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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 13 and 87 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1972.

(2) In these regulations

"the principal regulations" means the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(b); and

"regulation 18" means regulation 18 of the principal regulations as amended by regulation 2(2) of the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) (which provided for a new scale of fees for treatment).

2. The principal regulations shall be further amended as follows—

(1) In paragraph 8(2)(*d*) of Schedule 1 Part I (which deals with "emergency treatment") for the amount of £2.20 there shall be substituted the amount of £2.30.

(2) In Part II of Schedule 2 (which deals with "treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required") there shall be added:—

(*a*) In column A between item numbers 5 and 8 the figure "6".

(*b*) In column B between items of treatment opposite item numbers 5 and 8 in column A the following paragraph:—

"Any filling or any combination of types of filling in one tooth where pin or screw retention is used."

(3) For Part IV of Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following:—

"IV. Dentures, bridges and other appliances other than orthodontic appliances	14, 19(*a*) (i) and (ii)	Provision of dentures (other than (*a*) the provision of dentures in synthetic resin carrying one or more incisor or canine teeth or 4 or more premolar or molar teeth, necessitated by the extraction during the same course of treatment of a tooth or teeth of a patient aged 21 years or over, or (*b*) the replacement of dentures, except where free replacement is sought in cases of loss or damage or where metal based dentures are to replace dentures in other materials).

(a) 1971. c. 1 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60. (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 251.

14(*d*) and 15(*b*)	Provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
15(*a*)(ii)	Relining or rebasing of dentures accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
18	Backing and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
19(*b*)	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16.
19(*c*)	Additions to metal dentures.
20	Bridges (other than recementing a bridge).
21(*a*)	Provision of obturators.
21(*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16.
21(*c*)	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost not exceeding the maximum fee allowable under item 16."

(4) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 6 (which set out the scale of fees for dental treatment) there shall be substituted the following—

"SCHEDULE 6

SCALE OF FEES FOR DENTAL TREATMENT AND CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

PART I

DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report	£0.64

Provided that—

(1) only one fee shall be payable during a course of treatment;

(2) no fee shall be payable for—

(*a*) an examination in respect of repairs to dentures for edentulous patients,

(*b*) a group examination in schools or institutions,

(*c*) an examination of a person aged 21 years or over if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person made at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month during which a further examination is made,

†Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

(*d*) an examination of a person under 21 years of age if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person made on or after the preceding 1st February, 1st June or 1st October, whichever of these dates last occurred;

(3) in the case of a woman who is, or has been, pregnant and who is not edentulous, in addition to the examinations for which payment may otherwise be made under this item, a fee shall be payable for one examination during the antenatal and postnatal period and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during that period‡.

2. Radiological examination and report:

Fees per course of treatment—

(*a*) Intra-oral films:	
1 film	£0.46
2 films	£0.56
*3 films	£0.66
*each additional film	£0.16 up to a maximum of £2.10
(*b*) Extra-oral films	
1 film	£0.72
*each additional film	£0.40 up to a maximum of £1.52

Provided that the Committee may require that the X-ray films or duplicates be submitted to them before payment is made.

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 persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment:—	
(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except under (*b*))	£1.00
*(*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 £0.84

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

†Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

‡The antenatal and postnatal period is the period of pregnancy and the 12 months subsequent to the date of confinement.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† 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 infective conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa, including any necessary oral hygiene instruction:	
Fee per course of treatment—	£0.52
*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 £5.80.
B. *Restorative Treatment*	
6. Fillings (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment), except fillings in deciduous teeth of children 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.	£0.84 with a maximum of £0.84 for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £1.14 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 premolar tooth.	£1.90
(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 premolar tooth.	£1.40 with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1.90 per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	£1.14 with a maximum of £1.50 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
*(v) additional fee for pin or screw retention.	£0.76

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(*b*) (i) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	£1.10 with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1.56.
*(ii) additional fee for pin or screw retention:	£0.76
Provided that—	
(*a*) for combinations of the types of fillings set out below in the same tooth no fee shall be payable in excess of the amount shown opposite—	
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iii)	£1.70
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1.34
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1.70
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1.70
*(*b*) no fee in excess of £2.30 shall be payable for any combination of any types of filling in one tooth, except where pin or screw retention is used when the maximum shall be	£2.80
7. Root treatment of permanent teeth, including all attention in connection therewith except for the provision of X-rays or the insertion of any filling in the crown of the tooth:—	
(*a*) treatment comprising either the devitalisation of the pulp of the tooth and the subsequent removal of the pulp followed by the necessary treatment and filling of each root canal of the tooth, or the treatment of septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal—	
(i) root filling following extirpation of vital pulp in a single-rooted tooth	£2.40 per tooth
(ii) all other root fillings	£4.70 per tooth
(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing—	
Fee per tooth	£2.10
(*c*) (i) apicectomy, fee per tooth	£4.20
(ii) apicectomy with retrograde root filling, fee per tooth	£5.20
*8. Gold fillings (other than inlays)	£4.00 per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £5.50.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.