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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1975 No. 1945

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND  
AND WALES**
**The National Health Service (Charges) Amendment  
Regulations 1975**

*Made* - - - - - 27th November 1975

*Laid before Parliament* 5th December 1975

*Coming into Operation* 1st January 1976

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of powers conferred by the provisions set out in Column 1 of the Schedule to these regulations as amended by the provisions set out in Column 2 of the said Schedule, and now vested in her (a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and Commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges) Amendment Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1976.

*Amendments to Regulations*

2.—The National Health Service (Charges) Regulations 1971(b) (as amended) (c) shall be further amended as follows:—

- (1) in regulation 3(1) (Dental Treatment and Appliances), for the words after “the said section 2” there shall be substituted—  
“shall be the current authorised fee or £3·50 whichever is the less.”;
- (2) in regulation 3(2), the words from “as amended by regulation 3” to “1969” shall be deleted and for the words from “instead of” to the end there shall be substituted—  
“(a) for a denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth, be £5·40,  
(b) for a denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth, be £6·00,  
(c) for a denture bearing more than 8 teeth, be £6·60”;
- (3) in regulation 3(3), for the words from “which was increased” to the end there shall be substituted—  
“shall not exceed £12·00.”;

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(a) See Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699; (1968 III, p. 4585)) Article 2.

(b) S.I. 1971/340 (1971 I, p. 1067).

(c) S.I. 1974/307 (1974 I, p. 1066).

- (4) in regulation 3(4), the words from “so, however,” to the end shall be deleted;
- (5) in regulation 3(6), the words between “Act of 1946” and “as part of a course” shall be deleted, and for the amount “£10·00” there shall be substituted the amount “£12·00”;
- (6) in regulation 6(1) (Supply of Lenses), the words “the several parts of” shall be deleted;
- (7) for regulation 6(2), there shall be substituted—
- “(2)(a) Subject to paragraph (2)(b), the charge authorised in respect of the supply under the health service of a lens of any description mentioned in the first column of Schedule 3 to these regulations shall be the amount specified in the second column of that Schedule opposite the description of that lens, but, where more than one pair of glasses is supplied following a new prescription or a change of prescription, the charge for each lens supplied after the first two shall be reduced by 50p.;
- (b) paragraph (2)(a) shall not apply to the supply otherwise than under Part IV of the Act of 1946 or pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (a) of a contact lens to a person to whom children’s glasses may be supplied and for whom a contact lens is clinically necessary.”;
- (8) for Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:—

## “SCHEDULE 3

Column 1	Column 2
<i>Description of Lens</i>	£ p.
1. Single vision lens (including single vision lenticular, frosted and chavasse lenses)—	2·25
2. Fused glass bifocal lens—	4·25
3. Lens of any other description—	5·00.”.

*Transitional*

3. These regulations shall apply in relation to a dental or an optical appliance supplied under the health service and in relation to services provided as part of general dental services under Part IV of the Act of 1946 where the examination or testing of sight or the first examination or testing of sight leading to the supply of that appliance or the making of the contract or arrangements in pursuance of which the appliance is supplied or the services are provided as the case may require, takes place after 31st December 1975.

*Barbara Castle,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

27th November 1975.

**SCHEDULE**  
**PROVISIONS CONFERRING POWERS EXERCISED**  
**IN MAKING THESE REGULATIONS**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
National Health Service Act 1946 (a) Section 40	National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1949 (b) sections 11 and 14(3); National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c) section 57 and paragraph 25 of Schedule 4;
Section 41	National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1949 section 14(4); Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 (d) sections 18(1) and (3) and 78 and Schedule 4; National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 section 57 and paragraph 26 of Schedule 4;
National Health Service Act 1951 (e) Section 1(1) and Schedule	National Health Service Act 1961 (f) section 1; National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 section 57 and paragraphs 58 and 59 of Schedule 4;
National Health Service Act 1952 (g) Section 2	
National Health Service Act 1961 Section 2(1)	

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Charges) Regulations 1971 by altering charges for the supply of some dental and optical appliances and the provision of dental treatment under the National Health Service Acts and provide for a further exemption.

The main alterations are:—

(a) the amendment of the charge for dental treatment provided under general dental services to the current authorised fee payable to the dentist or £3.50, whichever is the less (regulation 2(1));

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(a) 1946 c.81.	(b) 1949 c.93.	(c) 1973 c.32.	(d) 1968 c.46.
(e) 1951 c.31.	(f) 1961 c.19.	(g) 1952 c.25.	

- (b) an amendment of the charge for dentures provided under the health service (regulation 2(2)) and an increase to £12 of the maximum amount payable in respect of any course of treatment including dentures (regulation 2(3));
- (c) an amendment and simplification of the charges for spectacle lenses;
- (d) contact lenses clinically necessary for a child and supplied otherwise than under the general ophthalmic or school health services are excluded from optical appliances for which a charge can be made.

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