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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST APRIL 1969, 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. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969.

2. The Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For "38/-" in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule I there shall be substituted "£2 0s. 0d."

(2) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 6 (which prescribe the scale of fees for treatment) there shall be substituted the schedule to these regulations.

3. Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st April 1969, the Board shall pay to a dentist in addition to the fees authorised under Regulation 18 of the principal regulations a sum equal to 3 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

4.—(1) Subject to the following provision of this regulation, these regulations shall not apply to general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st April 1969, and such services shall continue to be subject to the provision of the regulations in force immediately before that date.

(2) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st April 1969 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st July 1966 and before 1st April 1969 the Board shall pay to a dentist in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 of the principal regulations a sum equal to 5.6 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st April 1969 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st July 1966, the Board shall pay to a dentist in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 of the principal regulations a sum equal to 16.7 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

(4) In respect of an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated during the period beginning with 1st January 1969 and ending with

(a) 1948. c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

31st March 1969 the Board shall pay to a dentist an additional sum equal to 5.6 per cent. of the amounts payable under regulation 18 of the principal regulations and Regulation 2(3) of the Health Services (General Dental Services and General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966.

5. The Health Services (General Dental Services and General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(c) shall be amended as follows:—

Regulation 2 shall cease to have effect.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services this 1st day of April 1969.

(L.S.) *S. H. O'Fee,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 1st day of April 1969.

(L.S.) *James V. Morrison,*
Assistant Secretary.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 139.

SCHEDULE

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Scale of Fees for Dental Treatment and Conditions with respect to Materials

PART I. DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report: 8s. 0d.

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 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	8s. 0d.
2 films	10s. 0d.
*Each additional film	2s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d.
(b) Extra-oral films:	
1 film	11s. 0d.
*Each additional film	6s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 4s. 0d.

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 for persons aged 16 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment, 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:

*See second schedule 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.

(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*)).	13s. 6d.
*(*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 13s. 6d.

*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 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—	8s. 0d.
*5. Other periodontal treatment including protracted scaling and gingivectomy (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £4 10s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve):

Provided that in respect of gingivectomy and associated aftercare the additional fee shall be—

For treatment relating to the first 2 adjacent teeth in one jaw	£1 2s. 0d.
For treatment relating to additional teeth, per tooth	5s. 0d.

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.	13s. 6d. with a maximum of 13s. 6d. for two or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth, and a maximum of 19s. 0d. for two 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 16s. 0d.
(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 4s. 0d. with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 16s. 0d. per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	19s. 0d. with a maximum of £1 6s. 0d. for two or more such fillings per tooth.

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(b) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	19s. 0d. with a maximum for two or more such fillings per tooth of £1 9s. 0d.

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 10s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1 4s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 11s. 0d.
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 11s. 0d.

(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 2s. 0d. 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:

(*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	£1 15s. 0d.
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth	£3 0s. 0d.
(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of the removal of the coronal portion of the pulp including any necessary dressing, fee per tooth	£1 10s. 0d.
(*c*) apicectomy, fee per tooth	£2 0s. 0d.

*8. Gold Fillings (other than inlays)	£3 0s. 0d. per filling with a maximum for two or more such fillings per tooth of £4 10s. 0d.

9. Inlays (including any dressings):

	A Alloys containing 60% or more fine gold	B Any other alloys
*(*a*) metal inlay		
(i) a single surface cavity	£4 5s. 0d.	£4 0s. 0d.
(ii) a compound cavity	£6 5s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£6 0s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£8 0s. 0d.	£6 0s. 0d.
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £5 0s. 0d. to £9 0s. 0d.	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin	15s. 0d. per inlay.	
(*d*) refixing or recementing inlay	15s. 0d. 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.	

*See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.