



## Business Services Authority

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Dear Dental Provider

This letter covers various issues relating to Year End reporting, the implementation of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body's (DDRB) recommendations on dentist pay, the increase to patient charges for courses of dental treatment started on or after 1 April 2007 and other amendments to the GDS and PDS regulations.

#### Year End Reporting

As year end is now rapidly approaching on 31<sup>st</sup> March, we are resending you the technical guidance which was sent to you all in December. There is a small change in note 3, which clarifies the time limit on submission of schedule queries relating to 2006/07 activity. This reissue of the guidance will help remind you of how the DPD will be processing your FP17 activity forms to create the Annual Reconciliation Report. This report will give the year-end position on your contract for UDAs/UOAs, patient charges and other breakdowns from your FP17 activity submissions relating to 2006/07. This report will be sent out by the DPD, on behalf of PCTs, to all contractors and will reach you by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007. An example of what this report will look like will be published on [www.dpb.nhs.uk](http://www.dpb.nhs.uk) by the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

To clarify issues that have been raised with the DPD helpdesk on the Year End Guidance, the cut-off date for receipt of all FP17 activity forms for courses of treatments completed up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> March is the **31<sup>st</sup> May 2007**. Any forms received after this date will be processed but you will **not** be credited with the UDAs/UOAs due to the forms being out of time in accordance with the dental regulations. For clarification, any course of treatment started prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 but not completed until after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 should be treated as normal and the FP17 activity report sent to the DPD after the treatment has been completed. The UDAs/UOAs associated with those treatments will be attributed to your 2007/08 activity because the completion date was in that year.

#### Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body Recommendation

The recommendations of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review body will result in the following uplifts to contracts open at the time the uplift is applied. The DPD will be carrying out the DDRB uplifts on behalf of PCTs but you are responsible for informing your PCT of any subsequent uplift to your performers' superannuable pay for 2007/08.

Total contract values will be increased by 2.765% on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and a further increase of 0.229% will be applied from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007. The combined increase is 3.0%

Vocational training payments will increase as follows:

Training grant – will increase to £715.50 a month from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and then to £719.00 a month from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007.

Salary paid to a vocational trainee – will increase to £2,384.00 a month from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and then to £2396.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007.

Service costs to the contractor for employing a vocational trainee – will increase to £5,027.00 a month from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and then to £5039.00 a month from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007.

### **Patient Charge Increases**

It has been announced that patient charges will increase as follows for all courses of dental treatment started on or after 1 April 2007. New posters including the revised patient charge rates have been prepared and will be sent to you from your PCT by 1 April 2007. Practices should note that it is a contractual requirement to ensure the poster is displayed prominently at your premises. Additionally your PCT will send you copies of the new patient leaflet “NHS Dentistry: information for patients” which also includes the revised charge rates. From 1 April any remaining copies of the old posters and leaflets should be removed and recycled.

For a course of treatment commenced on or after 1 April 2007 the patient charge will be :

Band 1	£15.90
Band 2	£43.60
Band 3	£194.00
Urgent course	£15.90

The Dental Charges regulations have also been amended in Schedule 3 (Band 3 Charges – Provision of Appliances) in the list of appliances for which a Band 3 charge may be made to clarify the materials which may be used. In paragraph (m) “bridges in other materials”, as amended the reference now reads “bridges in other *non-metallic* materials.

### **Amendments to the GDS and PDS Regulations**

The GDS Regulations and PDS Regulations are also amended by adding in Schedule 2 of those Regulations a further dental activity in respect of conservation treatment of deciduous teeth in a patient who is aged under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment. The effect of this change is to clarify that conservation treatment of deciduous teeth in patients who are aged under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment attracts 3.0 units of dental activity, ie a Band 2 course of treatment. The regulations were previously silent on how this treatment should be categorised, because it is appropriate only for children and therefore not mentioned in the charging bands listed in Schedules 1 to 4 to the Dental Charges Regulations.

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