

1980 No. 82

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1980***Made* 4th March 1980*Coming into operation* 1st April 1980

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 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(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1980.

Amendment of regulations

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

- (1) in regulation 14(2) for the amount "£36" there shall be substituted the amount "£54";
- (2) for Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:

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

1. Description of Appliance	<i>Charge</i>
(a) A metal or porcelain based denture	
having 1 to 3 teeth	£25
having 4 to 8 teeth	£27
having more than 8 teeth	£29
(b) More than one metal or porcelain based denture	£50
(c) A denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain	
having 1 to 3 teeth	£17
having 4 to 8 teeth	£18
having more than 8 teeth	£19
(d) More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain	£30
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 £18 for each tooth restored by such treatment or the current authorised fee for such treatment whichever is the less.	

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

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

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

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 fillingsshall be the current authorised fee for all such treatment or £8 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 £54.
5. The charge shall in no case exceed £54."

Application

3. These regulations shall apply only in relation to—
 - (a) the supply of a dental appliance otherwise than under Part VI of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the examination or first examination leading to the supply takes place after 31st March 1980;
 - (b) the provision of general dental services where the contract or arrangement leading to the supply as part of those services of a dental appliance or to the provision other than such supply of dental services takes place after that date.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 4th March 1980.

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S. W. McDowell

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 4th March 1980.

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R. McMurray

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 by increasing the charges for the supply of certain dental appliances and the provision of dental treatment under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.