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**Deputy Padraig Rice  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**PQ 5198/25:**

**To ask the Minister for Health to outline the rates for each treatment under the dental treatment service scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE. The DTSS is a “choice of dentist” scheme which does not require the patient to register with a particular dentist and enables medical card holders to attend any DTSS contractor directly without recourse to the HSE.

On 1st May 2022 a number of changes and fee adjustments were introduced in the DTSS to support the scheme, and these are detailed in Appendix 1. These included an expansion in the definition of the Examination item with a corresponding fee increase and reintroduction of Scale and Polish. There were also increases of 40-60% in fees paid to contractors for most treatment items including restorations, routine extractions and dentures. On foot of these measures, the number of patients accessing care each month and the numbers of treatments being provided under the DTSS have increased since May 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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#### APPENDIX ONE: CHANGES INTRODUCED May 2022 DTSS Treatments

Item	Approved change	Previous Fee	New Fee
A1 Oral Examination	Exam definition to include all necessary radiographs and advice etc. Item A1 would encompass Item B4, Extra-Oral Radiographs (Increase in fee from €33 to €40)	€33.00	€40.00
A2 Prophylaxis	A2 treatment reintroduced for all eligible patients without need of prior approval. Fee based on DTBS fee (€42) with no patient co-payment.	€31.00	€42.00
A3A/A3C Restorations	Increase in fee  No change in limit of 2 fillings per calendar year, and facilitates introduction of amalgam alternatives for treatment of posterior teeth	A3A (Amalgam) €50.06  A3C (Composite) €51.88	A3A (Amalgam) €65.00  A3C (Composite) €80.00
A4 Exodontics	Extraction	€39.50	€60.00
A5	Surgical extraction	€70.00 per tooth	€70.00 per tooth
A6 Miscellaneous	Dressing Haemorrhage Prescription	€0 €22.65 per tooth €22.65	€22.65 per tooth €22.65 per tooth €11.32
A7	First stage endodontic treatment	€57.30	€57.30
A8 Denture Repairs	Denture repairs - Increase in A8 Fee by 40%	1 <sup>st</sup> Repair €47.86 Each Sub. Item €15.34 Max €78.54	1st Repair €67.00 Each Sub. Item €21.48 Max €109.96
B1 Second Stage Endodontic Treatment	Completion of endodontic treatment	€137.66	€206.49
B2	Apicectomy	€168.70	€168.70
B3	Protracted periodontal treatment	€26.36 per visit	€26.36 per visit (max 4 visits)



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B5 Dentures	Increase in B5 fee by 40%	Full upper & lower denture €478.74	Full upper & lower denture €670.24
		Full upper denture only €326.22	Full upper denture only €456.71
		Full lower denture only €326.22	Full lower denture only €456.71
		Full upper & lower denture reline €217.38	Full upper & lower denture reline €304.33
		Full upper reline only €130.59	Full upper reline only €182.83
		Full lower reline only €130.59	Full lower reline only €182.83
		Part upper denture €239.27	Part upper denture €334.98
		Part lower denture €239.27	Part lower denture €334.98