STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1991 No. 1348

# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1991

Made	9th June 1991
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Coming into force	1st July 1991

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 35(1), 36(1) and 126(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

## Citation and commencement

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 1st July 1991.

#### Amendment of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973

**2.**—(1) The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973(2) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph 16 (2) of Schedule 1 (terms of service for dentists)-

(a) after head (m) there is inserted the following head:-

"(mm) any treatment immediately necessary as a result of trauma;";

- (b) in head (n) after "(f)" there is added "and (mm)";
- (c) in head (o) for the words "and (k)" there are substituted the words ", (k) and (mm)";
- (d) in head (p) after "(k)" there is added "and (mm)"; and
- (e) in head (q) for the words "and (m)" there are substituted the words ", (m) and (mm)".

<sup>(1) 1977</sup> c. 49; see section 128(1) for the definitions of "prescribed" and "regulations". Section 35(1) was substituted by S.I.1985/39, article 7(9). Section 36 was amended by S.I. 1981/432, article 3(3), the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c. 48), section 5(4) and Schedule 3, paragraph 5, S.I. 1985/39, article 7(10), the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 25(1) and Schedule 2, paragraph 4, and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19), section 24.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1973/1468; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/1638, 1938, 2501 and 1991/581.

(3) In Part II of Schedule 1C (prior approval treatment)—

- (a) in paragraph 1 (course of care and treatment) for "£500" there is substituted "£600"; and
- (b) in paragraph 2 (orthodontic care and treatment) for "£500" there is substituted "£600".

#### **Application of these Regulations**

**3.** The amendments made by regulation 2(3) of these Regulations apply only in relation to a course of care and treatment, or to any orthodontic care and treatment, commenced on or after 1st July 1991.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

9th June 1991

Hooper Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973 ("the principal Regulations") which regulate the terms on which general dental services are provided under the National Health Service Act 1977.

Regulation 2(2) adds a further item to the list of items of treatment which a dentist can provide as occasional treatment.

Regulation 2(3) amends Schedule 1C to the principal Regulations to increase from £500 to £600 the maximum cost of a course of careand treatment or any orthodontic careand treatment which a dentist may provide without first seeking the prior approval of the Dental Practice Board. These amendments apply only in relation to careand treatment commenced on or after 1st July 1991 (regulation 3).