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General Dental Services

REGULATIONS DATED 11TH APRIL, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1957. No. 69.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section eleven of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957, and shall come into force on the 1st May, 1957.

2. The Schedule hereto shall be substituted for the Schedule to the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a);

Provided that, as regards any course of treatment in pursuance of an estimate or any variation thereof or addition thereto, where the acceptance of the patient took place before the 1st May, 1957, the Scale of Fees in force immediately prior to that date shall continue to apply.

3. Regulation 5 of the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this eighth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. L. O. Andrews,

Minister of Health and Local Government.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven in the presence of

(L.S.)

Terence O'Neill,
Minister of Finance.

SCHEDULE

SCALE OF FEES

PART I—DIAGNOSIS

1. *Clinical examination, including advice and report:* 5s. 0d.

Only one fee shall be payable during a course of treatment, and no fee shall be payable for:—

- (a) an examination in respect of repairs of dentures for edentulous patients;
- (b) a group examination of children in schools or institutions;
- (c) an examination of a person over 21 years of age if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination of that person made within the preceding six months.
- (d) an examination of a person under 21 years of age if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination of that person made on or after the 1st March, the 1st July or the 1st November, whichever of these dates last occurred.
- (e) an examination in a case in which the modified estimate form is used.

In the case of a woman who is, or has been, pregnant and who is not edentulous, a fee shall be payable for one examination during the period of pregnancy and 12 months thereafter, additional to the examinations for which payment may be made under this scale and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during the said period.

2. *Radiological examination and report:—*

Per course of treatment:—

- (a) Intra-oral films:

1 film	7s. 6d.
‡ 2 films	10s. 0d.
* Each additional film	2s. 6d.

Up to a maximum of
£1 15s. 0d.

† For definition of "same practitioner" see Note 2 (p. 11).

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

‡ Not more than two films (of which one may be extra-oral) can be taken without the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee.

(b) Extra-oral films:

‡ 1 film	10s. 6d.
* Each additional film	6s. 0d.
	Up to a maximum of £1 2s. 6d.

Provided that the Dental Estimates Committee may require that the X-ray films or duplicates be submitted to them before payment is made.

PART II—CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

3. *Scaling and gum treatment* for persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment which shall include the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums.

(a) *Scaling and gum treatment* (except cases under (b)). 12s. 6d.

* (b) *Scaling and gum treatment* to be followed by extraction of the teeth concerned during the same course of treatment. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve, not exceeding 12s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable where the scaling and gum treatment is done at an interval of less than six months from the date of examination relating to the previous course of treatment by the same practitioner†, if it included this item, unless the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee has been obtained.

4. **Prolonged gum treatment* including scaling and correction of simple traumatic occlusion. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £1 10s. 0d. to £3 0s. 0d.

5. **Gingivectomy*:
 Treatment relating to the first 2 adjacent teeth £1 1s. 0d.
 Treatment relating to additional teeth—per tooth 5s. 0d.

6. *Fillings* (including any dressings), except fillings in deciduous teeth of children under 16 years. The fillings to which this scale applies shall be permanent in character.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

† See Note 2 (p. 11).

‡ Not more than two films (of which one may be extra-oral) can be taken without the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee.

Per filling:—

(a) Amalgam filling in:—

(i) a single surface cavity

15s. 0d. with a maximum fee per tooth of £1 2s. 6d. for two or more such fillings.

(ii) a compound cavity

£1 2s. 6d.

with a maximum fee per tooth of £1 15s. 0d. for two or more such fillings.

(iii) a combination of one single surface and one compound cavity

£1 12s. 6d.

(iv) a confluent compound cavity (e.g. M.O.D. cavity)

£1 15s. 0d.

(b) Silicate, silico-phosphate or acrylic-resin filling

18s. 0d.

with a maximum fee per tooth of £1 7s. 6d. for two or more such fillings.

Provided that no fee in excess of £2 shall be payable for any combination of the types of fillings necessary in one tooth, as indicated at (a) and (b) above.

7. *Root treatment of permanent teeth*, including all attention in connection therewith but not including the provision of X-rays or the insertion of any filling in the crown of the tooth.

(a) Treatment comprising either

(i) the devitalisation of the pulp of a tooth and the subsequent removal of the pulp followed by the necessary treatment and filling of each root canal of the tooth, or

(ii) treatment of septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal

Per single rooted non-septic tooth

£1 10s. 0d.

Per multi-rooted or septic tooth

£2 5s 0d.

(b) Vital Pulpotomy, including necessary dressing—per tooth

£1 1s. 0d.

* (c) Apicectomy, including any necessary root treatment—per tooth

£3 15s. 0d.

* *Gold Fillings*

See Part VII, item 27.

* *Inlays*

See Part VII, item 28.

* *Crowns*

See Part VII, item 29.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

PART III—SURGICAL TREATMENT

8. *Extractions:—

Per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	7s.	6d.	} With a total additional fee of 2s. if teeth are extracted from more than one quadrant of the mouth.
2 teeth	8s.	6d.	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	11s.	6d.	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	15s.	6d.	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1	1s. 6d.	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1	5s. 6d.	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1	9s. 6d.	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£1	13s. 6d.	
over 20 teeth	£1	19s. 6d.	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal organic condition of the patient the Dental Estimates Committee may allow an additional fee not exceeding £1 17s. 6d. per course.

9. *Minor Oral Surgery

- (a) alveolectomy in either upper or lower jaw
Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to £3.
- (b) Removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, exostosed tooth involving special difficulty, or other similar operation, including attention in connection therewith.
Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to £5 17s. 6d.
- (c) Surgery on soft tissue, other than Gingivectomy
Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to £1 10s.

Provided that the Dental Estimates Committee may, *in special circumstances*, approve a higher fee for any of the above items.

10. Administration of a General Anaesthetic:

- (a) In connection with treatment under Item 8.
 - (i) Per visit where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction administers the anaesthetic:—

1 to 3 teeth	...	10s.	0d.
4 to 11 teeth	...	£1	0s. 0d.
12 to 19 teeth	...	£1	10s. 0d.
20 teeth or over	...	£2	0s. 0d.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

- (ii) Where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:—

Per patient per course of treatment

7s. 6d.

Provided that the fee under (i) and (ii) shall not exceed £2 per case.

- * (b) In connection with treatment under Item 9 where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment administers the anaesthetic. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve not exceeding £2.

Provided that where in special circumstances a special anaesthetic (e.g., intratracheal) is so administered the fee will be such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve not exceeding £4 4s.

PART IV—DENTURES AND SPECIAL APPLIANCES OTHER THAN ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

(a) *Dentures*

Fees for the provision of dentures cover the provision of all necessary clasps, bands or wires, rests and strengtheners and all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion.

11. **Dentures in vulcanite or acrylic resin:—*

(a) Full upper or full lower	£5	7s.	6d.
(b) Full upper and lower	£9	9s.	0d.
(c) Partial denture—			
1, 2 or 3 teeth	£4	5s.	0d.
4 to 8 teeth	£5	0s.	0d.
9 or more teeth	£5	7s.	6d.

Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £9 9s. 0d.

- (d) Additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—

(i) Stainless steel £1 1s. 0d.

(ii) Gold or other approved materials Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve not exceeding £2 10s. 0d.

12. *Relining dentures in vulcanite or acrylic resin including all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion—per denture*

£2 0s. 0d.

* Provided that where relining is to be accompanied by repairs and/or additions the prior approval of the Committee is required and the fee for all items shall be such fee as the Committee may approve.

13. *Repairs:*

- (a) repairing a crack or fracture, covering pins, refixing or replacing a tooth or clasp (including any gum associated therewith)
 - any one item 14s. 0d.
 - each additional item 5s. 0d.
 - (b) renewing gum 14s. 0d.
- Provided that no fee in excess of £1 14s. 0d. per denture shall be payable for any combination of treatment under Items 13 and 14.

14. *Additions:*

- (a) Addition of a clasp or tooth (including any gum associated therewith) £1 4s. 0d.
 - (b) Addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 14 (a). £1 4s. 0d.
- Provided that no fee in excess of £1 14s. 0d. per denture shall be payable for any combination of treatment under Items 13 and 14.

15. **Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures:—*

- Per tooth in addition to the appropriate fee for non-metallic based denture: —
- (i) Stainless steel 11s. 6d.
 - (ii) Chrome Cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold 15s 0d.
 - (iii) Precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold £1 3s. 0d.

Metal Dentures See Part VII, item 30.

(b) *Special Appliances*

16. **Obturators—*
- (a) per case in addition to appropriate denture fee. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £3 to £5 or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
 - (b) repairs to obturators. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.

17. **Treatment involving splints or other appliances* Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

PART V—TREATMENT SPECIAL TO CHILDREN

18. *Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth* of children under 16 years at the beginning of a course of treatment—

(a) by filling with amalgam, oxyphosphate cement or other similar material.

(i) single surface cavity — per filling

10s. 0d.

(ii) compound cavity or confluent compound cavity—per filling

15s. 0d.

Provided that no fee in excess of 15s. shall be payable for any number of fillings as at (a) above in any one tooth.

(b) by conservation by other means—

(i) by preparing self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments

per tooth

7s. 6d.

maximum per patient

£1 11s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (i) when the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner† unless, in exceptional circumstances the approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is first obtained.

(ii) by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants, per patient

7s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (ii) when the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner† unless in exceptional circumstances the approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is first obtained.

(c) by vital pulpotomy, including necessary dressing, per tooth

10s. 6d.

19. *Scaling, polishing and gum treatment:*

(a) Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under 16 years at the beginning of a course of treatment and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums

9s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable:—(i) where the treatment is carried out at an interval of less than 6 months from the date of examination relating to any previous course of treatment by the same practitioner†

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

† See Note 2 (p. 11).

if it included this item, unless the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee has been obtained; (ii) in respect of a patient under 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment unless the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee has been obtained.

- (b) Removal of stain including any necessary polishing 5s. 6d.

*Provided that (i) a further fee shall not be payable for such treatment to the same practitioner† unless the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee has been obtained and (ii) a fee shall not be paid in respect of this treatment in addition to a fee under item 19(a).

20. *Orthodontics:*

- * (a) Orthodontic treatment of children and young persons under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.
- (b) Repairs to orthodontic appliances Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.

PART VI—GENERAL ITEMS

- 21. *Dressing of teeth* in respect of a casual patient—
 - One tooth 7s. 6d.
 - Two or more teeth 10s. 6d.

- 22. *Domiciliary visits* where a patient's condition so requires—per visit to one or more patients at one address 7s. 6d.

- 23. *Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine*—
 - Per course 7s. 6d.

- 24. *Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination; etc.*—
 - Per patient 7s. 6d.

- 25. *Arrest of bleeding*, including bleeding following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:
 - Arrest of bleeding or administration of after care (e.g., removal of a plug or stitches) per visit 12s. 6d.

Provided that the same practitioner† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after care.

- 26. **Any other treatment* not included in this scale— Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

† See Note 2 (p. 11).

PART VII—SPECIAL TREATMENT, WHICH IS CLINICALLY NECESSARY PROVIDED UNDER PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS.

27. **Gold Fillings*—per filling. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £1 10s. 0d. to £4 2s. 6d.

28. **Inlays*

(a) Metal inlay in—	Gold	Other Metal
(i) a single surface cavity	£3 15s. 0d.	£3 10s. 0d.
(ii) a compound cavity ...	£4 15s. 0d.	£4 5s. 0d.
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle ...	£5 0s. 0d.	£4 10s. 0d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity ...	£5 10s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.

(b) Fused porcelain inlay. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £4 5s. 0d. to £8 5s. 0d.

29. **Crowns*, excluding root treatment

(a) Gold shell crown ...	£4 10s. 0d.
(b) Gold three-quarter crown ...	£5 10s. 0d.
(c) Post crown—	
(i) without diaphragm ...	£2 15s. 0d.
(ii) with diaphragm ...	£3 15s. 0d.
(d) Jacket crown—	
(i) Acrylic jacket on non-vital tooth ...	£2 15s. 0d.
(ii) Acrylic jacket on vital tooth ...	£4 10s. 0d.
(iii) Porcelain jacket on non-vital tooth ...	£6 0s. 0d.
(iv) Porcelain jacket on vital tooth ...	£8 5s. 0d.

30. **Metal Dentures* (which should not normally be provided within a period of 3 months after extractions).

(a) Per denture:

(i) <i>Base Metal Alloys</i>	<i>Stainless Steel</i>	<i>Chrome Cobalt</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Partial Denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	7 10 0	9 10 0
" " " 4, 5 or 6 "	8 5 0	10 10 0
" " " 7, 8 or 9 "	9 0 0	11 10 0
" " " 10 or more teeth	9 15 0	12 10 0
Full denture ...	8 10 0	11 0 0
Additional fee where teeth are backed, per tooth: ...	0 10 0	0 15 0
Up to a maximum additional fee of	2 0 0	3 0 0

* See Note 1 (p. 11).

(ii) *Precious metal alloys*

	(A)			(B)		
	<i>Containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold</i>			<i>Containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Partial Denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	9	10	0	10	0	0
" " " 4, 5 or 6 "	10	10	0	12	0	0
" " " 7, 8 or 9 "	11	10	0	14	0	0
" " " 10 or more teeth	12	10	0	16	0	0
Full denture	11	0	0	14	0	0
Additional fee where teeth are backed, per tooth	0	15	0	1	0	0
Up to a maximum additional fee of	3	0	0	4	0	0

(b) Repairs and additions

Fee appropriate to similar treatment to plastic or vulcanite dentures as covered by Items 13 and/or 14 together with such additional fee as the Committee may approve.

PART VIII—SPECIAL TREATMENT WHICH IS NOT CLINICALLY NECESSARY UNDER PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

31. **Special treatment* provided or supplied at a patient's request under Part V of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, not being treatment which, in the opinion of the Dental Estimates Committee, is required by the patient owing solely to his clinical condition. The appropriate fee for the corresponding normal treatment together with such additional charge, payable by the patient, as may be agreed upon between the dentist and the patient.

NOTES:

1. * The prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required except that the following may be carried out without prior approval:—

- (a) extractions not necessitating the supply of dentures;
- (b) treatment for relief of pain or other urgent symptoms;
- (c) repairs to metal dentures, obturators or special appliances up to a fee of £1 14s. 0d.

2. † For the purpose of this scale of fees, reference to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

PART IX—CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

(1) The nature of the materials to be used shall be specified on an estimate for the provision of (a) a metal denture, (b) a crown, (c) an inlay and (d) a filling with any material other than amalgam.

(2) All filling materials shall be of first-grade quality and suitable for each individual cavity. Except in special circumstances, where the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee has been obtained, cements, gutta percha and copper amalgam are not to be regarded as permanent filling materials, though they may be used, without reference to the Committee for the conservation of deciduous teeth. Silicate and silico-phosphate cements or self polymerising acrylic resin filling materials may be used in anterior teeth but are not to be used for fillings in teeth posterior to the canines (other than first and second premolars where the occlusal surfaces are not involved) except where the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained. For the purposes of this paragraph cements are to be taken to include all filling materials which consist of powders in combination with liquids other than mercury.

(3) All materials used in dentures shall be of first-grade quality. A plastic base material other than vulcanite shall be used only if it is of a brand approved for the time being by the Ministry for use in the making of dentures.

(4) Where pin teeth are used for vulcanite or other plastic base dentures, all pins shall be of platinum, or nickel cased with gold or other precious metal or nickel alloy cased with gold or other precious metal. Pins sheathed with gold anchored within the porcelain are within this specification. The teeth, whether porcelain or acrylic shall be of first-grade quality.

(5) Porcelain diatoric anterior teeth may be used in vulcanite or plastic base dentures only when artificial gum is necessary.

(6) Strengtheners shall be compatible with the denture base materials used and not liable to change in the mouth.

(7) Bands and clasps shall be of either—

- (a) alloys containing not less than 40 per cent of gold, platinum or palladium (including not less than 15 per cent. of gold, and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal); or
- (b) stainless steel; or
- (c) such other material as may be approved for the time being by the Ministry.

Bands shall be not less than No. 7 gauge in thickness.

(8) In cases of close bite where porcelain or plastic teeth cannot be used, cusps of—

- (a) alloys containing not less than $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal; or

- (b) stainless steel; or
 - (c) such other material as may be approved for the time being by the Ministry
- may be used.

(9) Metal used for denture bases, backings, posts and tags, spiral springs, bolts and swivels, shall be—

- (a) alloys containing not less than $33\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal; or
- (b) stainless steel; or
- (c) such other material as may be approved for the time being by the Ministry; and
- (d) of adequate strength.

(10) Casing of gold cased lingual or palatal bars shall be of not less than 18 carat gold.

(11) Acrylic resin material shall not be used for inlays.

REGULATIONS DATED 6TH JUNE, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1957. No. 99

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section eleven of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957.

2. After Regulation 6 of the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a) there shall be inserted the following Regulation:

“7. As respects any payment made to a dentist in pursuance of any advice of payment from the Board to a dentist, being an advice dated on or after the first day of May, 1957, there shall be paid by the Board to the dentist in addition to the fees payable to him in respect of general dental services provided by him, a sum equal to 2.6 per cent. of the amount of the fees determined under Regulations 3 and 4 in respect of those services.”

(a) S.R. & O., 1948, No. 160.