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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 1040**

**The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts and Personal Dental Services Agreements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017**

**Amendment to the GDS Regulations**

**3.**—(1) Paragraph 38 of Schedule 3 to the GDS Regulations (notification of a course of treatment, orthodontic course of treatment etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) in paragraph (e), for “being” substitute “is”; and
- (b) after paragraph (f), omit “, on a form supplied by that Board.”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (2)(d), substitute—

“(d) in the case of a patient who is exempt from NHS charges, such details of that exemption and the basis of that exemption as the Local Health Board may reasonably request.”

(4) After sub-paragraph (2) insert the following sub-paragraphs—

“(3) In the case of a patient to whom sub-paragraph (2)(d) applies, the contractor must also provide the Local Health Board (or a person authorised on the Local Health Board’s behalf) with the written declaration form.

(4) Before 1 May 2019 the contractor may send the information required in sub-paragraph (2) to the Local Health Board either in paper form or by means of electronic submission.

(5) On or after 1 May 2019 the contractor must send the information required in sub-paragraph (2) to the Local Health Board by means of electronic submission, but the Local Health Board may accept submission of that information in paper form—

- (a) in such exceptional circumstances as the Local Health Board may reasonably determine; and
- (b) in respect of courses of treatment ending on or before 30 April 2019, for a period ending with 30 June 2019.

(6) In this paragraph, “electronic submission” means information submitted electronically via a computer system approved by the Local Health Board.”