

To: All NI General Dental Practitioners

BY EMAIL

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Date: 11th August 2021

Dear Contractor,

Re: ITEMS OF SERVICE & COVID-19: SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021/22

Further to the Department of Health letter dated 09/08/2021 outlining the ongoing financial support arrangements for dentists for the remainder of 2021/22 please note the following:

In support of the arrangements outlined, the BSO requires all contractors who wish to avail of financial support to submit Items of Service claims on a timely basis and within stipulated deadlines for EDI/ FPPS (Portal) & Paper claims.

As you are aware abatement of FSS entitlements in month is linked to the IOS activity carried out in month; to this end it is imperative that all FPPS and EDI claims are submitted on a daily basis. Claims received after the applicable deadline date[s] for a particular month will not be counted towards Item of Service activity levels for the purposes of calculating FSS payments in that month.

Please note the deadline for paper claims is as outlined in the table below unless you are advised otherwise in writing by the Dental/Ophthalmic Service Manager in the BSO. The deadline for accepting paper HS45 claims either by hand delivery or postal service will be 12pm on the deadline date shown in the table below. This information is also available on the BSO web site at: https://hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2879.htm

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| * Paper Claims Deadline | ** EDI Claims Deadline | ** FPPS Portal Claims Deadline | BACS Payment Date |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 20th Dec 2020 | 6th Jan 2021 | 6th Jan 2021 | 20th Jan 2021 |
| 20th Jan 2021 | 8th Feb 2021 | 08th Feb 2021 | 19th Feb 2021 |
| 19th Feb 2021 | 8th Mar 2021 | 08th Mar 2021 | 19th Mar 2021 |
| 19th Mar 2021 | 07th Apr 2021 | 07th Apr 2021 | 20th Apr 2021 |
| 20th Apr 2021 | 07th May 2021 | 07th May 2021 | 20th May 2021 |
| 20th May 2021 | ^{07th} June 2021 | 07th June 2021 | 18th Jun 2021 |
| 18th Jun 2021 | 07th July 2021 | 07th July 2021 | 20th Jul 2021 |
| 20th Jul 2021 | 09th Aug 2021 | 09th Aug 2021 | 20th Aug 2021 |
| 20th Aug 2021 | 08th Sept 2021 | 08th Sept 2021 | 20th Sept 2021 |
| 20th Sept 2021 | 07th Oct 2021 | 07th Oct 2021 | 20th Oct 2021 |
| 20th Oct 2021 | 08th Nov 2021 | 08th Nov 2021 | 19th Nov 2021 |
| 19th Nov 2021 | 07th Dec 2021 | 07th Dec 2021 | 20th Dec 2021 |

Regards

Dental Payments Team