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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST OCTOBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 11 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**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) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

(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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**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) of Schedule 1 Part I (which deals with "emergency treatment") for the amount of £2 0s 0d. there shall be substituted the amount of £2 4s. 0d.

(2) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 6 (scale of fees for treatment) there shall be substituted the following—

"SCHEDULE 6

Scale of fees for dental treatment and conditions with respect to materials

(In this Schedule decimal equivalents are shown in brackets and italics)

PART I. DIAGNOSIS

1. *Clinical examination and report* 12s 0d. (*£0·60*)

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,

(a) 1948. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 76 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 176.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 76.

(*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 at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month during which a further examination is made,

(*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, a fee shall be payable for one examination during the period of pregnancy and 12 months thereafter, additional to the examinations for which payment may otherwise be made under this item and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during the said period.

2. *Radiological examination and report:*
Fees per course of treatment—

(*a*) Intra-oral films:		
1 film	9s 0d (*£0·45*)	
2 films	11s 0d (*£0·55*)	
*3 films	13s 0d (*£0·65*)	
*each additional film	3s 0d (*£0·15*)	up to a maximum of £2 0s 0d (*£2·00*)
(*b*) Extra-oral films:		
1 film	14s 0d (*£0·70*)	
*each additional film	8s 0d (*£0·40*)	up to a maximum of £1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)

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, and the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums, for persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment—

(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*))	19s 0d (*£0·95*)
*(*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 16s 0d (*£0·80*)

*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: Fee per course of treatment— 10s 0d (*£0·50*)

†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.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*5. *Other periodontal treatment* including where necessary protracted scaling and gingivectomy (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £5 10s 0d (*£5·50*) (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

Provided that where gingivectomy and associated aftercare is involved an additional fee shall be allowed—

Per treatment relating to the first 2 adjacent teeth in one jaw	£1 6s 0d (*£1·30*)
Per treatment relating to additional teeth, per tooth	6s 0d (*£0·30*)

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.	16s 0d (*£0·80*) with a maximum of 16s 0d (*£0·80*) for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £1 2s 0d (*£1·10*) 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.	£1 18s 0d (*£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 pre-molar tooth.	£1 7s 0d (*£1·35*) with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 18s 0d (*£1·90*) per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	£1 2s 0d (*£1·10*) with a maximum of £1 9s 0d (*£1·45*) for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(*b*) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling:	£1 1s 0d (*£1·05*) with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)

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 13s 0d (*£1·65*)
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1 6s 0d (*£1·30*)
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 13s 0d (*£1·65*)
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 13s 0d (*£1·65*)
(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 4s 0d (*£2·20*) shall be payable for any combination of any of the types of fillings necessary in one tooth.	

7. *Root treatment of permanent teeth,* including all attention in connection therewith but not including the provision of X-rays or the insertion of any filling in the crown of the tooth:

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*a*) treatment comprising either the devitalisation of the pulp of a 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—

Fee per single rooted non-septic tooth	£2 6s 0d (*£2·30*)
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth	£4 10s 0d (*£4·50*)

(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressings—

Fee per tooth	£2 0s 0d (*£2·00*)

(*c*) apicectomy, fee per tooth £4 0s 0d (*£4·00*)

*8. *Gold fillings* (other than inlays) £4 0s 0d (*£4·00*) per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £5 10s 0d (*£5·50*)

9. *Inlays* (including any dressings):

	A Alloys containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold	B Any other alloys
*(*a*) metal inlay		
(i) a single surface cavity	£5 10s 0d (*£5·50*)	£4 12s 0d (*£4·60*)
(ii) a compound cavity	£7 10s 0d (*£7·50*)	£6 6s 0d (*£6·30*)
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£7 6s 0d (*£7·30*)	£6 6s 0d (*£6·30*)
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£11 0s 0d (*£11·00*)	£9 0s 0d (*£9·00*)
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £6 0s 0d (*£6·00*) to £10 0s 0d (*£10·00*)	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin	18s 0d (*£0·90*) per inlay	
(*d*) refixing or recementing an inlay	18s 0d (*£0·90*) per inlay	
*(*e*) renewal or replacement by another inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding the fee for a new inlay of the type being provided.	

10. *Crowning of permanent teeth,* including any dressings but excluding root treatment:

*(*a*) Full veneer or jacket cast crown (on a vital or non-vital tooth):	
(i) gold	£12 10s 0d (*£12·50*)
(ii) gold with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£13 10s 0d (*£13·50*)
*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast	£11 0s 0d (*£11·00*)
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth	£7 0s 0d (*£7·00*)
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£6 0s 0d (*£6·00*)
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£9 0s 0d (*£9·00*)
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth	£11 0s 0d (*£11·00*)
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth	£9 0s 0d (*£9·00*)
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£13 0s 0d (*£13·00*)

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*(e) (i) Synthetic resin veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post	£10 0s 0d (*£10·00*)
(ii) Porcelain veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post	£13 0s 0d (*£13·00*)
*(f) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£5 10s 0d (*£5·50*)
(ii) with gold post and diaphragm	£8 0s 0d (*£8·00*)
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing	£10 0s 0d (*£10·00*)
*(g) Modifications to the above crowns, and other forms of crown not in the opinion of the Committee included in the above items.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £13 10s 0d (*£13·50*)
(h) Refixing or recementing a crown	18s 0d (*£0·90*) per crown
*(i) Repair of a crown:	
(i) renewal of the coronal portion only of a post or dowel crown appropriate to item 10(*f*)(i) or 10(*f*)(ii)	£4 0s 0d (*£4·00*)
(ii) other repair of a crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding 70% of the fee for a new crown of the type being repaired.
*(j) Renewal by a similar type of crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
*(k) Replacement by a different type of crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.

Provided that, where the Committee approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain crown, the Committee may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £6 0s 0d (*£6·00*).

Part III. Surgical Treatment

*11. *Extractions:*

Fee per course of treatment—

1 tooth	18s 0d (*£0·90*)	With an additional fee of 2s 0d (*£0·10*) for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first.
2 teeth	£1 0s 0d (*£1·00*)	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	£1 2s 0d (*£1·10*)	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	£1 6s 0d (*£1·30*)	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 14s 0d (*£1·70*)	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 18s 0d (*£1·90*)	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£2 2s 0d (*£2·10*)	
Over 20 teeth	£2 6s 0d (*£2·30*)	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal medical condition of the patient the Board may allow an additional fee not exceeding £2 10s 0d (*£2·50*) per course.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £4 10s 0d (*£4·50*) (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.