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Dear Dentist,

I wish to advise that the Minister for Health, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, made Regulations on the 29th March 2011 to reduce payments to Dental Contractors in respect of the 2nd stage endodontic treatment services, apicectomy treatment services and protracted periodontal services rendered to or on behalf of the Health Service Executive under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).

In accordance with section 9 (3) of the FEMP1 Act 2009, the Regulations are effective from the 29th March 2011. Please note Regulation 5 sets the maximum rate applicable to protracted periodontal treatment services (B3). A copy of the Regulation is attached for your information.

I would draw your attention to the provisions of section 9 (8) of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act, 2009. Section 9 (8) allows a Dental Contractor who does not wish to continue to render services on behalf of the HSE on the basis of the new payment arrangements to withdraw his/her services if he/she so wish following 30 days written notice of his/her intention to do so. In any such event, Section 9 (9) of the Act allows the HSE to engage the services of another professional to ensure that services continue to be available.

I trust the foregoing and attached clarify matters in relation to the revised fee schedules for you.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke
Primary Care Reimbursement Service



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 135 of 2011

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS TO
REGISTERED DENTISTS) REGULATIONS 2011

(Prn. A11/0478)

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I, JAMES REILLY, Minister for Health and Children, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9 of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2009 (No. 5 of 2009), having complied with subsections (4) and (7) of that section, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, hereby make the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Professionals (Reduction of Payments to Registered Dentists) Regulations 2011.

2. These Regulations shall apply to payments in respect of 2nd stage endodontic treatment services, apicectomy treatment services and protracted periodontal treatment services rendered by a registered dentist to or on behalf of the Health Service Executive under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme.

3. The payments that shall be made to a registered dentist in respect of 2nd stage endodontic treatment services and apicectomy treatment services shall, from the date of the making of these Regulations, be in the amounts specified in Schedule 1.

4. Subject to Regulations 5 and 6, the payment that shall be made to a registered dentist in respect of protracted periodontal treatment services shall, from the date of the making of these Regulations, be in the amount specified in Schedule 2.

5. Regulation 4 shall not apply to a registered dentist who provides protracted periodontal treatment services in the local government areas of the city of Dublin and the counties of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Kildare, South Dublin and Wicklow.

6. A registered dentist shall not be paid for more than 4 treatment visits in relation to a patient for services referred to in Regulation 4 rendered to the patient in any 12 month period.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 1st April, 2011.*

SCHEDULE 1

2nd Stage Endodontic Treatment Services and Apicectomy Treatment Services

Reference Number (1)	Treatment Type (2)	Amount (3)
1.	2nd stage Endodontic Treatment Services (B1)	€137.66
2.	Apicectomy Treatment Services (B2)	€168.70

SCHEDULE 2

Protracted Periodontal Treatment Services — amount payable to a registered dentist per treatment visit

Reference Number (1)	Treatment Type (2)	Amount (3)
1.	Protracted Periodontal Treatment Services (B3)	€26.36

The Minister for Finance consents to the foregoing Regulations.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
25 March 2011.

MICHAEL NOONAN,
Minister for Finance.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
28 March 2011.

JAMES REILLY,
Minister for Health and Children.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These Regulations provide for a reduction of payments to registered dentists in respect of certain services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme.

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