preceding the last day of the six months for which the allowance is payable; and
 - (iv) the dentists have average gross earnings of £100,000 or above per dentist (full or part-time) in the period of 12 months immediately preceding the last day of the six months for which the allowance is payable.
- (b) in relation to other specialised practices (oral surgeons), a practice which affirms by means of completion of a letter from BSO that they will accept referrals for the full range of surgical treatments under the GDS
- (c) in relation to non-specialised practices, a practice from which:
 - (i) the dentists have an average of at least 750 patients per dentist, accepted for care and treatment under capitation and continuing care arrangements of which at least an average of 200 per dentist must be fee paying adults; for the purpose only of this Determination this average of 200 fee paying adults may include partially remitted patients and
 - (ii) the dentists have average gross earnings of £50,000 or above per dentist in the period of 12 months immediately preceding the last day of the half year for which the allowance is payable.
 - (iii) Patients registered with a Vocational Trainee shall, for the purpose of this Determination, be allocated to the Principal Dentist's list number

"a practice" means a single geographical location from which general dental services are provided, this location being the practice address on the dental list;

"non-specialised practice" means a practice where the dentists within the practice do not limit their services under general dental services to orthodontic care and treatment, oral surgery, sedation, paediatric dentistry, endodontics, prosthodontics or restorative periodontology on referral;

"other specialised practice" means a practice where the dentists restrict their services under general dental services and provide only oral surgery, sedation, paediatric dentistry, endodontics, prosthodontics or restorative periodontology on referral;

"pilot personal dental services" means the provision or performance by the dentist of personal dental services under a pilot scheme agreement made in accordance with the Health Services Primary Care (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;

"specialised orthodontic practice" means a practice which restricts its services under general dental services and provides only orthodontic care and treatment on referral;

"quarter" means a period of 3 months ending on 30 June, 30 September, 31 December and 31 March;

"the Regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, as amended;

- (2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in the Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the subparagraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

Conditions of Entitlement

- 2. (1) Subject to the conditions of sub-paragraph (3) the BSO shall pay in accordance with paragraph 3(2) an allowance to a designated dentist within a practice to help address the increasing practice requirements in relation to the provision of high quality premises, health and safety, staffing support and information collection and provision.
- (2) Where the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (4) are satisfied by the dentists in a practice in respect of which an allowance under sub-paragraph (1) is payable, the BSO shall pay to the designated dentist an additional allowance in accordance with paragraph 3(3).
- (3) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are:
 - (a) the names of the dentists in respect of which the claim is being made are, with the exception of those dentists who are assistants, included in the dental list;
 - (b) the names of any dentists who are assistants, in respect of which the claim is being made, and who provide general dental services within the practice have been notified to the BSO;
 - (c) The Department is satisfied that the practice meets the standard required of a practice inspection, and

- (d) notwithstanding regulation 2 (2) of the Health Services (Choice of Dental Practitioner) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998, the practice gives an undertaking to make available all proper and necessary care and treatment under general dental services (except for specialist services on referral) to the full range of health service patients for the following 2 years.
- (4) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (2) are:
 - (a) the practice is a HS committed practice; However,
 - (i) in the case of non-specialised practices, where the condition of an average of 200 fee paying adults per dentist cannot be met because of circumstances outside the practice's control, or
 - (ii) in the case of a specialised orthodontic practice, where the condition of an average of at least 750 claims per dentist (full or part time) under item 4601 (treatment on referral) of Determination I cannot be met

the practice may apply to the Department to have this condition waived.

Payments

- 3. (1) A practice shall notify the BSO of the name of the dentist within the practice to whom the allowance should be paid. The allowance will then be paid automatically, without claim, to that designated dentist on behalf of all of the dentists at that practice. Where a practice has previously claimed a practice allowance the designated dentist is deemed to be the same as the dentist who previously received the allowance, unless otherwise notified to the BSO. If a practice has not advised the BSO of the designated dentist by the end of a financial year then the allowance for that year will not be paid.
- (2) The amount of allowance to be paid in terms of paragraph 2(1) where a practice has satisfied the conditions in paragraph 2(3) shall be 4% of the accumulative gross earnings of the dentists in the practice.
- (3) The amount of additional allowance to be paid in terms of paragraph 2(2) where a practice has satisfied the conditions in paragraph 2(4) shall be 7% of the accumulative gross earnings of the dentists in the practice.
- (4) The allowance and any additional allowance shall be payable half yearly in the quarter following the half year for which the calculation is made.
- (5) Form DA 1, certified by the dentist's accountant, or accompanied by a copy of an accountant's certificate, shall be completed in accordance with MDS 700.

Conditions for part-time dentists

- 4. (1) Where the dentists within a practice are not entitled to payment of an additional allowance under paragraph 3(2) due to one or more dentists within the practice not fully contributing to meeting the conditions in head c(i) and C(ii) or head c(ii) only of the definition of HS committed practice the dentists within the practice may nonetheless be entitled to be considered for payment of an additional allowance provided that:
 - (a) the dentists within the practice who do not meet the conditions in head c(i) and c(ii) or head c(ii) only of the definition of HS committed practice otherwise meet the definition of an HS committed practice and the conditions of entitlement in paragraph 2; and
 - (b) the dentists within the practice who do not meet the conditions in head c(i) and c(ii) or head c(ii) only of the definition of HS committed practice meet the conditions set out in sub-paragraph (2).
- (2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are that:
 - (a) at least 85 percent of the dentist's earnings from practising as a dentist in the year prior to that in which the additional allowance is payable was attributable to health service earnings as defined in gross earnings in which case a non-specialist dentist will be deemed to have gross earnings of £50,000 and to have 750 patients, including 200 fee paying adults, accepted into continuing care and capitation arrangements; and, with effect from 1 April 2011, a specialist dentist (orthodontist) will be deemed to have gross earnings of £100,000 and have 750 claims under item 4601 and 200 claims under item 1(c) of Determination 1; and
 - (b) each dentist completes and submits to the BSO Form DA 1, duly certified by the dentist's accountant, in accordance with MDS 700. This form contains a declaration of the percentage of the dentist's Health Service gross earnings in relation to the dentist's total earnings from practising as a dentist in the year prior to that in which the additional allowance is payable. This percentage must be not less than eighty five percent.

Count of Dentists in Respect of a Health Service Committed Practice

- 5. (1) Where a dentist within a practice has ceased to provide general dental services at that practice and has been replaced with another dentist who has commenced providing general dental services at that practice these dentists will be counted as one for the purposes of determining whether or not the practice is a NHS committed practice.
- (2) Any dentists within a practice who fall within sub-paragraph (1) shall be advised to the BSO in writing by the designated dentist, with the names of the dentists concerned.

Change of Circumstances

6. The designated dentist for the practice shall notify the BSO within one month of any change in circumstances of any of the dentists included in the calculation of the allowance which may affect entitlement to a practice allowance under paragraph 3(1), and of any circumstances which may affect entitlement to an additional allowance under paragraph 3(3).

Failure to Meet Conditions of Additional Allowance

7.
 - (1) Where a practice fails to meet the conditions set out in paragraph 2(4) the additional allowance payable under paragraph 3(2) will cease during the period of non-compliance with these conditions.
 - (2) The BSO may waive the ceasing of the additional allowance in any case where it considers that the failure to meet the conditions set out in paragraph 2(4) was because of exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional Circumstances

8. In exceptional circumstances, in accordance with instructions issued by the Department, the BSO shall make payments relative to this Determination to a dentist.

ANNEX TO DETERMINATION I

EARLY YEARS TARGETED REGISTRATION INCENTIVE

The following electoral wards have dmf scores between 1.63 and 2.95.

A dentist whose patient is aged 5 years and under with a home post code address within one of these wards, shall receive the payment set out in item 41(c) of Determination I.

| DISTRICT | WARD NAME | dmf |
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| Antrim | New Park | 2.24 |
| Antrim | Balloo | 2.11 |
| Antrim | Stiles | 1.92 |
| Antrim | Templepatrick | 1.78 |
| Ards | Millisle | 2.53 |
| Ards | Ballywalter | 2.48 |
| Ards | Portavogie | 2.34 |
| Ards | Glen | 2.28 |
| Ards | Ballygowan | 2.11 |
| Ards | Comber North | 1.90 |
| Ards | Movilla | 1.74 |
| Ards | Scrabo | 1.63 |
| Armagh | Milford | 2.80 |
| Armagh | Hamiltonsbawn | 2.75 |
| Armagh | Markethill | 2.60 |
| Armagh | Carrigatuke | 2.40 |
| Armagh | Derrynoose | 2.22 |
| Armagh | Downs | 2.10 |
| Armagh | Abbey Park | 1.90 |
| Armagh | Killylea | 1.87 |
| Armagh | Keady | 1.80 |
| Armagh | Demesne | 1.64 |
| Ballymena | Fair Green | 2.45 |
| Ballymena | Harryville | 2.45 |
| Ballymena | Moat | 2.45 |
| Ballymena | Ballee | 2.33 |
| Ballymena | Castle Demesne | 2.21 |
| Ballymena | Portglenone | 2.07 |
| Ballymena | Dunminning | 2.06 |
| Ballymena | Ballykeel | 2.04 |
| Ballymena | Park | 1.88 |
| Ballymena | Slemish | 1.79 |
| Ballymena | Ahoghill | 1.77 |
| Ballymoney | Benvardin | 2.46 |
| Ballymoney | Stranocum | 2.44 |
| Ballymoney | Newhill | 2.41 |
| Ballymoney | Route | 2.24 |
| Ballymoney | Camany | 2.09 |
| Ballymoney | Fairhill | 1.73 |
| Ballymoney | Killoquin Lower | 1.68 |
| Banbridge | Dromore North | 2.00 |
| Banbridge | Garran | 2.00 |
| Banbridge | Banbridge West | 1.90 |
| Banbridge | Loughbrickland | 1.80 |
| Belfast | Blackstaff | 2.92 |
| Belfast | Fortwilliam | 2.92 |
| Belfast | St. Anne's | 2.92 |
| Belfast | Legoniel | 2.83 |
| Belfast | Glen Road | 2.74 |
| Belfast | Andersonstown | 2.70 |
| Belfast | The Mount | 2.63 |
| Belfast | Ballymacarrett | 2.55 |
| Belfast | Woodvale | 2.39 |
| Belfast | Clonard | 2.38 |
| Belfast | Island | 2.33 |
| Belfast | Sydenham | 2.10 |
| Belfast | Bloomfield | 1.96 |
| Belfast | Shaftesbury | 1.79 |
| Belfast | Knock | 1.74 |
| Belfast | Cavehill | 1.70 |
| Belfast | Orangefield | 1.67 |
| Carrickfergus | Clipperstown | 2.42 |

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| Carrickfergus | Gortalee | 2.40 |
| Carrickfergus | Love Lane | 2.34 |
| Carrickfergus | Northland | 2.33 |
| Carrickfergus | Eden | 2.26 |
| Carrickfergus | Greenisland | 2.17 |
| Carrickfergus | Sunnylands | 1.90 |
| Carrickfergus | Woodburn | 1.90 |
| Castlereagh | Tullycarnet | 2.57 |
| Castlereagh | Enler | 2.43 |
| Castlereagh | Carrowreagh | 2.25 |
| Castlereagh | Cregagh | 2.04 |
| Castlereagh | Downshire | 1.82 |
| Castlereagh | Beechill | 1.77 |
| Castlereagh | Lisnasharragh | 1.73 |
| Castlereagh | Graham's Bridge | 1.66 |
| Coleraine | Cross Glebe | 2.90 |
| Coleraine | Agivey | 2.83 |
| Coleraine | Central | 2.65 |
| Coleraine | Macosquin | 2.52 |
| Coleraine | Castlerock | 2.41 |
| Coleraine | Royal Portrush | 2.41 |
| Coleraine | Mount Sandel | 2.31 |
| Coleraine | University | 2.24 |
| Coleraine | Kilrea | 2.08 |
| Coleraine | The Cuts | 2.00 |
| Coleraine | Portstewart | 1.97 |
| Coleraine | Waterside | 1.96 |
| Coleraine | Hopefield | 1.73 |
| Cookstown | Pomeroy | 2.28 |
| Cookstown | Stewartstown | 2.19 |
| Cookstown | Gortalowry | 2.16 |
| Cookstown | Killycolpy | 2.16 |
| Cookstown | Killymoon | 2.10 |
| Cookstown | Oaklands | 2.10 |
| Cookstown | Oldtown | 2.09 |
| Cookstown | Money more | 2.02 |
| Cookstown | Coagh | 1.89 |
| Cookstown | Tullagh | 1.78 |
| Cookstown | Dunnamore | 1.66 |
| Craigavon | Drumgask | 2.50 |
| Craigavon | Corcrair | 2.30 |
| Craigavon | Taghnevan | 2.28 |
| Craigavon | Church | 2.26 |
| Craigavon | Ballybay | 2.22 |
| Craigavon | Ballyoran | 2.05 |
| Craigavon | Court | 1.83 |
| Craigavon | Mourneview | 1.80 |
| Craigavon | Brownstown | 1.71 |
| Craigavon | Woodville | 1.70 |
| Derry | Creggan South | 2.95 |
| Derry | Enagh | 2.95 |
| Derry | Faughan | 2.77 |
| Derry | Creggan Central | 2.74 |
| Derry | St. Peter's | 2.74 |
| Derry | Clondermot | 2.70 |
| Derry | Lisnagelvin | 2.70 |
| Derry | Ebrington | 2.63 |
| Derry | The Diamond | 2.60 |
| Derry | Westland | 2.35 |
| Derry | Caw | 2.31 |
| Derry | Shantallow West | 2.20 |
| Derry | Shantallow East | 2.15 |
| Derry | Victoria | 2.10 |
| Derry | Cam Hill | 2.07 |
| Derry | Eglinton | 1.90 |
| Derry | Rosemount | 1.90 |
| Derry | Strand | 1.80 |
| Derry | Ballynashallog | 1.63 |
| Down | Killyleagh | 2.84 |
| Down | Cathedral | 2.08 |
| Down | Murlough | 2.07 |
| Down | Drumaness | 1.97 |
| Down | Ballynahinch East | 1.79 |
| Dungannon | Ballysaggart | 2.62 |
| Dungannon | Coalisland South | 2.45 |
| Dungannon | Drumglass | 2.22 |
| Dungannon | Aughnacloy | 2.15 |
| Dungannon | Coalisland North | 2.11 |

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| Dungannon | Mullaghmore | 1.98 |
| Dungannon | Augher | 1.77 |
| Dungannon | Moy | 1.70 |
| Dungannon | Castlecaulfield | 1.63 |
| Dungannon | Coolhill | 1.63 |
| Fermanagh | Belcoo and Garrison | 2.92 |
| Fermanagh | Boho,Cleenish and Letterbreen | 2.90 |
| Fermanagh | Devenish | 2.84 |
| Fermanagh | Rossorry | 2.77 |
| Fermanagh | Ballinamallard | 2.60 |
| Fermanagh | Donagh | 2.53 |
| Fermanagh | Belleek and Boa | 2.40 |
| Fermanagh | Irvinestown | 2.38 |
| Fermanagh | Ederny and Lack | 2.30 |
| Fermanagh | Castlecoole | 2.28 |
| Fermanagh | Tempo | 2.27 |
| Fermanagh | Maguires Bridge | 2.13 |
| Fermanagh | Brookeborough | 2.08 |
| Fermanagh | Island | 2.08 |
| Fermanagh | Lisnaskea | 1.92 |
| Fermanagh | Lisbellaw | 1.90 |
| Fermanagh | Erne | 1.82 |
| Fermanagh | Newtownbutler | 1.69 |
| Fermanagh | Derrygonnelly | 1.63 |
| Lame | Kilwaughter | 2.73 |
| Lame | Craigy Hill | 2.32 |
| Lame | Town Parks | 2.04 |
| Lame | Central | 2.00 |
| Lame | Camlough | 1.80 |
| Lame | Ballyloran | 1.75 |
| Lame | Gardenmore | 1.63 |
| Limavady | Greestel | 2.90 |
| Limavady | Ballykelly | 2.80 |
| Limavady | Roeside | 2.80 |
| Limavady | Rathbrady | 2.70 |
| Limavady | Coolessan | 2.58 |
| Limavady | Binevenagh | 2.54 |
| Limavady | Glack | 2.50 |
| Limavady | Dungiven | 2.18 |
| Limavady | Aghanloo | 1.80 |
| Limavady | Forest | 1.73 |
| Lisbum | Twinbrook | 2.90 |
| Lisbum | Old Warren | 2.45 |
| Lisbum | Hilden | 2.28 |
| Lisbum | Kilwee | 2.13 |
| Lisbum | Ballymacoss | 2.07 |
| Lisbum | Dunmurry | 1.78 |
| Lisbum | Tonagh | 1.76 |
| Lisbum | Drumbo | 1.67 |
| Magherafelt | Gulladuff | 2.92 |
| Magherafelt | Tobermore | 2.87 |
| Magherafelt | Castledawson | 2.60 |
| Magherafelt | Upperlands | 2.59 |
| Magherafelt | Lecumpher | 2.46 |
| Magherafelt | Maghera | 2.11 |
| Magherafelt | Town Parks East | 1.98 |
| Magherafelt | Town Parks West | 1.95 |
| Magherafelt | Bellaghy | 1.65 |
| Moyle | Armoy | 2.65 |
| Moyle | Knocklayd | 2.52 |
| Moyle | Glentaisie | 2.46 |
| Moyle | Glenariff | 2.38 |
| Moyle | Bonamargy and Rathlin | 2.29 |
| Moyle | Ballylough | 2.17 |
| Moyle | Glemaan | 2.13 |
| Moyle | Kinbane | 2.07 |
| Moyle | Dalriada | 2.02 |
| Moyle | Moss-Side and Moyar | 1.99 |
| Moyle | Dunseverick | 1.77 |
| Moyle | Glendun | 1.76 |
| Moyle | Cammoon | 1.68 |
| Newry and Mourne | Daisy Hill | 2.60 |
| Newry and Mourne | Spelga | 2.55 |
| Newry and Mourne | Ballybot | 2.30 |
| Newry and Mourne | Rathfriland | 2.20 |
| Newry and Mourne | St Patrick's | 2.15 |
| Newry and Mourne | Mayobridge | 2.13 |
| Newry and Mourne | Newtownhamilton | 2.10 |

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| Newry and Mourne | Drumalane | 2.05 |
| Newry and Mourne | Kilkeel South | 2.01 |
| Newry and Mourne | Derrymore | 2.00 |
| Newry and Mourne | St Mary's | 2.00 |
| Newry and Mourne | Ballycrossan | 1.95 |
| Newry and Mourne | Drumgullion | 1.90 |
| Newry and Mourne | Forkhill | 1.83 |
| Newry and Mourne | Tullyhappy | 1.83 |
| Newry and Mourne | Fathom | 1.70 |
| Newry and Mourne | Windsor Hill | 1.69 |
| Newry and Mourne | Creggan | 1.67 |
| Newtownabbey | Hawthorne | 2.95 |
| Newtownabbey | Dunanney | 2.83 |
| Newtownabbey | Bradan | 2.54 |
| Newtownabbey | Coole | 2.40 |
| Newtownabbey | Valley | 2.35 |
| Newtownabbey | Doagh | 2.10 |
| Newtownabbey | Cammoney | 2.02 |
| Newtownabbey | Ballyhenry | 2.00 |
| Newtownabbey | Cloughfern | 1.84 |
| Newtownabbey | Monkstown | 1.72 |
| Newtownabbey | Ballynure | 1.71 |
| Newtownabbey | Ballyduff | 1.70 |
| Newtownabbey | Jordanstown | 1.67 |
| North Down | Whitehill | 2.23 |
| North Down | Dufferin | 2.08 |
| North Down | Crawfordsburn | 1.89 |
| North Down | Rathgael | 1.81 |
| North Down | Silverstream | 1.80 |
| North Down | Bloomfield | 1.65 |
| Omagh | Beragh | 2.94 |
| Omagh | Fintona | 2.70 |
| Omagh | Termon | 2.68 |
| Omagh | Trillick | 2.48 |
| Omagh | Drumquin | 2.28 |
| Omagh | Strule | 2.14 |
| Omagh | Camowen | 2.11 |
| Omagh | Killyclogher | 2.10 |
| Omagh | Dergmoney | 1.94 |
| Omagh | Gortrush | 1.68 |
| Strabane | Artigarvan | 2.80 |
| Strabane | Castledearg | 2.80 |
| Strabane | East | 2.74 |
| Strabane | Sion Mills | 2.55 |
| Strabane | North | 2.43 |
| Strabane | South | 2.38 |
| Strabane | West | 1.90 |
| Strabane | Finn | 1.73 |

The following electoral wards have dmf scores of 2.96 or above.

A dentist whose patient is aged 5 years and under with a home postcode address within one of these wards shall receive the payment set out in item 41(d) of Determination I.

A dentist whose patient is aged between 6 years and 17 years with a home postcode address within one of these wards shall receive the payment set out in item 41(e) of Determination I.

A dentist whose patient is aged 18 years or over with a home postcode address within one of these wards shall receive the payment set out in item 45(c) of Determination I.

| DISTRICT | WARD NAME | dmf |
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| Ards | Portaferry | 3.33 |
| Armagh | Callan Bridge | 3.10 |
| Ballymena | Craigwarren | 4.60 |
| Ballymoney | Dervock | 4.40 |
| Ballymoney | Knockaholet | 4.33 |
| Ballymoney | Seacon | 3.55 |
| Ballymoney | Clough Mills | 2.96 |
| Banbridge | Bannside | 3.00 |
| Belfast | New Lodge | 5.02 |
| Belfast | Bellevue | 4.82 |
| Belfast | Shankill | 4.50 |
| Belfast | Duncairn | 4.49 |
| Belfast | Glencairn | 4.32 |
| Belfast | Castleview | 4.21 |
| Belfast | Falls | 3.79 |
| Belfast | Whiterock | 3.69 |
| Belfast | Crumlin | 3.65 |
| Belfast | Cliftonville | 3.57 |
| Belfast | Glencolin | 3.50 |
| Belfast | Falls Park | 3.35 |
| Belfast | Beechmount | 3.34 |
| Belfast | Ladybrook | 3.30 |
| Belfast | Water Works | 3.27 |
| Belfast | Highfield | 3.25 |
| Belfast | Ballysillan | 3.17 |
| Belfast | Woodstock | 3.06 |
| Belfast | Upper Springfield | 3.04 |
| Belfast | Ardoyne | 3.01 |
| Coleraine | Dunluce | 4.75 |
| Coleraine | Garvagh | 3.78 |
| Coleraine | Churchland | 3.35 |
| Coleraine | Ballysally | 3.00 |
| Coleraine | Knockantern | 2.98 |
| Cookstown | Lissan | 4.13 |
| Derry | Claudy | 4.63 |
| Derry | Beechwood | 3.80 |
| Derry | Corrody | 3.80 |
| Derry | Brandywell | 3.15 |
| Derry | New Buildings | 3.10 |
| Down | Dunmore | 3.21 |
| Fermanagh | Derrylin | 3.35 |
| Limavady | Feeny | 4.25 |
| Limavady | Upper Glenshane | 3.37 |
| Limavady | The Highlands | 3.04 |
| Lisburn | Collin Glen | 4.04 |
| Lisburn | Maze | 4.00 |
| Lisburn | Derryaghy | 3.00 |
| Magherafelt | Draperstown | 3.69 |
| Magherafelt | Swatragh | 3.31 |
| Magherafelt | Valley | 3.26 |
| Moyle | Bushmills | 4.26 |
| Moyle | Glenshesk | 3.00 |
| Newry and Mourne | Crossmaglen | 3.40 |
| Newry and Mourne | Camlough | 3.10 |
| Newtownabbey | Abbey | 4.00 |
| North Down | Conlig | 4.00 |
| Omagh | Drumnakilly | 3.80 |

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| Omagh | Dromore | 3.53 |
| Omagh | Sixmilecross | 3.50 |
| Omagh | Coolnagard | 3.00 |
| Omagh | Fairy Water | 3.00 |
| Strabane | Clare | 4.35 |
| Strabane | Glenderg | 3.88 |
| Strabane | Victoria Bridge | 3.50 |
| Strabane | Newtownstewart | 3.25 |
| Strabane | Slievekirk | 3.13 |
| Strabane | Dunnamanagh | 3.07 |

DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION: PAYMENTS IN CONSEQUENCE OF SUSPENSION UNDER AN INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER OF THE HS TRIBUNAL

INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires -
- "the BSO" means the Business Services Organisation;
- "date of suspension" means the date of the direction of the Tribunal made pursuant to paragraph 8A(2) of Part I of Schedule 11 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 or to any corresponding Tribunal in England and Wales or Scotland pursuant to provisions in force in England and Wales or Scotland corresponding to those provisions;
- "dental list" means a dental list prepared by the BSO in accordance with the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (as amended) ("the 1993 Regulations");
- "dentist" means a registered dental practitioner;
- "financial year" means a period beginning on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March in the next year;
- "gross earnings" means the dentist's gross earnings from the provision of general dental services under Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended, and does not include remuneration by way of salary;
- "gross earnings for the test period" means the dentist's gross earnings over the duration of the test period;
- "period of suspension" means the period beginning with the date of the suspension order of the HS Tribunal or to any corresponding Tribunal in England and Wales, or Scotland and ending once the Tribunal has disposed of the case except where no appeal is brought against the decision to make a direction, until the end of the period for bringing an appeal, and where an appeal is brought against that decision, until the appeal has been exhausted;
- "suspended by direction of the Tribunal" means suspended as respects the provision of general dental services to patients by a direction of the Tribunal made pursuant to paragraph 8A(2) or 8B(1) of Part I of Schedule 11 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 or to any provisions in force in England and Wales or Scotland corresponding to those provisions;
- "suspension" means suspended by direction of the Tribunal;
- "test period" means the period of 12 months beginning on the date which falls 12 months before the date of suspension.
- (2) In this Determination, a reference to an enactment or statutory rule is to that enactment or statutory rule as amended or re-enacted by any subsequent enactment or statutory rule.
- (3) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

2. (1) A dentist who, at the date when the claim is made, satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim to the Department in accordance with paragraph 5, shall be entitled to payments in consequence of suspension calculated in accordance with paragraph 3.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is that the dentist's name has been included in the dental list for a period of at least 1 year, the last 26 weeks of which must be continuous and immediately precede the date of suspension.
- (3) In the case of a dentist who has undergone 1 year's approved vocational training immediately prior to the dentist's name being included in a dental list the 1 year referred to in sub-paragraph (2) shall be reduced to 26 weeks. This period must be continuous and immediately precede the date of suspension.

CALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE IN CONSEQUENCE OF SUSPENSION

3. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (4), the amount of the payment in consequence of suspension payable in respect of each week is the weekly rate equivalent of 80% of the dentist's gross earnings over the test period.
- (2) Where, for part of the test period, a dentist was employed as a vocational trainee, the dentist shall be treated for each financial year or part thereof in that test period as having had gross earnings calculated as follows in relation to the figures listed below -
- (a) where the dentist's contracted hours of employment each week were 35 hours or more, a sum equivalent to such proportion of the figure listed as the period of vocational training bears to the test period; or
- (b) where the dentist's contracted hours of employment each week were less than 35 hours, a sum calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) and discounted by a percentage equivalent to the difference between the dentist's contracted hours and 35,

and, for the purpose of calculating the dentist's gross earnings over the test period, that amount shall be added to the dentist's gross earnings for the remainder of the test period.

The sums referred to in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) are

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| For 2023/24 | £183,861.00 |
| For 2024/25 | £192,778.00 |
| For 2025/26 | £200,566.00 |

- (3) Where, prior to 1 April 2025 a dentist has received payments in consequence of suspension under an entitlement beginning before and continuing after that date, the payments already calculated under that entitlement falling due on or after that date shall not be increased.
- (4) Where sub-paragraph (3) does not apply and any part of the test period falls after 1 April 2024 and before 1 April 2025, then, for the purposes of calculation of the amount of payments in consequence of suspension only, the gross earnings earned in this part of the test period shall be increased by 4.04 per cent.
- (5) In the case to which paragraph 13 of Part I of Schedule 11 to the HPSS (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 applies, payments made under this determination shall be reduced to take account of any payments which the dentist receives for providing general dental services other than as a principal.

DURATION AND PAYMENT OF PAYMENTS IN CONSEQUENCE OF SUSPENSION

4. (1) A payment in consequence of suspension calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 shall be payable in respect of each week during the period of suspension.
- (2) Payments in consequence of suspension -
- (a) shall be payable monthly in arrears and only for complete weeks;
- (b) shall not be payable in respect of any week prior to the date of suspension nor any week falling more than 8 weeks before the date on which the dentist makes the dentist's claim unless the Department is satisfied that the lateness of the application is due to illness or some other reasonable cause.
- (c) shall, subject to sub-paragraph (d), cease to be payable once the Tribunal has disposed of the case.
- (d) Sub-paragraph (c) shall not apply -
- (i) where no appeal is brought against the decision to make a direction, until the end of the period for bringing an appeal, or
- (ii) where an appeal is brought against that decision, until the appeal process has been exhausted.
- (3) A dentist whose name has been removed from the dental list in accordance with regulation 9 of the 1993 Regulations (removal on grounds of age) shall cease to be entitled to payments in consequence of suspension under this Determination from the date that the Department was entitled to remove the dentist's name from the dental list.
- (4) Where a dentist who is in receipt of payments in consequence of suspension dies during the period of suspension the Department shall -
- (a) inform the BSO of the dentist's death and of the name and address of the dentist's executor or other personal representative; and
- (b) subject to paragraph 4(2) authorise the BSO to pay to such representative the balance of the payments due for the period of suspension prior to the dentist's death as were not paid at the date on which the dentist died.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN CONSEQUENCE OF SUSPENSION

5. A dentist or, where the dentist is incapable of applying, the person legally appointed to handle the dentist's financial affairs, shall make a claim for payments in consequence of suspension in writing to the Department. The claim shall contain or be supported by such information as the Department may reasonably require for the purpose of establishing the dentist's entitlement to payments.

AUTHORISATION TO THE BSO

6. Where the Department determines that a dentist is entitled to a payment in consequence of suspension, it shall inform the BSO of the amount of that payment and authorise the BSO to make payment to the dentist.