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General Dental Services

REGULATIONS DATED 11TH APRIL, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1957. No. 69. [C]

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section eleven of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, 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 Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957, and shall come into force on the 1st May, 1957.

2. The Schedule hereto shall be substituted for the Schedule to the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a):

Provided that, as regards any course of treatment in pursuance of an estimate or any variation thereof or addition thereto, where the acceptance of the patient took place before the 1st May, 1957, the Scale of Fees in force immediately prior to that date shall continue to apply.

3. Regulation 5 of the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this eighth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven 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 this eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven in the presence of

(L.S.) *Terence O'Neill,*
Minister of Finance.

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

SCHEDULE

SCALE OF FEES

PART I—DIAGNOSIS

1. *Clinical examination, including advice and report:* 5s. 0d.

Only one fee shall be payable during a course of treatment, and no fee shall be payable for:—

(a) an examination in respect of repairs of dentures for edentulous patients;

(b) a group examination of children in schools or institutions;

(c) an examination of a person over 21 years of age if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination of that person made within the preceding six months.

(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 of that person made on or after the 1st March, the 1st July or the 1st November, whichever of these dates last occured.

(e) an examination in a case in which the modified estimate form is used.

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 be made under this scale and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during the said period.

2. *Radiological examination and report:—*

Per course of treatment:—

(a) Intra-oral films:	
1 film	7s. 6d.
‡ 2 films	10s. 0d.
* Each additional film	2s. 6d.
	Up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d.

† For definition of "same practitioner" see Note 2 (p. 11).
* See Note 1 (p. 11).
‡ Not more than two films (of which one may be extra-oral) can be taken without the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee.

(b) Extra-oral films:

‡ 1 film	10s. 6d.
* Each additional film	6s. 0d.
	Up to a maximum of £1 2s. 6d.

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

PART II—CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

3. *Scaling and gum treatment* for persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment which shall include the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums.	
(a) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (b)).	12s. 6d.
*(b) Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth concerned during the same course of treatment.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve, not exceeding 12s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable where the scaling and gum treatment is done at an interval of less than six months from the date of examination relating to the previous course of treatment by the same practitioner†, if it included this item, unless the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee has been obtained.

4. **Prolonged gum treatment* including scaling and correction of simple traumatic occlusion	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £1 10s. 0d. to £3 0s. 0d.
5. **Gingivectomy:*	
Treatment relating to the first 2 adjacent teeth	£1 1s. 0d.
Treatment relating to additional teeth—per tooth	5s. 0d.
6. *Fillings* (including any dressings), except fillings in deciduous teeth of children under 16 years. The fillings to which this scale applies shall be permanent in character.	

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* See Note 1 (p. 11).
† See Note 2 (p. 11).
‡ Not more than two films (of which one may be extra-oral) can be taken without the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee.

Per filling:—	
(a) Amalgam filling in:—	
(i) a single surface cavity	15s. 0d. with a maximum fee per tooth of £1 2s. 6d. for two or more such fillings.
(ii) a compound cavity	£1 2s. 6d. with a maximum fee per tooth of £1 15s. 0d. for two or more such fillings.
(iii) a combination of one single surface and one compound cavity	£1 12s. 6d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity (e.g. M.O.D. cavity)	£1 15s. 0d.
(b) Silicate, silico-phosphate or acrylic-resin filling	18s. 0d. with a maximum fee per tooth of £1 7s. 6d. for two or more such fillings.

Provided that no fee in excess of £2 shall be payable for any combination of the types of fillings necessary in one tooth, as indicated at (a) and (b) above.

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	
(i) 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	
(ii) treatment of septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal	
Per single rooted non-septic tooth	£1 10s. 0d.
Per multi-rooted or septic tooth	£2 5s 0d.
(b) Vital Pulpotomy, including necessary dressing—per tooth	£1 1s. 0d.
*(c) Apicectomy, including any necessary root treatment—per tooth	£3 15s. 0d.
* *Gold Fillings*	See Part VII, item 27.
* *Inlays*	See Part VII, item 28.
* *Crowns*	See Part VII, item 29.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

PART III—SURGICAL TREATMENT

8. **Extractions:*—

Per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	7s. 6d.	With a total additional fee of 2s. if teeth are extracted from more than one quadrant of the mouth.
2 teeth	8s. 6d.	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	11s. 6d.	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	15s. 6d.	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 1s. 6d.	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 5s. 6d.	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 9s. 6d.	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£1 13s. 6d.	
over 20 teeth	£1 19s. 6d.	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal organic condition of the patient the Dental Estimates Committee may allow an additional fee not exceeding £1 17s. 6d. per course.

9. **Minor Oral Surgery*

(a) alveolectomy in either upper or lower jaw	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to £3.
(b) Removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, exostosed tooth involving special difficulty, or other similar operation, including attention in connection therewith.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to £5 17s. 6d.
(c) Surgery on soft tissue, other than Gingivectomy	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to £1 10s.

Provided that the Dental Estimates Committee may, *in special circumstances,* approve a higher fee for any of the above items.

10. *Administration of a General Anaesthetic:*

(a) In connection with treatment under Item 8.

(i) Per visit where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction administers the anaesthetic:—

1 to 3 teeth ...	10s. 0d.
4 to 11 teeth ...	£1 0s. 0d.
12 to 19 teeth ...	£1 10s. 0d.
20 teeth or over ...	£2 0s. 0d.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).