



Dear Colleague

**1. AMENDMENT NO 133 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 133, which takes effect from 1 October 2016. It also advises of the maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment.

**Action**

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

2.1 that with effect from 1 October 2016 the revised SDR comes into force including a 1.13% increase in the fee-scale for all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2016**. Practitioner Services should pay a supplement of 1.13% for courses of treatment started in April to September 2016 and for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to September 2016. Practitioner Services should make backdated payments in the November 2016 schedule paid in December. The Memorandum to this letter provides more information;

16 September 2016

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2.2 that the maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment will remain £384.

3. NHS Boards are:

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

3.2 asked to note that contractors have been advised that they can view or download Amendment No 133 to the SDR at <http://www.scotishdental.org/>. A pdf version of Amendment No 133 has also been provided to each NHS Board. If an individual contractor cannot access the electronic version of Amendment No 133 a hard copy should be provided by the NHS Board on request.

3.3 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**

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**Amendment No 133 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration**

2. Amendment No 133 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 2016)**

3. The Memorandum to NHS: PCA(D)(2016)7 advised that, following the publication of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body (DDRB) report for 2016/17, the Scottish Government has agreed that the gross remuneration for general dental practitioners should be increased by 1.13%.

4. The new fee scale will apply to all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2016**. Practitioner Services will pay a supplement of 1.13% for all courses of treatment started in April to September 2016, and where appropriate, for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to September 2016. Practitioner Services will make backdated payments in the November 2016 schedule paid in December. The new patient charge should be used for courses of treatment **started on or after 1 October 2016**.

**Determinations III to XV**

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

**Maximum Patient Charge**

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

**Enquiries**

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

Scottish Government Health and Social Care  
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