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Dear Ann,

GOS Fees 2018/19

I am writing to you about the NHS sight test fee, continuing education and training (CET) allowance and the pre-registration trainers grant for 2018/19, following the discussions you have had with NHS England.

Ministers' have considered these fees and have decided that the NHS sight test fee should remain at its' current level in 2018/19 and that there should be a 1% increase for both the CET allowance and the pre-registration trainers grant.

I appreciate that you will be disappointed by the decision that the sight test fee should remain at its' current level but this decision was taken in light of the continuing tight economic climate facing the NHS.

For the continuing education and training allowance and the grant to supervisors of pre-registration trainees an increase of 1% would mean that the CET allowance would increase to £551 and the supervisors grant to £3,549.

We will share the draft payment directions covering the CET allowance with you for comments in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Dental and Eye Care Finance