

Dear Colleague

1. AMENDMENT NO 135 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION
2. MAXIMUM PATIENT CHARGE

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the publication of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 135.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note:

2.1 that with effect from 1 October 2017 the revised Determination I to the SDR comes into force with a 2.25% increase in the fee-scale for all course of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2017**. Practitioner Services should pay a supplement of 2.25% for courses of treatment started in April to September 2017 and for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to September 2017. Practitioner Services should make backdated payments in the December 2017 schedule paid in January 2018;

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2.2 that with effect from 26 October 2017 the requirement to undertake clinical audit activities is being replaced with a requirement to undertake a broader range of quality improvement activities. Further information will be issued in due course about this change;

2.3 that with effect from 1 August 2017 the areas where recruitment and retention allowances are available have been amended.

3. The Memorandum to this letter provides more information on the changes to the SDR.

4. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are also asked to note that the maximum patient charge for a single course of treatment will remain £384.

5. NHS Boards are:

5.1 asked to **urgently** issue the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and dental bodies corporate on their dental lists;

5.2 asked to note that contractors have been advised that they can view or download Amendment No 135 to the SDR at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>. A pdf version of Amendment No 135 has also been provided to each NHS Board. If an individual contractor cannot access the electronic version of Amendment No 135 a hard copy should be provided by the NHS Board on request;

5.3 reminded of the need to ensure that they make Hospital Dental Service staff aware of the new scale of fees, which they require to calculate the proper patient charge element for certain dental appliances provided outwith general dental services.

Yours sincerely

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**DENTISTS/DENTAL BODIES CORPORATE
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

**1. AMENDMENT NO 135 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION
2. MAXIMUM PATIENT CHARGE**

1. This Memorandum advises of the publication of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 135. It also advises of the maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment.

Amendment No 135 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration

2. Amendment No 135 is the full SDR. This amendment will be available to view or download at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>. NHS Boards have been sent an electronic copy of the SDR. If you do not have internet access or other means of accessing the full SDR electronically you should contact your NHS Board.

Determination I (Scale of Fees – October 2017)

3. Following the publication of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body report for 2017/18, the Scottish Government has agreed that the gross remuneration of general dental practitioners should be increased by 2.25%.

4. The new fee scale will apply to all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2017**. Practitioner Services will pay a supplement of 2.25% for all courses of treatment started in April to September 2017, and where appropriate, for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to September 2017. Practitioner Services will make backdated payments in the December 2017 schedule paid in January 2018. The new patient charge should be used for courses of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2017**.

Determination III to XV

5. The allowances, payments and grants payable under Determination III to XV and the earnings required in order to qualify for these allowances, payments and grants remain the same.

Determination XI (Clinical Audit Allowances)

6. With effect from 26 October 2017 the requirement to undertake clinical audit activities is being replaced with a requirement to undertake a broader range of quality improvement activities. Further information will be issued in due course about this change.

Determination XIII (Recruitment and Retention Allowances)

7. With effect from 1 August 2017 the areas where recruitment and retention allowances are available to those joining sub-part A of the first part of a dental list i) within 3 months of completion of training; ii) for the first time; or iii) after a break of 5 years are being re-defined as follows:

- a designated area means “Orkney Health Board, Shetland Health Board and Western Isles Health Board;
- a non-designated area means “within the area of Dumfries and Galloway Health Board, Dumfries, and within the area of Highland Health Board, Invergordon, Lochgilphead, Nairn and Wick.

The recruitment and retention allowance is payable at a higher rate for designated areas, and at a lower rate for non-designated areas.

8. The changes at paragraph 6 and 7 above have been side-lined in Amendment No 135.

Maximum Patient Charge

9. Dentists are asked to note that the maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment will remain at £384.

Discretionary Fees and Payments

10. Practitioner Services will issue a separate communication in relation to discretionary fees and interim payments.

Enquiries

11. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate
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