



## Dental Schedule Communications

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Welcome to the Schedule Communications where you will find all our latest news and useful information.

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### Dental Reform – Determination I

The Scottish Government has revised the items and codes within [Determination I of the Statement of Dental Remuneration \(SDR\)](#) with the exception of Orthodontic (Item 32) items which remain unchanged. The associated fees and changes have been detailed in [PCA\(D\)\(2023\)5](#). These changes will take place from 1 November 2023.

The changes have an impact on the existing claims processes and procedures. We have published [guidance](#) on our website to help you and your team understand the changes. **Please take time to familiarise yourself with the changes ahead of 1 November 2023 and share this within your practice.**

More information is available in a [letter](#) from the Chief Dental Officer and a [FAQ](#) on Payment Reform published by the Scottish Government.

### REMINDER to use photographs to present models for general dental treatment Prior Approvals

Study casts should be photographed and attached as digital images, rather than posted to us as physical evidence.

The views we require are:

- Views of each model from an occlusal direction – either singly, or placed side by side, and
- 3 views in occlusion – from an anterior frontal perspective, and right and left lateral views.

**This clarification does NOT apply to orthodontic treatment cases:** please continue to provide models in the usual way for orthodontic prior approval claims either physically to Prior Approval at the address detailed on our [mail delivery guide](#) or digitally scanned and attached to the prior approval claim in “.stl” or “.PLY” format. Models are not required for cases graded IOTN 5 unless requested by the Prior Approval Team.

### **REMINDER - Rent reimbursement - GP234 form**

All practices that wish to claim for reimbursement of practice rental costs for financial year 2023/24 were required to submit an up to date GP234 form to us by 28 February 2023. This made sure you would receive payment for all four quarters of the financial year 2023/24 if eligible for this allowance.

If you missed the deadline of 28 February 2023 for payment for all four quarters of the financial year 2023/24, 31 May 2023 for quarters 2, 3 and 4 and 31 August 2023 for quarters 3 and 4, you can still submit the form for part payment of 2023/24 practice rental costs as follows:

- 30 November 2023 for quarter 4

In all cases part 3 of the form must be completed by the practitioner's accountant.

Please submit your application by email to [nss.psd-dental-payments@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.psd-dental-payments@nhs.scot)

### **Upcoming system downtime**

Due to service updates, the following systems will be unavailable between **7am and 10am on Thursday 26 October 2023**: eDental, ePrior Approval, eOrtho, and Patient Lookup. You will be unable to create new claims / prior approvals or submit during this downtime window.

Another service update will be carried out between **18:00 on Tuesday 31 October and 08:00 on Wednesday 1 November 2023** during which time the Patient Lookup facility only will be unavailable. You will therefore be unable to create any new claims on your system during this time.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

If there are any changes to these planned downtime periods we will email your NHS mail account and update our [website](#).



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