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To:
Dental Practices
IMOS Providers
Hospitals

Dear Colleagues,

The Oral Surgery Managed Clinical Network has received requests for clarification of patient charges relating to NHS Intermediate Minor Oral Surgery (IMOS) referrals.

I attach a visual flowchart which will be shared with all dental practices, IMOS providers and hospital units.

Summary of information;

- There is no patient charge for patients who are being seen in hospital.
- There is a patient charge for patients who are being seen at an NHS IMOS provider in primary care;
    - Band 2 patient charge if treatment has been carried out (with or without sedation).
    - Band 1 patient charge (band 4 claim) if only assessment has been carried out.
      This is the case if the patient has then been referred on to secondary care by the IMOS provider practice or if they have been discharged.
- IMOS providers have to submit an FP17 form for every patient they see under
- the terms of their NHS IMOS contract.
- If the patient has been seen as an NHS patient at the referring practice;
    - The referring practice has to collect a band 2 patient charge for their IMOS treatment.
    - If the patient has had NHS band 2 or band 3 treatment at the referring practice then the IMOS referral and treatment would be covered under this patient charge already (the patient would not have to pay for a separate course of treatment for their IMOS treatment).
    - The IMOS provider practice would submit an FP17 form and tick “advanced mandatory services”. This would remove the relevant patient charge.
- If the patient has been seen as a private patient at the referring practice, regardless of whether the practice has an NHS contract or is fully private;
    - The referring practice does not collect a patient charge in relation to the IMOS treatment. Referring practice may charge an assessment/consultation/emergency fee as appropriate.

- The NHS patient charge for the IMOS treatment will be collected at the IMOS provider practice.
- The IMOS provider practice would submit an FP17 form, but not tick “advanced mandatory services”. This would apply the relevant patient charge as normal.

- If the patient has the treatment carried out at the IMOS provider practice, then a band 2 patient charge applies. If the patient only has an assessment at the IMOS provider practice then a band 1 patient charge applies (band 4 claim submitted by the IMOS provider practice).
- If the patient is exempt from dental charges then they are also exempt in relation to IMOS treatment charges. The FP17 must include details of the patient’s exemption status.

I hope this information clarifies the patient charges in relation to IMOS services.

Kind regards,

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