SCHEDULE

(1) Petty Sessions District	(2) Times of holding Petty Sessions		
	Day of Month	Hour of Opening	
		For Juvenile Cases	For Other Business
County Antrim			
Lisburn	1st and 3rd Thursdays	—	11.00 a.m.
	4th Friday	10.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
County Armagh			
Armagh	2nd and 4th Thursdays	10.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Lurgan	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	—	11.00 a.m.
	3rd Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	—
Portadown	2nd and 4th Mondays	—	11.00 a.m.
	2nd Monday	10.00 a.m.	—
County Down			
Newry	Every Wednesday except the first	—	11.00 a.m.
	1st Wednesday	11.00 a.m.	—
Warrenpoint ..	4th Friday	10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
County Londonderry			
Coleraine	1st, 2nd and 4th Fridays	10.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Garvagh	3rd Friday	10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m.

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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH AUGUST, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 11, 80 and 81 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), 1960, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1960.

(a) 1948, c. 3.

2. The Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation 13, for the words "treatment other than emergency treatment or treatment specified in Column A of the Second Schedule to these Regulations" at the end of the paragraph, there shall be substituted the words "treatment specified in the Second Schedule other than emergency treatment."

(2) For paragraph 7 of the First Schedule (Terms of Service for Dentists practising elsewhere than at a Health Centre) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"7.—(1) In accepting an application for treatment, the dentist shall—

(*a*) enter the details required at 'A' and 'B' of the dental estimate form;

(*b*) obtain the patient's signature to Part 1 of the form to such extent as is applicable;

(*c*) examine the applicant and complete Part 7 of the dental estimate form;

(*d*) set out in Column I of Part 8 of the form the whole of the treatment necessary in his opinion to render the person dentally fit and, if the person is not willing to undergo the whole of such treatment, in Column II of that Part particulars of such part of that treatment as the person is willing to undergo;

(*e*) complete Part 6 of the form and after detaching it, give it to the applicant;

(*f*) complete Part 2 of the form.

(2) Where the extent of the treatment which the person is willing to undergo does not include treatment specified in the Second Schedule, the dentist may proceed with and complete the treatment before sending the dental estimate form to the Committee for approval.

(3) Where the treatment which the person is willing to undergo includes treatment specified in the Second Schedule, the dentist shall as soon as may be, and in any case within ten days after making his examination, send the dental estimate form to the Committee for approval, and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in the said Second Schedule other than emergency treatment until such approval is received. The Committee shall take all practicable steps to ensure that dental estimate forms are returned to the dentist within a reasonable period.

(4) (*a*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is not required any variation or addition such as would have made the treatment subject to prior approval is found to be necessary, the dentist shall thereupon notify the Committee in writing of the circumstances and shall as soon as reasonably practicable submit an estimate of the whole of the treatment necessary (including that which has been begun) and thereafter the provisions of the last preceding sub-paragraph shall apply to such part of the treatment as has not been commenced.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 157.

(*b*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is required, any variation of or addition to such estimate is found to be necessary, and relates to an item of treatment requiring prior approval, the dentist shall without delay re-submit the estimate to the Committee for approval. The Committee may withdraw or vary their original approval in so far as treatment has not yet been carried out in accordance with such approval, or add thereto and, until the decision of the Committee is received by the dentist, the restriction on proceeding with treatment contained in sub-paragraph (3) shall apply.

(5) A dentist shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall not take longer than six months from the date upon which the patient is accepted by him for treatment or, where prior approval is required, from the date on which such approval is received by him:

Provided that:—

(i) the time limit shall be 12 months in the case of treatment including extractions and the consequent provision of dentures;

(ii) treatment in so far as it relates to the provision of dentures shall not be regarded as completed unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the patient;

(iii) the time limit shall not apply where any delay is due to failure by the patient to attend for treatment or where the Committee is satisfied that there is other sufficient reason.

(6) Upon completing treatment for a patient a dentist shall give a certificate to that effect in Part 9 of the dental estimate form and shall obtain in Part 4 of that form a certificate from the person concerned that treatment has been completed to the best of his belief. The dentist shall within one month of the completion of the treatment send to the Committee the dental estimate form.

(7) Upon receiving a sum in payment of the prescribed charge the dentist shall complete Part 5 of the form and after detaching it give it to the applicant."

(3) After paragraph 11 of the First Schedule there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"*Dental Hygienists*

11(a). A dentist may employ a dental hygienist, being an ancillary dental worker whose name appears on the Roll of Dental Hygienists kept by the General Dental Council in accordance with the provisions of regulations made or having effect under Section 41 of the Dentists Act, 1957(a), and such dentist shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of the dental hygienist."

(4) For the Second Schedule, (Treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required) there shall be substituted the Second Schedule set out in the Schedule.

(5) For the Third Schedule (List of Prescribed Drugs) there shall be substituted the Third Schedule set out in the Schedule.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 28.

3. The Schedule (Scale of Fees) to the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**a**), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) The asterisks before item 7(*c*) (Apicectomy) in Part II and before the words "Gold Fillings" which follow this item shall be deleted.

(2) For item 27 in Part VII there shall be substituted the following item:—

"Gold Fillings £3 0s. 0d. per filling with a maximum for two or more fillings per tooth of £4 10s. 0d."

(3) Under 'Notes' after Part VIII, the following shall be substituted for Note 1:—

"1. *The prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required except that the following may be carried out without prior approval:—

(*a*) treatment for relief of pain or other urgent symptoms;

(*b*) extractions not necessitating the supply of dentures;

(*c*) extraction of all the remaining teeth of patients aged 35 years and over;

(*d*) initial provision of full upper and full lower dentures in vulcanite or acrylic resin following the extraction during the same course of treatment of all the remaining teeth of patients aged 35 years and over;

(*e*) provision of one post crown where only a single crown is required during a course of treatment;

(*f*) repairs to metal dentures, obturators, splints or other appliances up to a fee of £1 14s. 0d.;

(*g*) gold fillings."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. L. O. Andrews,
Minister of Health and Local Government.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 24th day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Terence O'Neill,
Minister of Finance.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 160.