

1985 No. 56

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1985

Made 15th March 1985

Coming into operation 1st April 1985

The Department 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(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

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 2. (Interpretation) after the definition of "qualifying full-time education" there shall be inserted the following definition:

" 'Referral Dental Officer' means a dental officer in the employment of the Department";

(2) in regulation 13 after the words "Dental Officer" in the title there shall be inserted the words "or referral Dental Officer" and after the words "Dental Officer" there shall be inserted the words " , a Referral Dental Officer";

(3) in regulation 14(2) for the amount "£110.00" there shall be substituted the amount "£115.00";

(4) in Schedule 1, paragraph 9(5) after the words "Dental Officer" there shall be inserted the words "or a Referral Dental Officer";

(5) for Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

"SCHEDULE 3 Regulation 14

Charges Payable for Dental Appliances and Dental Treatment

| 1. Description of Appliance | <i>Charge</i> |
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| (a) A metal or porcelain based denture | |
| having 1 to 3 teeth | £50 |
| having 4 to 8 teeth | £52 |
| having more than 8 teeth | £55 |

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

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 227: The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1975 No. 369, S.R. 1977 No. 81, S.R. 1979 No. 216, S.R. 1980 No. 82, S.R. 1981 No. 61, S.R. 1982 No. 60, S.R. 1983 No. 32 and S.R. 1984 No. 64

- | 1. Description of Appliance | Charge |
|--|--------|
| (b) More than one metal or porcelain based denture | £98 |
| (c) A denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain | |
| having 1 to 3 teeth | £26 |
| having 4 to 8 teeth | £28 |
| having more than 8 teeth | £30 |
| (d) More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain | £47 |
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 the charge for such prescribed special dental treatment shall be as follows:—
- (i) for each tooth restored by such treatment involving the use of an alloy containing 45 per cent or more fine gold, the current authorised fee or £63 whichever is the less;
- (ii) for each tooth restored by such treatment involving the use of any other materials, the current authorised fee or £33 whichever is the less.
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 treatment or £17 whichever is the less or where the current authorised fee is more than £17, be an amount equal to the aggregate of £17 and 40 per cent (rounded down, if necessary, to the nearest whole penny) of the amount by which the said total sum exceeds £17.
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 shall be £115.”

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 1985;
- (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 31st March 1985.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 15th March 1985.

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R. W. McQuiston

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 15th March 1985.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

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. They also make minor amendments to permit a Referral Dental Officer to examine a patient receiving general dental treatment.

Instead of a maximum charge of £14.50 for routine dental treatment a patient will be charged the full cost up to £17 and where the cost is more than this amount the charge will be £17 plus 40 per cent of the amount by which the total cost exceeds £17. The charge is increased for a metal or porcelain based denture having 1 to 3 teeth from £47 to £50, 4 to 8 teeth from £49 to £52 and more than 8 teeth from £51 to £55; the charge for more than one metal or porcelain based denture is increased from £92 to £98. The charge is increased for a denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain having 1 to 3 teeth from £24 to £26, 4 to 8 teeth from £26 to £28 and more than 8 teeth from £28 to £30; the charge for more than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain is increased from £44 to £47. The maximum charge for special dental treatment is increased from either £30 to £33 or £59 to £63 depending on the materials used. The maximum charge for treatment and appliances is increased from £110 to £115.