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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 2273**

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

The National Health Service (Primary  
Dental Services) (Amendments Related to  
Units of Dental Activity) Regulations 2012

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd September 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th September 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st November 2012</i>

The Secretary of State for Health makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 104, 109 and 272(7) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (1).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Primary Dental Services) (Amendments Related to Units of Dental Activity) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 1st November 2012.

**Amendment of the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005**

2. In Schedule 2 (provision of services: units of dental activity and units of orthodontic activity), to the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005(2), in paragraph 2 (units of dental activity), in Table B (units of dental activity provided under the contract in respect of charge exempt courses of treatment)—

- (a) in the first column (type of charge exempt course of treatment), omit “Issue of a prescription”; and
- (b) in the corresponding entry in the second column (units of dental activity provided), omit “0.75”.

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(1) [2006 c.41](#). By virtue of section 271(1) of the Act, the powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.

(2) [S.I. 2005/3361](#). A relevant amendment is made by [S.I. 2007/544](#).

**Amendment of the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005**

3. In Schedule 2 (provision of services: units of dental activity and units of orthodontic activity), to the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005(3) in paragraph 2 (units of dental activity), in Table B (units of dental activity provided under the agreement in respect of charge exempt courses of treatment)—

- (a) in the first column (type of charge exempt course of treatment), omit “Issue of a prescription”; and
- (b) in the corresponding entry in the second column (units of dental activity provided), omit “0.75”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

3rd September 2012

*Earl Howe*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Health

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (“the GDS Regulations”) and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005 (“the PDS Regulations”).

Regulations 2 and 3 respectively amend paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the GDS Regulations and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the PDS Regulations by removing from the type of charge exempt course of treatment for which units of dental activity are provided the issue of a prescription.

A full Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.