



Dear Colleague

Summary

1. The letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the intention to defer the coming-into-force date for electronic submission of orthodontic payment claim forms and requests for prior approvals from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2020.

Action

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the information contained in the Memorandum
3. NHS Boards are asked to issue the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and DBCs on their dental lists.

Yours sincerely,

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**DENTISTS/DENTAL BODIES CORPORATE
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**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF ORTHODONTIC PAYMENT CLAIM FORMS AND
REQUESTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL**

Summary

1. This Memorandum advises of the intention to defer the coming-into-force date for electronic submission of orthodontic payment claim forms and requests for prior approvals from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2020.

Background

2. The NHS (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 were amended in 2017 to allow a phased programme of change to require electronic submission of claim and prior approval forms.

3. We are now advising that the third phase of this programme – the date required for the electronic submission of orthodontic payment claims forms and requests for prior approvals – is being deferred from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2020. This is to allow additional time for certain software suppliers to meet the requirement for electronic submission. Amendment regulations to provide for this deferral will come-into-force on 1 December 2018.

4. Practices submitting orthodontic payment claim forms and requests for prior approval may continue to submit paper forms until the revised date. However, Practitioner Services will still be in a position to receive electronic orthodontic payment claims forms and requests for prior approvals from 1 January 2019. Practices are therefore encouraged to submit electronically when their respective software supplier has an accredited solution available to facilitate electronic submission.

Enquiries

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

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate
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