



Circular 3/2024

25th April 2024

To: National Director of Human Resources, HSE
CEOs and HR Managers of the NCSAs

Revision of Sessional Dentists allowances as set out in 6(a) and 6(b) in the DoH Consolidated Salary Scales

Dear Sir/Madam

I am directed by the Minister for Health to convey the following instructions regarding allowances adjustments.

The rates set out under 6(a) and 6(b) in respect of 'Dental Surgeon Sessional Rates' in 'Medical and Dental Allowances' section in the Department's Consolidated Salary Scales have been revised with effect from the date of this circular as follows:

6. Dental Surgeons Sessional Rates	
(a) Private dental surgeon clinics held in HSE premises	€323
(b) Private dental surgeon clinics held in dentist's private surgery	€432
Wholetime <i>public</i> dental surgeons may be paid for at the revised rates set out at (a) above in respect of extra 3-hour sessions undertaken by them (maximum of 2 sessions per week)	

General principles applying to the operation of these sessions

- Rates set out above are payable per 3-hour session until 31st December 2024.
- Sessions should be held during evenings Monday – Friday
- Dental Treatment Service Scheme (DTSS) contractors must continue to see DTSS patients in their own clinic under the usual terms of the DTSS contract in so far as possible
- Sessions may be used to provide non routine emergency care to the HSE's eligible patients in support of the HSE's obligations under the Health Acts, including DTSS patients
- Sessions may only be used to provide treatment to patients
- Dentists with a DTSS contract who do provide emergency care to DTSS patients during sessions cannot receive a payment for treatments provided according to the fees per item set out in the DTSS contract, in addition to the sessional fee

These arrangements are provided for under this circular on an interim basis for 2024 to support the HSE to provide care to its patients in the current context of significant backlogs and shall be subject to review as part of the implementation of the National Oral Health Policy. The rates should attract any general round increases that may be introduced in respect of the PSA within that timeframe


General Queries

Requests for clarification from individual employees should be directed to the employee's own HR Manager where they are employed. Requests for clarification from HR Managers in the NCSAs and from HSE National Employee Relations should be raised directly with National_HR_Unit@health.gov.ie

Circulation

Please bring this circular to the attention of HR Managers, payroll and staff of your organisation. The HSE is also requested to bring this circular to the attention of Section 38 employers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael O'Leary".

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