



Dear Colleague

**1. AMENDMENT NO 139 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION: INCREASES IN THE**

- **FEE SCALE**
- **PRIOR APPROVAL LEVEL**
- **VOCATIONAL TRAINEE SALARY**
- **GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE ALLOWANCE CAP**

**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 139. 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 November 2018 the revised Determination I to the SDR comes into force with a 2.55% increase in the fee scale for all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 November 2018**. Practitioner Services should pay a supplement of 2.55% for courses of treatment started in April to October 2018 and for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to October 2018. Practitioner Services should make

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backdated payments in the November 2018 schedule paid in December;

2.2 the prior approval limit set down Section XV of Determination I to the SDR is being increased to £410 for courses of treatment started on or after 1 November 2018;

2.3 the salary payable for vocational trainees under Determination IV will increase to £2,589.75 per month (£31,077 per annum) with effect from 1 April 2018;

2.4 the maximum General Dental Practice Allowance (GDPA) that can be paid under Determination XIV to a practice in any 12 months period is being increased to £88,000. The increased cap will be introduced from the GDPA quarter ending December 2018.

2.5 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 139 to the SDR at <http://www.scottishdental.org/>. A pdf version of Amendment No 139 has also been provided to each NHS Board. If an individual contractor cannot access the electronic version of Amendment No 139 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 fee scale, 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 139 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration**

2. Amendment No 139 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 means of accessing the full SDR electronically you should contact your NHS Board.

**Determination I**

**Scale of Fees – November 2018**

3. Following the publication of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body report for 2018/19, the Scottish Government has agreed that the gross remuneration of general dental practitioners should be increased by 2.55%.

4. The new fee scale will apply to all courses of treatment **started on or after 1 November 2018**. Practitioner Services will pay a supplement of 2.55% for all courses of treatment started in April to October 2018, and where appropriate, for continuing care and capitation payments made in April to October 2018. Practitioner Services will make backdated payments in the November 2018 schedule paid in December. The new patient charge should be used for courses of treatment **started on or after 1 November 2018**.

**Conditions of Payment of Remuneration and Submission of Dental Payment Claim (Section XV)**

5. The prior approval limit set down in paragraph 2(3) of Section XV is being increased to £410 for courses of treatment started on or after 1 November 2018.

## **Determination IV (Vocational Training Allowances)**

6. The salary payable for vocational trainees under Determination IV will increase to £2,598.75 per month (£31,077 per annum) with effect from 1 April 2018.

## **Determination XIV (Practice Allowances)**

7. The maximum General Dental Practice Allowance (GDPA) that can be paid under Determination XIV to a practice in any 12 months period is being increased to £88,000. The increased cap will be introduced from the GDPA quarter ending December 2018 for the 12 month period running to the quarter ending 30 September 2019 and each subsequent 4 quarters thereafter.

## **Maximum Patient Charge**

8. The maximum patient charge for a single course of NHS dental treatment will remain at £384.

## **Enquiries**

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

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate  
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