

1. GLOBAL FEES

The tariff of fees structure has been changed to a global fee schedule. This will have the following implications:

The words "Tariff of Fees" must be replaced with the words "Global Fee" on the invoice.

The 9000 codes are a GUIDE to what the medical aids are prepared to pay for a procedure. If some of the codes are not relevant to your specific procedure it may be amended, but the final amount may not exceed the amount allocated to a specific procedure or service. It may be less.

You may only use the relevant 9000 codes for the ACTUAL services rendered.

REMEMBER: Over servicing is a criminal offence.

The global fee should be broken down into the relevant 9000 codes on the invoice.

2. APPROVED CHANGES IN TARIFFS FOR 2006

Please note that an excl. VAT value will no longer appear. The list of changes to the Gazette is as follows:

Code 006 was removed

Lucitone is a manufacturer's trademark and may not be used, superseded by code 9722.

Code 007 was removed

It now has a fixed price, superseded by code 9450.

Code 008 was removed

It is superseded by material codes under 97..

Code 9320

Change of wording, Pindex is a manufacturer's trademark.

Code 9330

Change of wording (maximum of four deliveries per procedure)

Code 9417 and code 9419

Change of wording to "excluding material"

Code 9443

Change of wording to "excluding material".

Code 9505

Change of wording, "veneer" to "bonded".

Code 9535

Change of wording "Coping or" removed.

Code 9587

Change of wording, "excluding material" added.

Code 9722

Change of wording, "High Impact" removed.

Code 9726

Change of wording, "prefomed roach/ball clasp" added.

Code 9755

New code : etching for bonding - ceramic/metal.

T003

9330 x "2"

9722 added

T018 - T023

|| "including" changed to "excluding"

T028

9330 x "2"

T029

"first" changed to "additional"

T100

to be used for all crowns where porcelain is bonded to a coping e.g. metal-ceramics, "In-Ceram ", pressed ceramics

The price of a porcelain bonded to metal crown is R 1023.00

T102

to be used for proper foil jacket crowns & ceromer crowns like "BelleGlass" or "Targis Vectris"

9502 must read 9752(platinum foil) or 9758 (fibre re-enforced material)

9314 must read 9757 (if appropriate)

T121

"including metal components and crown"

T140

Replaced with "Simple Appliance"

T141

Replaced with "Intermediate Appliance"

T142

Replaced with "Advanced Appliance"

T143 - T170

Removed

3. **ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE**

We would like to notify all members of the upcoming election of the new Executive Committee. Consider whom you would regard as favourable candidates. There will be vacancies as all executive members are not up for re-election.

4. **AGM 2006**

Next year's meeting to be held 2 - 3 June 2006 at St.George Hotel, Centurion.

5. **PENSION FUND**

The fund has adopted a fairly conservative investment philosophy due to the age profile of the fund.

The weighted average age of the members is fairly old and therefore the actuary recommended that assets be invested in guaranteed portfolios(Old Mutual and Advantage), as well as general balanced portfolios ,so that the assets are available should it be paid. If the age profile were younger, then the trustees could have adopted a more aggressive investment philosophy.

The bulk of the assets are invested with Advantage Asset Managers, a multi-manager. The previous trustees were of the opinion that a multi-manager would offer the members, as risk carriers, the best form of protection as the assets are spread

amongst approximately six specialist managers (equities) and three bond managers. Thus the members' assets are not all "in one basket." The underlying principle of a multi-manager is that in so-called bull markets they will not perform as single managers, but then in bear markets they will outperform the other managers. Thus members are guaranteed of better returns but with less volatility.

The net, that is after tax on retirement funds and fees, investment returns of the fund were 27.23 % for January 2005 to December 2005. The benefit statements will be issued in March 2006 and an Information Booklet is available at www.dentasa.za.org. During 2006 technicians will be allowed to access their information via the internet, do quotations, etcetera and members will be informed when the facility is available.

There are four trustees serving on the Fund of which two are appointed by the Principal employer (SADTC) and two are elected by the members of the fund.

6. FEEDBACK : WILLI GELLER

On the evening of 16 November 2005 a medal and certificate of outstanding achievement in the field Dental Technology was presented to Mr Geller by DENTASA.

7. SPIRIT OF GIVING

Mr John Hannah of LIFESTYLE DENTISTRY, kindly donated R3000,00 for charity in lieu of sending out Christmas cards. DENTASA chose to divide the money equally between the Sungarden Hospice and Boy's - and Girl's Town. We applaud John for his inspiring gesture.

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