



Dear Colleague

REVISED GP17(O) FORM

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the introduction of a further revised GP17(O) from 1 January 2017.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the information in the Memorandum to this letter.

3. NHS Boards are asked to:

3.1 note that initial supplies of the revised GP17(O), which has a revision date of 04/16, will be sent to Board stores without request by 15 December;

3.2 destroy supplies of the current version of the GP17(O) from 1 January 2017;

3.3 ensure that their stores are aware of the introduction of the revised GP17(O) form and the instruction for distribution of these, at paragraph 4 below, and destruction of the current version of the form;

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Addresses

For action

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3.4 ensure that their stores have the addresses of orthodontic practices in their NHS Board area and the number of orthodontists within these practices;

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

4. Not all dentists require stocks of the revised GP17(O). NHS Boards are therefore asked to ensure that their stores **urgently** issue, without request, initial supplies of these forms to orthodontic practices only **by 21 December 2016**. An initial supply of 200 per orthodontist should be sent to each orthodontic practice. Supplies of these forms should only be issued to non-orthodontic practices on request – see the instructions to dentists contained in paragraph 4 of the Memorandum to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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**DENTISTS/DENTAL BODIES CORPORATE
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
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REVISED GP17(O) FORMS

1. This Memorandum advises of the introduction of a further revised GP17(O).
2. The Memorandum to NHS: PCA(D)(2016)2, issued on 16 March 2016, advised that a revised GP17(O) form would be introduced as the result of the inclusion of a new entitlement box for those in receipt of Universal Credit (UC). Dentists who provide orthodontic treatment may have received this revised version of the GP17(O) with the new Universal Credit box. However, 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(O) has 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 earnings within the allowed limit)".

3. The opportunity has also been taken to update Part 3 of the GP17(O), including:
 - simplifying Part A (if you have to pay);
 - removing information that is no longer required, e.g. there is no longer a need for those under aged 18 in full time education to include the name of their school/college or for pregnant/nursing mothers to provide the expected date of birth/date of birth of their baby.
4. Supplies of the revised version of the GP17(O), which has a revision date of 04/16, are being sent to NHS Boards. Dentists are asked to note that:
 - initial supplies of the revised GP17(O) will be sent without request to orthodontic practices by 21 December 2016. Contact your NHS Board stores if these are not received by 22 December;
 - non-orthodontic practices that provide some orthodontic treatment should request supplies of the revised GP17(O) from their NHS Board stores.
5. Orthodontic practices should use the revised form for any courses of orthodontic treatment started on or after 1 January 2017. Non-orthodontic practices should use the revised form on receipt of requested supplies but not before 1 January 2017. Any stocks of the current version of the GP17(O) should be destroyed from 1 January 2017.

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

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate
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