

Determination 1 – Treatment Items

Oral Health Examination and Diagnosis (6 items)

1(a) Extensive Clinical Examination

- Extensive clinical exam, advice, charting, and report. This should normally include:
 - a medical and dental history update;
 - charting of missing/present teeth;
 - appropriate charting and/or monitoring of any malocclusions;
 - a soft tissue exam;
 - a caries risk assessment;
 - a basic periodontal exam and periodontal risk/status;
 - oral hygiene status;
 - any relevant non-carious tooth surface loss;
 - recording of information on habits affecting oral health and provision of advice (where required) on: behaviour, diet, smoking, alcohol, and drug use;
 - clinical photographs, where required.
- Based on patient's known dental history the recall frequency for item 1(a) may be 12, 18 or 24 months if deemed clinically appropriate.
- This item cannot be claimed again within 11 calendar months.

1(b) Review Examination

- Appointment for clinical review between examinations based on patient risk factors identified in 1(a). This item may include, but is not limited to:
 - reviews required between examinations;
 - review of trauma following initial treatment;
 - patients with high caries rates;
 - review of suspicious lesions;
 - review of periodontal status;
 - review of tooth surface loss;
 - review of TMJ dysfunction;
 - review of orthodontic status
- No time bar on claims but must be based on clinical risk factors.
- Item 1(b) cannot be claimed as part of an open course of treatment where 1(a) has been, or can be, claimed for that course of treatment.

1(c) Unscheduled care assessment and treatment

- Unscheduled assessment and treatment of acute conditions. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - periodontal abscess;
 - orthodontic problems;
 - incision and drainage;

- periapical periodontitis
- arrest of haemorrhage;
- all bacterial, viral, ulcerative and fungal conditions;
- trauma
- pericoronitis
- denture adjustment
- stoning/smoothing sharp cusp/tooth
- recement of crown, conventional bridge, resin retained bridge, inlay, onlay or veneer.

- This item can be claimed when a patient needs to be seen for unscheduled care and there is no other item in Determination I that can be claimed.
- This item cannot be claimed in connection with items in section 7 if those items have been provided within the previous 3 calendar months.

1(d) Intraoral Radiograph

- This includes:
 - periapical films on posterior and/or anterior teeth
 - horizontal and vertical bite wings for posterior teeth
 - occlusal films for the floor of the mouth and/or the palate
- This can be provided as required based on clinical need and in line with current IR(ME)R guidance.

1(e) Extraoral Radiograph

- This includes:
 - Panoramic (OPG) films
 - Lateral cephalogram
- This can be provided as required based on clinical need and in line with current IR(ME)R guidance.

1(f) Study models

- This can be claimed for either cast or digital study models.
- This can only be claimed for orthodontic treatment, bridgework, to monitor tooth surface loss, and where study models have been requested by PSD.
- This item cannot be claimed more than once in any 11 complete calendar months, except in connection with orthodontic treatment (where it can be claimed up to twice per course of treatment).

Preventive Care (5 items)

2(a) Enhanced preventive advice and treatment

- Enhanced preventive care advice and treatment which must include:

- oral hygiene instruction;
- tooth brushing and interdental cleaning demonstrations;
- It may also include, where appropriate:
 - alcohol and smoking cessation advice;
 - dietary advice;
 - discussion of risk and medical factors including, but not limited to, medication, diabetes and pregnancy;
 - application of fluoride varnish;
 - Professional Mechanical Plaque Removal (PMPR) of supra-gingival calculus.
- This item cannot be claimed alongside item 2(c) or 2(d).
- This item cannot be claimed again within two complete calendar months.

2(b) Fissure sealants

- The application of fissure sealants, as a primary preventive measure, to pits and fissures of:
 - unfilled permanent molar teeth or hypoplastic premolars within 2 years of their eruption; or
 - unfilled retained deciduous molar teeth;
- For patients with special care needs or those with high caries risk this can be claimed for replacement fissure sealants beyond 2 years of eruption of teeth.
- This item cannot be claimed again for the same teeth within 23 complete calendar months, unless the patient has special care needs or has a high caries risk.

2(c) Periodontal assessment and treatment for patients with a BPE of 3 or 4 and/or interdental bone loss (standard)

- Periodontal assessment must include:
 - recording of medical history, including: diabetes and pregnancy;
 - recording of modifiable risk factors such as smoking;
 - recording of pocket charting for appropriate sextants;
 - recording of plaque and bleeding scores;
 - radiographs (if clinically necessary);
 - recording of mobility, if present;
 - charting of furcation lesions, if present;
 - providing a treatment plan to the patient and explaining the patient's role in the treatment.
- Treatment may include:
 - Professional Mechanical Plaque Removal (PMPR) with supra and sub-gingival scaling in areas up to 4mm to allow for assessment;

- subgingival PMPR/root surface instrumentation of pockets of 4mm or more where sub-gingival deposits are present or bleed on probing;
 - oral hygiene instruction;
 - tooth brushing and interdental cleaning demonstrations, including asking the patient to practise;
 - lifestyle modification advice, such as: diet, physical activity, smoking cessation, alcohol consumption
- No claim can be made under item 2(c) unless a periodontal review appointment, with a 6 point pocket chart, has been undertaken not less than 3 months following active treatment under a previous claim for item 2(c) or 2(d).
 - Where more than one sextant is affected and requires treatment over additional appointments item 2(e) can also be claimed.

2(d) Periodontal assessment and treatment for patients with a BPE of 3 or 4 (enhanced)

- Periodontal re-assessment must include:
 - pocket charting
 - radiographs (if clinically necessary)
 - recording of mobility if present
 - charting of bleeding on probing
 - charting of furcation lesions if present
 - recording of plaque score
 - risk factors
 - behaviours
 - providing a treatment plan to the patient and explaining the patient's role in the treatment.
- Treatment for managing non-responding sites may include:
 - Repeating subgingival instrumentation on moderate residual (4-5mm) pockets;
 - Deep residual pocketing (greater than or equal to 6mm);
 - Reinforce oral hygiene instruction, risk factor modification and behaviour change advice;
 - Alternative causes for failure to respond to treatment should be considered at this stage.
- No claim can be made under item 2(d) unless a periodontal review appointment, with 6 point pocket chart, has been undertaken not less than 3 months following active treatment under a previous claim for item 2(c) or 2(d).
- Where more than one sextant is affected and requires treatment over multiple appointments item 2(e) can also be claimed.

2(e) Additional Periodontal Appointment Supplement

- This can be claimed alongside 2(c) or 2(d) where treatment over multiple appointments is required. This can only be claimed where treatment is required in more than one sextant.

- This item can be claimed up to a maximum of three times per course of treatment.

Restorative Treatment (8 items)

3(a) Filling (2 surfaces or less)

- Clinically necessary fillings for permanent or deciduous teeth, can be provided in an appropriate material.
 - Amalgam fillings should not normally be provided for:
 - patients under 15 years of age;
 - patients with retained deciduous teeth;
 - patients who are pregnant or breastfeeding within 12 months of the birth;
 - in canine or incisor teeth; or
 - where there is a consultant's letter recommending amalgam should not be used.
 - Composite fillings, except for sealant restorations, should not normally be provided for: premolar or molar teeth, under item 3(a), where the filling involves the occlusal surface where this is for aesthetic reasons only.
- Fillings must include the provision of any linings, pulp capping or other preparatory treatment (including rubber dam) as required.
- This item cannot be claimed again, by the same dentist, for the same surface(s) within 11 calendar months of the original treatment.

3(b) Filling (3 surfaces or more)

- Clinically necessary fillings for permanent or deciduous teeth, can be provided in an appropriate material.
 - Amalgam fillings should not normally be provided for:
 - patients under 15 years of age;
 - patients with retained deciduous teeth;
 - patients who are pregnant or breastfeeding within 12 months of the birth;
 - in canine or incisor teeth; or
 - where there is a consultant's letter recommending amalgam should not be used as a filling material.
 - Composite fillings should not normally be provided for: premolar or molar teeth, under item 3(b), where the filling involves the occlusal surface where this is for aesthetic reasons only.
- Fillings must include the provision of any linings, pulp capping or other preparatory treatment (including rubber dam) as required.
- This item cannot be claimed again, by the same dentist, for the same surface(s) within 11 calendar months of the original treatment.

3(c) Composite supplement

- Additional fee for the use of composite resin under item 3(a) or 3(b).
- This item can only be claimed in connection with treatment involving the restoration of the mesial and/or distal marginal ridge of a pre-molar or molar tooth for:
 - patients under 15 years of age;
 - patients who are pregnant or breastfeeding within 12 months of the birth; or
 - where there is a consultant's letter recommending amalgam should not be used as a filling material.
- This item cannot be claimed again, by the same dentist, for the same surface(s) within 11 calendar months of the original treatment.

3(d) Endodontic Treatment (Incisor/Canine/Premolar)

- This item may include:
 - the filling of a root canal of a permanent tooth with radio-opaque filling material; and/or
 - the opening of root canal(s) for drainage, pulp extirpation, and/or incision of an abscess;
- This item also includes the provision of any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment.

3(e) Endodontic Treatment (Molar)

- This item may include:
 - the filling of a root canal of a permanent tooth with radio-opaque filling material;
 - the opening of root canal(s) for drainage, pulp extirpation, and/or incision of an abscess;
- This item also includes the provision of any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment.

3(f) Pulpotomy

- Amputation of the coronal pulp/portion of the tooth.
- This item also includes the provision of any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment.

3(g) Re-root Canal Treatment Supplement

- This item may only be claimed alongside item 3(d) or 3(e) where a re-root canal treatment is required and the pre-operative radiograph shows evidence that a previous root treatment had been in place.
- This cannot be claimed for the same root canal, by the original treating dentist, within 11 calendar months of the original treatment.

3(h) Internal bleaching

- Internal bleaching for successful root-filled, minimally restored, incisors and canines.

- This item cannot be claimed with a crown or a bridge on the same tooth.
- This item can be claimed with item 7(g) for single tooth external bleaching.

Extra coronal restorations (7 items)

4(a) Provisional Crown/Bridge and Stainless Steel Crown

- Provisional crowns and bridges can be provided using any suitable material deemed clinically necessary.
- Stainless steel crowns can be provided:
 - for deciduous teeth;
 - for permanent 1st molar teeth when recommended by an orthodontist as part of a course of orthodontic treatment;
 - as a provisional measure on any molar as part of palliative care.
- This item also includes the provision of any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment.
- This item cannot be claimed again, by the same dentist, for the same tooth within 11 complete calendar months, unless in connection with trauma.
- This item also cannot be claimed, by the same dentist, for the same tooth within 11 complete calendar months of providing item 4(b), 4(c), 4(f) or 4(g).

4(b) Crown Placement

- Crowns can be provided using any suitable material deemed clinically necessary. Tooth coloured crowns should not normally be placed on teeth distal to the second premolar unless it is clinically necessary.
- This item also includes the provision of any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment.
- This item cannot be claimed:
 - by the dentist who provided the original crown, if a repair or replacement is required within 11 calendar months, unless it is required as a result of trauma;
 - alongside 3(f) within a 12 month period.

4(c) Post Core retention for crown

- Post core retention for crown using any suitable material deemed required.

4(d) Inlay/Onlay Placement

- Inlays/Onlays can be provided using any suitable material deemed clinically necessary. Tooth coloured inlays/onlays should not normally be placed on teeth distal to the second premolar unless it is clinically necessary.

- This item also includes the provision of any necessary dressings and all other preparatory treatment.

4(e) Veneers

- Veneers can be provided for patients with fully erupted dentition, using any suitable material deemed clinically necessary for teeth anterior to the first premolar, and subject to satisfactory periapical condition of the abutment teeth, periodontal status, general standard of oral hygiene and occlusion.

4(f) Conventional Bridge (per unit)

- Bridges can be provided for patients with stable and fully erupted dentition, normally at least 6 months after extraction, and subject to satisfactory periapical condition of the abutment teeth, periodontal status, general standard of oral hygiene and occlusion.
- Bridges can be provided using any suitable material deemed clinically necessary.
- Bridges should have an adequate retainer to pontic ratio – normally not more than one pontic per retainer in cantilever bridges, two pontics per retainer in fixed movable bridges, and three pontics per two retainers in other bridges.
- Bridge work to replace molar teeth must be necessary for the stability of the occlusion only.
- This item includes:
 - all preparatory treatment required, including study models, dressings, pulp capping;
 - retainers;
 - pontics in a suitable material deemed clinically necessary.
- This item cannot be claimed to repair or replace a bridge where the same dentist provided the original bridge for the same teeth within 11 complete calendar months.

4(g) Resin Retained Bridge (per unit)

- Bridges can be provided for patients with stable and fully erupted dentition, normally at least 6 months after extraction, and subject to satisfactory periapical condition of the abutment teeth, periodontal status, general standard of oral hygiene and occlusion.
- Bridges can be provided using any suitable material deemed clinically necessary.
- Bridges should have an adequate retainer to pontic ratio – normally not more than one pontic per retainer in cantilever bridges, two pontics per retainer in fixed movable bridges, and three pontics per two retainers in other bridges.
- Bridge work to replace molar teeth must be necessary for the stability of the occlusion.
- This item includes:

- all preparatory treatment required, including study models, dressing, pulp capping;
- retainers;
- pontics in a suitable material deemed clinically necessary.
- This item cannot be claimed to repair or replace a bridge where the same dentist provided the original bridge for the same teeth within 11 complete calendar months.

Extractions (3 Items)

5(a) Extraction

- Extractions of permanent or deciduous teeth for adults and children.
- This item includes all required post-operative care and advice, except where urgent unscheduled care is required within a separate appointment in connection with item 1(c).

5(b) Surgical Extraction

- Surgical extractions of permanent or deciduous teeth for adults and children, which may include the removal of:
 - buried roots;
 - an unerupted tooth;
 - an impacted tooth, including those requiring bone removal;
 - soft tissue incision;
 - muco-periosteal flap
- This item includes all required post-operative care and advice, including the removal of sutures, except where urgent unscheduled care is required within a separate appointment in connection with item 1(c).
- No fee shall be payable under item 5(b) unless appropriate radiographs are available

5(c) Surgical removal of 3rd molar teeth

- Surgical Extractions of 3rd molars involving:
 - impacted partially or unerupted teeth;
 - raising of a muco-periosteal flap;
 - division/decoration of tooth/roots.
- This item includes all required post-operative care and advice, including the removal of sutures, except where urgent unscheduled care is required within a separate appointment in connection with item 1(c).
- No fee shall be payable under item 5(c) unless appropriate radiographs are available

Sedation (2 items)

6(a) Sedation Assessment

- Provision of a sedation assessment, according to current conscious sedation guidelines, by those who have received appropriate sedation training.
- This item can be claimed even if a patient does not receive sedation for the course of treatment.
- This item cannot be claimed by the same dentist more than once per course of treatment.

6(b) Sedation

- Provision of sedation using either:
 - a single intravenous sedative agent; or
 - inhalation sedation (using a dedicated machine capable of delivering a fixed maximum level of nitrous oxide and a fixed minimum level of oxygen).
- This item can be claimed for any course of treatment where, in the opinion of the dentist, the treatment could not otherwise be carried out.
- Where a course of treatment is carried out over multiple appointments, this item can be claimed each time a patient is sedated.

Prosthesis (7 items)

7(a) Acrylic Dentures (partial)

- Provision of a partial denture in synthetic resin, which includes:
 - all necessary backing and name tagging;
 - the provision of all necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners;
 - any adjustments needed within 3 complete calendar months after completion.

7(b) Acrylic Dentures (full)

- Provision of a full denture in synthetic resin, which includes:
 - all necessary backing and name tagging;
 - the provision of all necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners;
 - any adjustments needed within 3 complete calendar months after completion

7(c) Cobalt Chrome Denture

- Provision of a full or partial cobalt chrome denture, for patients with stable and fully erupted dentition, where an acrylic denture is not suitable for a patient. This should not be provided until a suitable period after extraction, normally 3 months and is subject to satisfactory periapical condition of the abutment teeth, periodontal status, general standard of oral health, and occlusion. This includes:
 - all necessary backing and name tagging;

- the provision of all necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners;
 - any adjustments needed within 3 complete calendar months after completion.
- 7(d) Special trays
- Provision of a special tray in relation to dentures.
 - This item can only be claimed alongside items 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c).
- 7(e) Addition, reline, or repair of a denture
- Any addition to a denture, including additional teeth, and clasps
 - Lab or chair-side reline or repair of a denture
 - This item cannot be claimed by the original dentist within 3 complete calendar months of item 7(a), 7(b), or 7(c).
- 7(f) Acid etched splint
- Provision of an acid etched splint for the splinting of avulsed, luxated or mobile teeth, designed to allow primary healing to take place.
 - This includes all necessary materials and removal of splints.
- 7(g) Laboratory made soft splints/fluoride trays/trauma retainers/external bleaching tray
- Provision of a laboratory processed soft occlusal appliance used for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes in connection with parafunctional clenching, grinding of teeth and/or temporomandibular disorder.
 - This includes all necessary materials.
 - This item can only be claimed for external bleaching of specific teeth in connection with item 3(g).

Domiciliary Visits and Recalled Attendance (1 item)

- 8 Domiciliary visit and recalled attendance
- Additional fee per location which can be claimed when a dentist provides a domiciliary visit, either at a patient's home or at a care home, or has to return to the practice when it is not normally open for an emergency.
 - This item can be claimed in addition to all the required items of treatment that are provided.
 - This item cannot be claimed by GDPs providing enhanced skills in domiciliary care or by the PDS.