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To all Providers applicable to the UDA uplift

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Dear Colleague

### **Re : UDA Uplift to £25**

As you are aware, back in March 2018 the Health Board undertook an initiative to offer all NHS practices that hold a full NHS contract a **UDA rate of £25**. It was agreed these payments would be backdated to January 2018. The purpose of this exercise was to reflect and improve quality and access to general dental services within practice and use this as a step towards equalising the disparity of UDA values across the Health Board and to ensure those on the lowest UDA value benefitted from the increase to £25.

It was clearly communicated to practices at the time, that the additional income the UDA uplift generated would **not** be automatically added to the contract value but paid as an ad hoc payment on a monthly basis for a 2 year period (from 2018/19 to 2019/20).

If practices can demonstrate, at the end of the 2-year period, that the quality indicators have been implemented, the UDA uplift will be added to the overall contract value from 1 April 2020. For those practices that were not able to demonstrate a continued achievement of the indicators, the monthly payments would cease and the UDA uplift offer would be retracted from the practice.

There appears to have been some recent confusion regarding the payments made to date and below is an explanation on the calculations used:

#### **1. Payments for 2018/19 (Year 1)**

The additional payment to practices was calculated on the practice UDA rate prior to the 2.77% national uplift being applied and practices received payments based on the difference between their contract UDA value and £25. However, when the 2.77% increase was awarded, the Health Board should have reduced the ad hoc payments accordingly based on the new increased contract UDA value practices had when the



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2.77% was added to the contracts. However, the Health Board did not adjust the ad hoc payments to reflect the newly inflated UDA values and this meant that during 2018/19, the practices were over-paid. This overpayment will not be reclaimed

**2. For 2019/20 (year 2) payments:**

The additional ad hoc payments have been re-calculated based on the 'new' UDA rate on the contracts since the 2.77% increase was nationally applied. Therefore, you will have noticed a reduction in your additional payments on your payment schedules.

**3. To explain this payment reduction:** [*please see **example** below*]

*Year 1 of additional payments:*

*2018-19 UDA rate (prior to uplift) = £24.00*

*Additional payment calculation = £25.00 - £24.00 (= £1 per UDA)*

*Year 2 of additional payments*

*2019-20 UDA rate (including uplift)= £24.00 + 2.77% (= £24.66)*

*Additional payment calculation = £25.00 - £24.66 (= £0.34 per UDA)*

Therefore the monthly additional payment should be for this example the annual contracted number of UDAs divided by 12 and multiplied by £0.34

Even though the UDA uplift additional payment is not currently attached to your contract value, the NHSBSA payment schedules does not separate the payment lines to clearly indicate this payment from the contract monthly payments. The Health Board appreciates this can be misleading for practices but please be assured that your contract value has not been reduced it is the ad hoc additional monthly payments that have been adjusted [as explained above].

I hope this information provides you with the clarification you require on the UDA additional payments and explains why your contract value in your NHSBSA payment schedules from 1 April 2019 onwards appears lower than 2018/19.

Yours sincerely



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