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Dear Mr Graham,

I refer to your letter dated 8 October 2020 in relation to non-domestic rates reimbursement. We thank you for bringing this to our attention and have taken on board your comments.

We have also received some correspondence from General Dental Practitioners (GDP's) outlining the issues faced. Furthermore, a number of GDPs have contacted us in relation to denied payments for Continuing Professional Development Allowances (CPDA) due to late submission of claims forms. We agree, that due to exceptional circumstances, it is appropriate to extend some flexibility given the circumstances.

The Department is instructing the BSO to issue payment to those dental contractors who have had their 2019/20 Non-Domestic Rates Reimbursement or CPDA claim rejected for being out of date, but had submitted this claim to BSO within 90 days of the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR) deadline.

The BSO will still assess each claim to ensure that it meets all other eligibility criteria.

This extension to the deadline defined in the SDR is due to the current exceptional circumstances, applies only to Non-Domestic Rates Reimbursement and CPDA for 2019/20 and will not be extended to other allowances or future claims.

I trust the above is helpful

Yours sincerely

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