



Circular No. 13/22

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Dentist,

The DTSS provides access to certain dental treatments to eligible persons aged 16 and over. Reimbursement for services provided by DTSS contractors is administered by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS).

I am taking this opportunity to write to you as a Dental Contractor who currently holds a Dental Treatment Services Scheme Contract with the Health Service Executive, to inform you of changes and fee adjustments across a number of existing service items as outlined below, effective for treatments with a commencement date on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

1. **A1 Oral Examination:** Dentists will be reimbursed for one (1) Oral Examination (Item A1) in respect of an eligible person per calendar year. This examination includes necessary intra- and extra-oral radiographs and other supporting diagnostics; risk factor/health determinants (covering tobacco, alcohol, and diet) assessment, advice and action including referrals and intervention; recording of caries and periodontal disease; dental enamel defects; trauma; hard and soft tissues including for oral cancer. The A1 treatment fee of €40.00 is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
2. **A2 Prophylaxis:** Prophylaxis treatment (Item A2) will be reintroduced for all eligible patients, without the need for prior approval once per calendar year. The A2 Treatment fee of €42.00 is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. In addition, high risk patients can avail of a second A2 treatment after 6 months, but will require prior approval. The existing arrangement for a second A2 treatment after 6 months without prior approval for Long Term Illness registered diabetic patients remains in place.
3. **A3A/A3C Restorations:** The HSE now facilitates the introduction of composite restorations in the treatment of posterior teeth and will continue to reimburse up to and including two (2) restorations per calendar year (from Items A3A or A3C) per eligible person, where the contracting dentist is satisfied as to the clinical necessity. Additional restorations will only be allowed in approved circumstances. A3A treatment fee of €65.00 and A3C treatment fee of €80.00 are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
4. **A4 Exodontics:** Exodontics (Item A4) will be reimbursed where the contracting dentist is satisfied as to the clinical necessity. A4 treatment fee of €60.00 is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

5. **A6 Miscellaneous:** Dressings (D) have been reintroduced under Miscellaneous claims (Item A6). A6 treatment fee for Dressings and Haemorrhage (H) is €22.65 and is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022, while the A6 fee for Prescriptions (P) is €11.32 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
6. **A8 Denture Repairs:** Denture Repairs (Item A8) will be reimbursed where the contracting dentist is satisfied as to the clinical necessity. Fee of €67.00 for first repair, €21.48 for each subsequent item and €109.96 max is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
7. **B1 Second Stage Endodontic Treatment:** Endodontic Treatment (Item B1) will be reimbursed in approved circumstances. B1 treatment fee of €206.49 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
8. **B5 Dentures:** Prosthetics (Item B5) will only be allowed in approved circumstances and fees are set out in the table below.

Item	Full Upper & Lower Denture	Full Upper Denture Only	Full Lower Denture Only	Full Upper & Lower Denture Reline	Full Upper Reline Only	Full Lower Reline Only	Part Upper Denture	Part Lower Denture
Fee	€670.24	€456.71	€456.71	€304.33	€182.83	€182.83	€334.98	€334.98

The D-form and DTSS Handbook will be updated to reflect the above treatment changes. Existing D-forms will still be accepted for claiming purposes.

A dedicated online facility is now available for all Dental Contractors to submit their claims online for expeditious processing and reimbursement. Benefits of the Online Facility for DTSS Contractors include:

- Real-time confirmation of acceptance of claims and inputting from dental practice directly on to the National Claims & Payments System.
- Ability to send an approval request to your Principal Dental Surgeon online.
- The online facility eliminates rejections and reduces the need to query payments.
- Extension of claim submission time-period, enabling participating contractors to submit their claims up to the end of the month.
- Access to comprehensive reports detailing claims processed for payment.

HSE Dental Antimicrobial Prescribing Guidelines are available at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/gp/antibiotic-prescribing/conditions-and-treatments/dental/dental-guidelines>

Should you have any queries in relation to any of the above arrangements, please contact the Primary Care Reimbursement Service - Dental Unit on 01-8915752 or 01-8915756, or email your query to [dtss.queries@hse.ie](mailto:dtss.queries@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely



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