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Dear Elin

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES CONTRACTS AND PATIENT CHARGES) (AMENDMENT) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2026**

In accordance with section 37E(6) of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 I am notifying you that this Welsh statutory instrument will come into force on 10 March 2026, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts and Patient Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2026 (“the main Regulations”), that were laid on 11 February and come into force on 11 March 2026. The amendments rectify three issues which were identified during the registration process of the main Regulations which would not have been appropriate to amend under the correction slip procedure.

The main Regulations make changes to the way that general dental services contracts and patient charges are arranged under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006. The amendments correct an error in Schedule 1 of the English text, replace the Table in Schedule 5 of both language texts of the main Regulations and correct a typographical error in the Welsh text. To ensure the main Regulations work correctly, not least in respect of the patient charges set out in Schedule 5, it is therefore necessary to bring those amendments into force before the main Regulations themselves. As a result there will be less than 21 days between laying and coming into force of these amending Regulations.

I am copying this letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip; Mike Hedges MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee; Julian Luke, Director of Senedd Business; Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and

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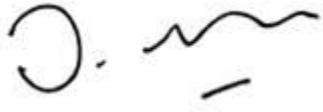
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Committee Services; and Marc Wyn Jones, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

**Jeremy Miles AS/MS**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol  
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care