



Dental Schedule Communications

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

Access the schedule close dates and prior approval timescales [here](#)

March paid April cut-off date: Friday 5 April 2024

PCA(D)(2024)1 – Amendment No. 163 to the SDR

Determination I minor changes, VT Allowance update, Recruitment and Retention update

Amendment No. 163 to the SDR makes the following changes:

- Determination I – to make minor changes to various treatment items to ensure they function as originally intended, effective from 1 April 2024;
- Determination IV – to reflect that Vocational Trainees are employed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) rather than Vocational Trainers, effective from 1 August 2022; and
- Determination XIII – to update the list of eligible areas and amend the requirement for the number of sessions to be provided, effective from 1 April 2024.

PCA(D)(2024)1 also advises:

- that guidance on emergency drugs and equipment in primary dental care has recently been updated and published online; and
- an update on the 2022-25 cycle of Quality Improvement activity.

Access the PCA(D)(2024)1 [here](#).

The last bridging payment

The 10% on Item of Service (IOS) Bridging payment ended on 31 October 2023. In line with the [PCA](#), there will be a reconciliation exercise relating to the Bridging payment for treatment claims opened prior to 31 October 2023 but submitted after 31 October 2023. Therefore, any claims started prior to the 1 November 2023, and sent for payment before 31st May 2024, would receive the 10% uplift. Two manual payments will be made for this reconciliation; one in the February paid March 2024 schedule and another in the May paid June 2024 schedule.

Any payment due will be detailed on line 7 of the eSchedules Account 7 report.

ePractitioner Verification Certificates Reminder

The systems that are used to support the submission of claims to practitioner services are due to have certificates renewed, specifically the ePractitioner Verification Certificate which is due for renewal by 24 March 2024. After this date, if the new certificate has not been installed on ePractitioner adapter servers this may affect your submissions to practitioner services.

We have written to each dental software supplier to support the work required to update these certificates. Practices should be ready to work with PMS providers to update the certificate and be aware of the date for when it should be completed. If you have not already done the update, please contact your supplier.

Practitioner Services website

[Our website](#) is designed to help you find information that is useful to you. It is a useful tool for accessing information and guidance on important areas including [allowances, claims, and payments](#), [eSchedule reports](#), [schedule close dates](#), and [prior approval timescales](#).

We have also published guidance relating to the [Dental Reform](#), and have added a section to include [further clarification](#) on specific SDR items where clarification was provided by the Scottish Government following discussion with Dental Advisors and PSD.

We update our website regularly. Therefore, we invite you to please take time to familiarise yourself with the information that is available on our [website](#).

If you have any suggestions for any improvements or changes to the information that is available to you, please email us at nss.psddental@nhs.scot

Helpdesk closure over Easter break

The Dental helpdesk will be closed on Friday 29 March and Monday 01 April 2024 for the Easter break. It will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 02 April 2024.



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