

Dear Colleague

1. **FEE INCREASE – 2016/17**
2. **REVISED GP17 AND GP17PR FORMS**

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of an increase in the fee scale (Determination I of the Statement of Dental Remuneration) which takes effect from 1 October 2016. It also advises of the introduction of further revised GP17 and GP17PR forms.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the information regarding the increase in fees and revised GP17 and GP17PR contained in the Memorandum to this letter.

3. NHS Boards are asked to:

3.1 note that initial supplies of the revised GP17 and GP17PR, which retain the revision date of 04/16, will be sent to Board stores without request. As not all dentists require stocks of the GP17PR and others require lower stocks of the GP17 NHS Boards should **not** issue initial supplies of these forms to dentists. Supplies of these forms should only be issued on request from the dentist/practice – see the instructions to dentists contained in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum to this letter;

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3.2 destroy supplies of the current version of the GP17 and GP17PR when supplies of the revised version are received;

3.3 ensure that their stores are aware of the introduction of revised GP17 and GP17PR forms and the instructions for distribution of these and destruction of the current versions of these forms;

3.4. issue the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and dental bodies corporate on their dental lists.

Yours sincerely

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

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Fee Increase – 2016/17

2. Following the publication of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body report for 2016/17 the Scottish Government has agreed that the gross remuneration for general dental practitioners should be increased by 1.13%. This increase will be applied to item of service fees and capitation and continuing care payments.

3. The new fee scale will apply to all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2016**. The increase will be backdated, including the patient charge element, to 1 April 2016. An amendment to Determination I (Scale of Fees) of the Statement of Dental Remuneration which will bring the increase into effect will be issued at a later date.

Revised GP17 and GP17PR

4. The Memorandum to NHS: PCA(D)(2016)2, issued on 16 March 2016, advised of the introduction of revised GP17 and GP17PR forms as the result of the inclusion of a new entitlement box for those in receipt of Universal Credit (UC). As only those in receipt of UC with take home pay of:

- £435 or less per month; or
- £935 or less per month (if responsible for a child, or have a limited capability for work);

are entitled to free NHS dental treatment the GP17 and GP17PR have been further amended to clarify this by the insertion of the following wording to replace the current "Universal Credit" wording:

"Universal Credit (in the last assessment period there were no earnings, or earning within the allowed limit)".

5. Supplies of the revised version, which retains the revision date of 04/16, are being sent to NHS Boards and dentists should order these as follows:

Revised GP17:

- you should immediately place an order with your NHS Board store for stocks of the revised version of the GP17 and destroy any stocks of the current version when you receive your new forms;

Revised GP17PR:

- if you submit your claims electronically and you have stocks of the current version of the GP17PR continue to use these. You will receive the revised version of the GP17PR when you next re-order stocks from your NHS Board store;
- if you submit paper claims you will not require stocks of the GP17PR and if you were previously sent stocks of this form you should destroy these.

Enquiries

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

Scottish Government Healthcare Quality & Strategy Directorate
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