

1975 No. 33

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES****Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975***Made* . . . . . 25th February 1975*Coming into operation* . . . . . 10th March 1975

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 61, 106 and 107 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 10th March 1975.

*Amendment*

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(b) shall be amended as follows:

(1) For regulation 20(9)(a) there shall be substituted:

“20.—(9)(a) Where the amount of a dentist's gross monthly income authorised by the Committee is equivalent to or more than the standard the Agency shall pay to the dentist the following supplemental payments:

Amount payable in respect of the period 1st June to 30th June 1974 . . . . .	£5.22
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st July to 31st July 1974 . . . . .	£8.70
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st August to 31st August 1974 . . . . .	£10.44
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st September to 30th September 1974 . . . . .	£12.18
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st October to 31st October 1974 . . . . .	£12.18
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st November to 30th November 1974 . . . . .	£13.92
Amount payable per month from 1st December 1974 . . . . .	£19.14.”

(2) For regulation 21 there shall be substituted:

“21.—(1) Subject to these regulations the Agency shall with effect from such date being the first day of a quarter on which a dentist shall have fulfilled the conditions set out in paragraph (2)

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 418 as amended by S.R. 1974 No. 119 and S.R. 1974 No. 241

and complied with the requirements set out in paragraph (3) pay in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (5) to such dentist additional remuneration which shall be referred to as a seniority payment.

- (2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) the dentist has attained the age of 55 years on or before that date; and
  - (b) the dentist has provided general dental services otherwise than as a salaried practitioner or as an assistant for a period of not less than 10 years since 5th July 1948, of which not less than a period of 5 years (whether or not either of such periods has been continuous) has been within the period of 10 years ending on that date; and
  - (c) the dentist has within the 10 years ending 31st March last preceding that date, received reckonable remuneration totalling not less than £10,000.

(3) The requirements referred to in paragraph (1) are that an application for a seniority payment shall be made on a form which shall be obtained from the Agency; shall be made by recorded delivery to the Agency and shall include particulars of the fulfilment by the dentist of the conditions set out in paragraph (2).

(4) A dentist shall cease to be entitled to a seniority payment with effect from the first day of the quarter immediately following any quarter in which—

- (a) he attains the age of 70 years, or
- (b) he receives a superannuation benefit.

(5) A seniority payment shall be calculated and payable as follows:

- (a) Where in any quarter the reckonable remuneration of a dentist to whom a seniority payment has become payable by virtue of the provisions of the preceding paragraphs falls within a range of remuneration listed in column 1 of Schedule 5, the seniority payment shall be the amount set out in column 2 of that Schedule opposite that range of remuneration;
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c) a seniority payment shall be payable by the end of the quarter next following that to which it relates;
- (c) no seniority payment shall be made by the Agency to a dentist in respect of any period before the quarter immediately preceding the quarter in which his application for a seniority payment is delivered to the Agency.

(6) Where the Agency has, pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, become liable to pay a seniority payment in respect of any quarter during the period beginning with 1st April 1974 and ending on 30th September 1974 to a dentist whose reckonable remuneration in that quarter was not less than £328, it shall pay to that dentist an additional sum of £1 for each £3 by which his reckonable remuneration in that quarter exceeded £325 or of £25 whichever is the less.”

- (3) In Schedule 2, for sub-paragraph (a) of Category 1 Column (B), there shall be substituted:

“(a) in all cases involving treatment under 2(c) other than the first film under 2(c)(i);”.

(4) For Schedule 5 there shall be substituted:

“SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 21

Scale of seniority payments

Column 1 <i>Reckonable remuneration in a Quarter</i>	Column 2 <i>Seniority payment</i>
£400 or more	£100
£397 or more but less than £400	£99
£394	£98
£391	£97
£388	£96
£385	£95
£382	£94
£379	£93
£376	£92
£373	£91
£370	£90
£367	£89
£364	£88
£361	£87
£358	£86
£355	£85
£352	£84
£349	£83
£346	£82
£343	£81
£340	£80
£337	£79
£334	£78
£331	£77
£328	£76
£325	£75
£322	£74
£319	£73
£316	£72
£313	£71
£310	£70
£307	£69
£304	£68
£301	£67
£298	£66
£295	£65
£292	£64
£289	£63
£286	£62
£283	£61
£280	£60
£277	£59
£274	£58
£271	£57
£268	£56
£265	£55
£262	£54
£259	£53

Column 1 <i>Reckonable remuneration in a Quarter</i>					Column 2 <i>Seniority payment</i>
£256	or more	but less	than	£259	£52
£253	"	"	"	£256	£51
£250	"	"	"	£253	£50
£247	"	"	"	£250	£49
£244	"	"	"	£247	£48
£241	"	"	"	£244	£47
£238	"	"	"	£241	£46
£235	"	"	"	£238	£45
£232	"	"	"	£235	£44
£229	"	"	"	£232	£43
£226	"	"	"	£229	£42
£223	"	"	"	£226	£41
£220	"	"	"	£223	£40
£217	"	"	"	£220	£39
£214	"	"	"	£217	£38
£211	"	"	"	£214	£37
£208	"	"	"	£211	£36
£205	"	"	"	£208	£35
£202	"	"	"	£205	£34
£199	"	"	"	£202	£33
£196	"	"	"	£199	£32
£193	"	"	"	£196	£31
£190	"	"	"	£193	£30
£187	"	"	"	£190	£29
£184	"	"	"	£187	£28
£181	"	"	"	£184	£27
£178	"	"	"	£181	£26
£175	"	"	"	£178	£25
£172	"	"	"	£175	£24
£169	"	"	"	£172	£23
£166	"	"	"	£169	£22
£163	"	"	"	£166	£21
£160	"	"	"	£163	£20
£157	"	"	"	£160	£19
£154	"	"	"	£157	£18
£151	"	"	"	£154	£17
£148	"	"	"	£151	£16
£145	"	"	"	£148	£15
£142	"	"	"	£145	£14
£139	"	"	"	£142	£13
£136	"	"	"	£139	£12
£133	"	"	"	£136	£11
£130	"	"	"	£133	£10
£127	"	"	"	£130	£9
£124	"	"	"	£127	£8
£121	"	"	"	£124	£7
£118	"	"	"	£121	£6
£115	"	"	"	£118	£5
£112	"	"	"	£115	£4
£109	"	"	"	£112	£3
£106	"	"	"	£109	£2
£103	"	"	"	£106	£1
Less than	£103				NIL

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 by providing for an increase in the level of seniority payments payable to dentists providing general dental services, other than as salaried practitioners providing those services at a health centre or as assistants. Provision is also made for further payments under a cost of living safeguard agreement to dentists and the prior approval requirement relating to radiological examinations involving panoramic films has been relaxed.