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The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2003

Making and recovery of charges

6.—(1) Where any charge is payable under regulation 2(1) in respect of the supply of a dental appliance under the Act otherwise than as part of general dental services or services provided under a pilot scheme, the Scottish Ministers, a Health Board or NHS trust may—

- (a) on arranging to supply it, make the appropriate charge; and
- (b) on supplying it or having it available for supply, recover the appropriate charge from the patient (if it has not previously been paid).

(2) In providing general dental services or services provided under a pilot scheme for which a charge may be made under regulation 2(1) or 3(1), a dental practitioner —

- (a) may, on arranging to provide the service, make the appropriate charge;
- (b) shall require the patient to acknowledge, on the appropriate part of the claim for remuneration or estimate, or, in the case of services provided under a pilot scheme, on a form to like effect, and before that claim or estimate or form to like effect is sent to the Board, the patient's obligation to pay a charge which is made;
- (c) may, on providing the service, recover the charge from the patient (if it has not previously been paid); and
- (d) shall, on receiving a sum in payment (in full or in part) of the charge, give a receipt for it on a form provided for that purpose by the Health Board or a form to the like effect.

(3) Where a declaration in support of a claim for exemption has been made under regulation 5(2) (a) but the claim is not substantiated, and in consequence of the claim a dental practitioner has not recovered a charge in respect of an appliance supplied or other services provided, a Health Board may recover the charge from the person who made the declaration (whether or not the obligation to pay has been acknowledged).