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Dear Dentist,

It is my intention to provide regular updates to you on developments and/ clarification on items queried on occasion by some of your peers. In this update, clarification is provided in respect of Restorations, First Stage Endodontic Treatment and Dental Eligibility Confirmation service.

Restorations

Eligible medical cardholders in need of emergency treatment are entitled to two restorations in any calendar year (1 January to 31 December) however additional restorations, are allowed subject to Principal Dental Surgeon approval in high risk/exceptional cases.

First Stage Endodontic Treatment

Eligible medical cardholders in need of emergency treatment are entitled to one treatment in any calendar year (1 January to 31 December) and any case requiring additional treatment is subject to Principal Dental Surgeon approval.

Clinical Necessity Box

Clinical necessity is required when any treatment is claimed within the agreed specified time periods e.g. Restorations repeated within 5 years on the same tooth for the same patient require the provision of clinical necessity.

In respect of all claims submitted to your local Principal Dental Surgeon for approval within the specified time period it is essential that you include written clinical necessity on this claim to facilitate prompt processing.

Dental Eligibility Confirmation

This online facility is available at www.pcrs.ie. This service will confirm if a client has a medical card and if that client is eligible for various treatments. Simply insert the patients PPS number, treatment, tooth number if applicable and select 'Check Dental' option. In addition, you can verify the same information in respect of A1, A3A/C and A7 treatments by SMS text using your mobile phone. Text the treatment type, tooth number if applicable and Patients PPS number to 087 909 7867.

Yours faithfully,

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