



Dear Colleague

AMENDMENT NO. 168 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION

Summary

1. This circular advises of Amendment No. 168 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), which provides for changes to:
 - Item 1-(c) Unscheduled care assessment and treatment; and
 - Item 2-(b) Fissure sealants.
2. This amendment will be effective from 1 November 2025.

Item 1-(c) Unscheduled Care Assessment and Treatment

3. Item 1-(c) is being updated to add the following conditions/treatments to the list of potential reasons for the appointment:
 - sensitivity;
 - temporary filling/dressing;
 - pulpitis/extirpation

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Addresses

For action

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- periapical abscess;
 - dry socket; and
 - TMJ/TMJD.
4. Please note that the list of conditions/treatments is not exhaustive and item 1-(c) can still be claimed for other reasons when there is no other item in Determination I that can be claimed.
5. The changes to item 1-(c) will be effective from 1 November 2025.

Item 2-(b) Fissure Sealants

6. Item 2-(b) is being updated to reflect changes to the SDCEP guidance regarding which teeth may benefit from the application of fissure sealants as a primary preventive measure.
7. Therefore, fissure sealants may also be applied to the following unfilled teeth within two years of their eruption:
- deciduous molar teeth; and
 - upper permanent lateral incisors.
8. For patients with special care needs or those with high caries risk fissure sealants can also be claimed for these teeth for initial fissure sealants beyond two years of eruption and additional applications of fissure sealants after 23 complete calendar months from the last application.
9. The change to item 2-(b) will be effective from 1 November 2025.

Action

10. NHS Boards are requested to issue this circular to all dentists and dental bodies corporate on their dental lists.

Enquiries

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

Yours sincerely,



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