

4. The Fees Regulations shall be amended in manner following :—

(1) The first item in the Scale of Fees contained in Part I of the Schedule to the Regulations shall be amended and shall read as follows :—

“ 1. Clinical examination and report

5s. 0d.—but not chargeable :—

- (a) for an examination in respect of repairs of dentures for edentulous patients ;
- (b) where a modified estimate form is used ;
- (c) for an examination of a person over 21 years of age if the dentist has been paid, or is entitled to be paid for an examination of that person made within the preceding six months ; or
- (d) for an examination of a person under 21 years of age if the dentist has been paid, or is entitled to be paid for an examination of that person made since the 1st March, the 1st July, or the 1st November, whichever of those dates last occurred ”

(2) Item 24 in the Scale of Fees contained in Part I of the Schedule to the Regulations shall be amended and shall read as follows :—

“24*. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale which is clinically necessary and is not special treatment not clinically necessary provided or supplied under Part V of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. E. Pittaway,
Assistant Secretary.

REGULATIONS,* DATED 28TH MAY, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1952. No. 86

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections eleven, seventy-six and eighty of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and

* A draft of these Regulations was approved by Resolutions of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the 27th May, 1952.

of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1952.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

“ the Act ” means the Health Services Act. (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ the Board ” means the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board ;

“ current authorised fee ” in relation to any services, means the fee authorised in accordance with Regulations for the time being in force under the Act as the fee payable to the dental practitioner in respect of those services but does not include —

(a) any fee authorised as aforesaid in respect of a visit to a patient by a dental practitioner, or

(b) any additional charge payable by the patient in pursuance of Regulation 13 of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (a), being a charge for special treatment not clinically necessary ;

“ dental estimate form ” means the form set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule to the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, or a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry ;

“ enactment ” includes any provision in any Act or in any order, rule, regulation or other instrument made under or by virtue of any Act ;

“ modified estimate form ” means the form set out in Part V of the Fourth Schedule to the aforesaid Regulations or an alternative form approved by the Ministry ;

“ repair ” does not include the re-lining of dentures or the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to any other enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3.—(1) This Regulation shall apply to any service provided in pursuance of a contract or arrangement as part of the general dental services under Part II of the Act, not being —

(a) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1948, No. 157.

- (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 arresting of bleeding ; or
- (d) the clinical examination of a patient and any report thereon.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of this Regulation, a dental practitioner shall make and recover a charge in respect of the provision by him of any services to which this Regulation applies.

(3) The amount of such charge shall be the current authorised fee for all such services, or one pound whichever is the less.

(4) Where any services in respect of which a charge is payable under the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 (a), are provided in pursuance of the same contract or arrangement, the charges payable under this Regulation, and under the aforesaid Regulations, in respect of all services provided in pursuance of the contract or arrangement shall not together exceed four pounds five shillings in the aggregate.

(5) No charge shall be made under this Regulation in respect of any services provided in pursuance of a contract or arrangement under which the first examination took place before the date of operation of these Regulations.

(6) No charge shall be made under this Regulation in respect of services (other than the re-lining of dentures or the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures) provided for any person who, on the date of the contract or arrangement for the services —

- (a) is under twenty-one years of age ; or
- (b) is an expectant mother or has borne a child within the previous twelve months ;

if (in any such case) a declaration to that effect is made by or on behalf of that person in such form and manner as may be determined by the Ministry.

4. In providing general dental services for which a charge can be made under Regulation 3 of these Regulations a dental practitioner shall —

- (a) obtain on a form provided for the purpose by the Board an acknowledgment by the patient, or by some person competent to act on his behalf, of his obligation to pay the said charge ; and
- (b) on receiving a sum in payment or part payment of the said charge give a receipt therefor on a form provided for the purpose by the Board.

(a) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1951, No. 81.

5. A dental practitioner providing general dental services for a person who claims exemption from the aforesaid charge on the ground that such person on the date of the contract or arrangement for the services :—

(a) is under twenty-one years of age ; or

(b) is an expectant mother or has borne a child within the previous twelve months ;

shall obtain from that person, or from some other person competent to act on his behalf, a declaration in support of the claim on a form approved for the purpose by the Ministry and provided by the Board.

6. Any acknowledgment or declaration referred to in the last two preceding Regulations shall be sent by the dental practitioner to the Dental Estimates Committee of the Board together with the dental estimate form or modified estimate form as the case may be when he forwards the appropriate estimate form to the Dental Estimates Committee.

7. Any fee which but for these Regulations would be payable by the Board to a dental practitioner in respect of the provision of any service as part of the general dental services shall be reduced by the amount payable under these Regulations to the dental practitioner in respect of that service.

8. For the purposes of the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951, and these Regulations, 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 ; and the references to dentures and dental bridges in these Regulations shall be construed accordingly.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-two in the presence of

(L.S.)

L. G. P. Freer,
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations in accordance with section seventy-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. D. Scott,
Secretary.