
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Health Services (Primary Care)
(Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

PART III

PRIMARY CARE

Personal medical or dental services

Right to choose dental practitioner

24. In the 1972 Order, after Article 15E, insert—

“Right to choose dental practitioner

15F.—(1) Provision shall be made in regulations for conferring a right on any person to choose the dental practitioner from whom he is to receive primary dental services, subject to the consent of the practitioner concerned.

(2) The regulations shall, in particular, prescribe the procedure for choosing a practitioner.

(3) In this Article “primary dental services” means dental services which are—

- (a) provided, in accordance with Article 15B arrangements, as personal dental services; or
- (b) provided under Part VI as general dental services.”.