

I have detailed below the process for patient charges for referrals into IMOS under LA, IMOS under sedation and general dentistry under sedation along with what data to enter on patient claims.

Making a referral for – IMOS under LA

When a dentist makes a referral for **IMOS**; the dentist would've seen the NHS patient and established that they are unable to carry out the patient's extraction because it is "complex". If the dentist has **not** completed **any** other banded treatment on the patient as none was required other than an exam – they would make the DERS referral for IMOS **and collect a Band 2 charge** from the patient.

As the patient is being referred for a "**complex**" **IMOS** extraction (advanced mandatory services) the referring practice would collect a Band 2 charge from the patient.

The FP17 should be completed as normal - and at part 5a, box G "referral for advanced mandatory services", the referring dentist should enter the band of the treatment to be provided under advanced mandatory services – which would be a Band 2.

The FP17 guidance states: "*Referral for advanced mandatory services – Enter the band of the treatment to be provided under advanced mandatory services. In Part 5 (Treatment Category) enter the band of the treatment provided by the Performer referring the patient*".

When the patient attends the **IMOS** clinic - the clinic will complete the treatment and no further charge would be due from the patient.

(It's useful to know that the NHS BSA definition of Advanced Mandatory Services is: "*Advanced Mandatory Services contracts cover other types of treatment provided on referral that are not included under Additional Services. These contracts are usually for endodontics, surgical dentistry and periodontics. When a patient is referred for Advanced Mandatory Services, all of the patient's treatment is effectively carried out as one course of treatment for patient charge purposes.*")

(Source: https://contactcentreservices.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/selfnhsukokb/AskUs_Dental/en-gb/9710/referrals/41805/advanced-mandatory-referral-what-is-this-and-how-do-i-claim-for-it)

Making a referral for - IMOS under sedation

Firstly it is important to note here that sedation is classed as a separate course of treatment.

When a dentist makes a referral for **IMOS under sedation**; the dentist would've seen the patient and established that they are unable to carry out the patient's extraction because it is "complex". The dentist would've also had a discussion with the patient and determined that the patient is unwilling and/or unable to have the treatment completed without being sedated.

The dentist may have completed no other treatment on the patient as none was required (or the patient was unable to cope) so all they did was an examination at a band 1 – and made a DERS referral for IMOS with sedation.

As the patient is being referred for **IMOS under sedation** – the referring practice need only collect the banded charge for whatever treatment the dentist actually carried out. So in this scenario you would only collect a Band 1 charge from the patient as your dentist has only examined the patient.

When the patient attends the **IMOS under sedation** clinic - the clinic would then collect a “separate” **Band 2** charge from the patient for the sedation element.

The FP17 should just be completed for a normal Band 1 course of treatment undertaken by your dentist with the relevant clinical data. This is because sedation is classified as 'Additional Services' and as such, no Part 5a Box G is ticked because it is not classified as 'Advanced Mandatory Services' and thus the patient pays the practice the patient charge for the treatment undertaken and then pays the sedation practice the Band 2 charge on arrival for their appointment.

Making a referral for - general dental work (extractions and/or fillings) under sedation

The same situation applies here. A referral for “**general dental work**” is always with sedation as the dentist has seen their patient but they are unable to undertake the work on the patient as they are unwilling/unable to have the treatment completed without being sedated. The dentist may not have completed any other treatment on the patient as none was required or the patient was unable to cope, so all they did was an examination at a band 1 – and made a DERS referral.

As the patient is being referred for “**general dental work under sedation**” the referring practice only needs to collect the banded charge for whatever treatment the dentist actually carried out – so most probably this would be a Band 1.

The FP17 should just be completed for a normal Band 1 course of treatment undertaken by the referring dentist with the relevant clinical data. This is because sedation is classified as 'Additional Services' and as such, no Part 5a Box G is ticked because it is not classified as 'Advanced Mandatory Services' and thus the patient pays the referring practice the patient charge for the treatment undertaken, and then pays the sedation practice the Band 2 charge.