

Dear Colleague

AMENDMENT NO 143 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION

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 143, which takes effect from 1 March 2020.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the amendments to the SDR, which are included in the Memorandum to this letter.

3. NHS Boards are asked to:

3.1 issue the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and DBCs on their dental lists;

20 February 2020

Addresses

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3.2 note that dentists/DBsC have been advised that they can view or download Amendment No 143 to the SDR at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>. A pdf version of Amendment No 143 has also been provided to each NHS Board.

Yours sincerely,

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

Amendment No 143 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration

1. This Memorandum advises of the publication of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 143, which takes effect from 1 March 2020.
2. Amendment No 143 will be available to view or download at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>. The below changes have been side-lined in Amendment No 143.

Determination I (Scale of Fees)

Item 2(b) (Study casts)

3. Digital imaging solutions are available that allow the patient's mouth to be scanned and the image uploaded to the practice software and, where required, submitted to Practitioner Services. Where a digital image is taken, rather than hard study casts, there will be no extra cost to the dentist where a duplicate set is required, as the image will be stored. From 1 March 2020 it will no longer be possible to claim a fee under item 2(b) for the production of duplicate study casts where a digital image has been taken. A new proviso 4 is being added to Item 2 as follows:

4. no fee under item 2(b) shall be payable where a digital equivalent of a study cast has been taken.

Section XIII (Incomplete Treatment)

4. A new proviso 2 is being added to item 63 (fillings begun under items 14, 15 or 58, but not completed) to allow domiciliary care dentists to claim item 63 where it is not possible to provide a permanent filling for a patient registered with them in an assigned care home, as follows:

2. a fee under item 63(a) may be claimed by a domiciliary care dentist for the provision of a dressing where it is not possible to provide a permanent filling for a patient resident in an assigned care home, where the patient is in a continuing care arrangement with the domiciliary care dentist.

Determination V (Maternity Payments, Paternity Payments and Adoptive Leave Payments)

5. An amendment is being made to the earnings that can be taken into account for maternity payments.

6. The amount of maternity payments payable in respect of each week is the weekly rate equivalent of the dentist's net earnings over a test period. Maternity payments for a previous period of maternity are not included in the assessment of earnings for the calculation of

subsequent maternity payments as these payments are classed wholly as an expense, i.e. are netted off the dentist's gross earnings.

7. It is recognised that excluding previous maternity payments from the earnings calculation for subsequent periods of maternity could reduce payments for those dentists who have periods of maternity leave in close succession. The decision has therefore been taken to amend the definition of "net payments" in Determination V to allow previous maternity payments which fall within in the test period to be included in the assessment of earning for the calculation of subsequent maternity payments. This change will apply to any claims for maternity payments made on or after 1 March 2020.

8. Maternity payments are discretionary, not statutory, and as such there is no obligation to make any retrospective payments to dentists previously impacted by this situation. However, any dentist who has been affected by the exclusion of previous maternity payments from the test period earnings for the calculation of subsequent maternity payments in the last 3 years can write to Lorraine Bagen at Practitioner Services (Lorraine.bagen@nhs.net) for consideration of retrospective payments.

Determinations XIV (Practice Allowance) and XV (Reimbursement of Practice Expenses)

9. The definitions of "designated area" in paragraph 1(1) (interpretation) in Determinations XIV and XV are being amended to:

- within Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, Dalmellington and Patna and within Highland Health Board, Invergordon, Lochgilphead, Nairn and Wick;

to reflect the current areas where Scottish Dental Access Initiative grants are currently available.

Enquiries

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

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate
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