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Dear Dentist,

I wish to advise that the Minister for Health with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, made Regulations on 20 December 2012 to standardise payments to Dentists 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 Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest, Act 2009, the regulations are effective from that date. A copy of the Health Professionals (Reduction of Payments to Registered Dentists) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 548 of 2012) are enclosed 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 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 clarifies matters in relation to the new regulations.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke
Primary Care Reimbursement Service



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 548 of 2012



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS TO
REGISTERED DENTISTS) REGULATIONS 2012

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I, JAMES REILLY, Minister for Health, 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) (as adapted by the Health and Children (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2011 (S.I. No. 219 of 2011)), having complied with subsections (4), (7) and (13) of that section, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Professionals (Reduction of Payments to Registered Dentists) Regulations 2012.

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 Regulation 5, 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. 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.

6. The Health Professionals (Reduction of Payments to Registered Dentists) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 135 of 2011) are revoked.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 1st January, 2011.

SCHEDULE 1

2nd stage endodontic treatment services and apicectomy treatment services

Reference Number (1)	Treatment Type (2)	Amount (3)
1.	2 nd 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 Public Expenditure and Reform consents to the foregoing Regulations.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
19 December 2012.

BRENDAN HOWLIN,
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
20 December 2012.

JAMES REILLY,
Minister for Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

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