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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**General Dental Services**

Made 25th March 1977

Coming into operation 1st April 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 61, 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf with the approval of and in conjunction with the Department of Finance(a) and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of the dental profession as required by Article 61(4) of the said Order, 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) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) as amended(d) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) in regulation 14(2) for the amount "£12" there shall be substituted the amount "£30";

(2) after regulation 14(11) there shall be inserted:

"(12) A bridge, whether fixed or removable, which takes the place of any teeth shall be deemed to be a denture having that number of teeth for the purposes of this regulation".

(3) for Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:

"SCHEDULE 3**CHARGES PAYABLE FOR DENTAL APPLIANCES AND DENTAL TREATMENT**

1. Description of Appliance	Charge
(a) A metal or porcelain based denture	
bearing 1 to 3 teeth	£15.00
bearing 4 to 8 teeth	£16.00
bearing more than 8 teeth	£17.00
(b) More than one metal or porcelain based denture	£30.00

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and sch. 5 para. 8

(b) S.I. 1972 No. 1265 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 227 (II, p. 1117)

(d) S.R. 1975 No. 369 (II, p. 1802)

- (c) A denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain
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| bearing 1 to 3 teeth | £10.00 |
| bearing 4 to 8 teeth | £11.00 |
| bearing more than 8 teeth | £12.00 |
- (d) More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain £20.00
2. (a) The provision as part of general dental services of crowns, inlays, pinlays and gold fillings and the provision of one or more fillings other than root fillings in a material other than gold in a tooth for which one or more of such first mentioned treatments is provided as part of the same course of treatment, is prescribed as special dental treatment.
- (b) Subject to paragraph 4 below the charge for such prescribed special dental treatment shall be £10.00 for each tooth restored by such treatment.
3. The amount of the charge for any dental treatment not being—
- (a) the supply, replacement or repair of dentures or dental bridges;
- (b) the repair of orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints, radium applicators or other special dental appliances;
- (c) the arrest of bleeding;
- (d) the clinical examination of a patient or any report thereon; or
- (e) the restoration of crowns, inlays, pinlays or gold fillings
- shall be the current authorised fee for all such services or £5.00 whichever is the less.
4. The maximum charge for services provided in pursuance of any contract or arrangement in respect of which charges are payable by virtue of paragraph 2(b) or of paragraph 2(b) and one or both of paragraphs 1 and 3 above, shall be £30.00.
5. The charge shall in no case exceed £30.00”.

Transitional

3. These regulations shall apply to the supply of a dental appliance and to the provision of general dental services other than the supply of appliances under Article 61 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the examination or the first examination leading to the supply of that appliance or the making of the contract in pursuance of which the appliance is supplied or the services are provided takes place after 31st March 1977.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 25th March 1977.

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R. J. Christie

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 25th March 1977.

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J. Murray

Assistant Secretary

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) 1975. The main alterations made by them are:

- (a) to provide for an increase in the charge for dental treatment provided under the general dental services from the current authorised fee payable to the dentist or £3.50 whichever is the less, to the current authorised fee or £5.00 whichever is the less;
- (b) to provide for an increase in the charge for dentures to a maximum of £30.00 and to vary the charge according to whether the denture (including a bridge) is made of metal or porcelain or of other materials;
- (c) to prescribe as special dental treatment the provision as part of general dental services of crowns, inlays, pinlays and gold fillings, together with certain other fillings in a tooth treated with one of the first four treatments;
- (d) to provide for a charge of £10.00 for the restoration of a tooth by special dental treatment;
- (e) to provide for a maximum charge of £30.00 in respect of any combination of general dental services;
- (f) to provide for the increases to take effect only in respect of transactions commencing after 31st March 1977.