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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH SEPTEMBER 1974 MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 61, 106 and 107 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1974.

Amendment

2. For regulation 20 of the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(b) there shall be substituted:

"**20.**—(1) Where the Committee has sent to the Agency an authorisation of payment during the period beginning with 1st October 1973 and ending with 30th September 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1970 the Agency shall pay to the dentist such additional sum as shall (together with any additional sum paid to him in respect thereof pursuant to any previous provision of this regulation) amount to 47.9 per cent of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(2) Where the Committee has sent to the Agency an authorisation of payment during the period beginning with 1st April 1974 and ending with 30th September 1974 the Agency shall pay to the dentist such additional sum as shall (together with such other additional sums which may have been paid in respect thereof other than any additional sum paid under or by virtue of paragraph 1 or of any provision of this regulation which had effect from 1st October 1973) amount to 23.3 per cent of the payments authorised under the relevant scale.

(3) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1973 and before 1st October 1974 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 23.3 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(4) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 418.

arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1972 and before 1st October 1973 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 29.8 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(5) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st March 1972 and before 1st October 1972, the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 43.9 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(6) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1970 and before 1st March 1972 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 52.2 per cent of the amount authorised under the relevant scale.

(7) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1970 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 82.4 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(8) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement other than a contract or arrangement referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this regulation the Agency shall pay to the dentist in addition to the current authorised fee for each item of treatment payment of which had been so authorised an additional amount as set out in Schedule 8 in relation to that item of treatment.

(9)(*a*) Where the amount of a dentist's gross monthly income authorised by the Committee is equivalent to or more than the standard the Agency shall pay to the dentist the following supplemental payments:

Amount payable in respect of the period 1st June to 30th June 1974	£5.22
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st July to 31st July 1974	£8.70
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st August to 31st August 1974	£10.44
Amount payable per month from 1st September 1974	£12.18

(*b*) At the end of the period for which supplemental payments are to be made the dentist's average gross monthly income shall be determined and supplemental payments adjusted accordingly.

(*c*) For the purpose of this paragraph the amount of £1000 is to be regarded as the standard.

(10) The relevant "scale" in relation to a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1973 is the scale of fees for the purposes of authorisation of fees under regulation 19 and in relation to a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1973 is the scale of fees for the purposes of authorisation of fees under regulation 18 of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(c) as amended.".

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 27th day of September 1974.

(L.S.)

F. A. Elliott,
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance this 27th day of September 1974.

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C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE 8 Regulation 20

Payments additional to current authorised fees

PART I

DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination, advice (including the issue of a prescription other than in connection with treatment provided under item 4) and report:

Fee per course of treatment £0.14

Provided that —

(1) This fee shall not be payable

(*a*) where the only treatment required is repairs to dentures for edentulous patients,

(*b*) for examinations of a group of patients in schools or institutions,

(*c*) where the dentist has been paid or is entitled to be paid for treatment under this item

(i) of a patient aged 21 years or over carried out at any time during the preceding five calendar months,

(ii) of a patient under 21 years of age carried out at any time within a period from the preceding 1st March, 1st July or 1st November whichever last occurred.

(2) In the case of a woman who is pregnant or has borne a child in the previous 12 months and who is not edentulous, this fee shall be payable for one treatment under this item during the period of pregnancy and 12 months after confinement in addition to the fees which may otherwise be payable under this item and such treatment may be provided at any time during that period.

2. Radiographic examination and radiological report:

Fees per course of treatment:

(*a*)	Intra-oral films	
	1 film	£0.10
	2 films	£0.12
	*3 films	£0.14
	*each additional film	£0.04 up to a maximum of £0.48 for additional films.
(*b*)	Extra-oral films (other than panoramic films or lateral headplates in conjunction with a cephalometric technique)	
	1 film	£0.16
	*each additional film	£0.10 up to a maximum of £0.36 for additional films.
(*c*)	(i) Panoramic films	£0.80 per film
	(ii) Lateral headplates in conjunction with a cephalometric technique	£0.80 per film

PART II

CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

A. *Periodontal Treatment*

3. Scaling, including the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums and any necessary oral hygiene instruction, for patients aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment:—

(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*))	£0.20
*(*b*) Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment	Such fee as the Committee may approve, not exceeding £0.10

* Provided that no fee shall be payable under this item where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3(*a*) or (*b*) to the same dentist commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done, unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained.

4. Treatment urgently required for acute conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa (including pericoronitis), ulcers and herpetic lesions and any necessary oral hygiene instruction:—

Fee per course of treatment	£0.12

* 5. Other periodontal treatment including any necessary oral hygiene instruction, periodontal surgery and protracted scaling (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):—

(*a*) with periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Committee may approve
(*b*) without periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £2.50

B. *Restorative Treatment*

6. Fillings (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 7), except fillings in deciduous teeth of patients under 16 years. The fillings to which this scale applies shall be permanent in character.

Fee per filling:—

(*a*) Amalgam filling in:—	
(i) a single surface cavity	£0.20 for any number of such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £0.26 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth not all in one surface.
(ii) a mesial-occlusal-distal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity in a molar or pre-molar tooth	£0.40
(iii) a mesial-occlusal or distal-occlusal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity into the lingual or buccal surfaces or both in a molar or pre-molar tooth	£0.40 with a maximum of £0.40 for a combination of such fillings per tooth.