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Dear Colleague

GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

INCREASE IN THE PRIOR APPROVAL LIMIT – AMENDMENT OF THE NHS (GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1996

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards, Primary Care Trusts and Practitioner Services of an increase in the prior approval limit.

Action

2. NHS Boards, Primary Care Trusts and Practitioner Services are asked to note that the prior approval limit will increase from £270 to £280 with effect from 1 October 2003.
3. Copies of the NHS (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2003, which bring this change into effect, will be sent to NHS Boards/Primary Care Trusts once they are available.
4. Copies of the Memorandum to this letter are being sent under separate cover for **urgent** distribution to all dentists on NHS Board/Primary Care Trust lists.

Yours sincerely

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**INCREASE IN THE PRIOR APPROVAL LIMIT – AMENDMENT OF THE NHS
(GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1996**

1. This Memorandum advises of an increase in the prior approval limit.
2. The prior approval limit will be increased to £280 with effect from 1 October 2003. A copy of the NHS (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2003, which amends Schedule 4 of the NHS (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 to bring this change into effect, will be available at NHS Board/Primary Care Trust offices for inspection by dentists.
8. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board/Primary Care Trust.

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