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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

**General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2009**

Made - - - - *8th July 2009*

Coming into operation - *1st August 2009*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety^(a), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 61 (1), (2), (2AA), 106 and 107 (6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972^(b).

In accordance with Article 61(4) of that Order, the Department has consulted with such organisations as appear to be representative of the dental profession.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and shall come into operation on 1st August 2009.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993^(c).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation) for the definition of “referral dental officer” substitute ““referral dental officer” means a dental officer in the employment of the Regional Health and Social Care Board established by section 7 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009^(d)”.

(3) In paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 2 (Duration and extension of a continuing care arrangement) for “A continuing care arrangement shall lapse at the end of the 16th month beginning with the month in which—” substitute “A continuing care arrangement shall lapse at the end of the 25th month beginning with the month in which —”.

(4) In paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 2 (Duration and extension of a capitation arrangement) for “A capitation arrangement shall lapse at the end of the 16th month in which—” substitute “A capitation arrangement shall lapse at the end of the 25th month beginning with the month in which —”.

(a) S.I. 1999/283 No. 326, Article 3(6)

(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); relevant amending Instruments are Article 13 of S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26); Articles 30, 34, 35 and Part 1 of Schedule 5 to, and Part I of Schedule 6 to, S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1); and S.I. 1997/1177 (N.I. 7)

(c) S.R. 1993 No. 326; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2001 Nos. 2 and 309, S.R. 2007 No.292 and S.R. 2008 No. 395

(d) 2009 c.1 (N.I.)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (“the principal Regulations”) which regulate the terms on which general dental services are provided under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Regulation 2(2) substitutes and amends the reference to “referral dental officer” to reflect that from the 1st August 2009 they are employees of the Regional Health and Social Care Board.

Regulation 2(3) and (4) amend Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations to increase the period that a patient is registered with a general dental practitioner from 15 months to 24 months.

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