

**2023 No. 367**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

**The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - at 12.45 p.m. on 27th March 2023

*Laid before Parliament* at 4.30 p.m. on 27th March 2023

*Coming into force* 24th April 2023

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 176(1) and (2) and 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a), makes the following Regulations.

**Citation, commencement, application and extent**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 and come into force on 24th April 2023.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and apply in relation to England only.

**Amendment of the National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005**

**2.**—(1) The National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (calculation of charges)—

(a) in paragraphs (1) and (5), for “£23.80” substitute “£25.80”;

(b) in paragraph (2), for “£65.20” substitute “£70.70”;

(c) in paragraphs (3) and (4), for “£282.80” substitute “£306.80”.

At 12.45 p.m. on 27th March 2023

*Neil O’Brien*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Health and Social Care

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(a) 2006 c. 41. Section 176 was amended by section 55(1) of, and paragraph 94(b) of Schedule 4 to, the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7) and by section 1(2) of, and paragraph 1(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to, the Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31). By virtue of section 271(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006, the powers being exercised by the Secretary of State in the making of these Regulations are exercisable only in relation to England.

(b) S.I. 2005/3477; as amended by S.I. 2006/1837, 2007/544, 2008/547, 2009/407, 2011/519, 2012/502, 2013/364, 475 and 711, 2014/443 and 545, 2015/417 and 1728, 2016/324, 2017/408, 2018/336, 2019/522, 2020/885 and 1335 and by section 410 of, and paragraph 345 of Schedule 24 to, the Sentencing Act 2020 (c. 17).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005 (“the 2005 Regulations”). The 2005 Regulations include patient charges levied for NHS dental treatments in England.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 4 of the 2005 Regulations to increase the charges for dental treatments. Regulation 2(2)(a) amends paragraphs (1) and (5) of regulation 4 of the 2005 Regulations to increase the charge payable for Band 1 courses of treatment, including for urgent treatments, from £23.80 to £25.80. Regulation 2(2)(b) amends regulation 4(2) of the 2005 Regulations to increase the charge payable for Band 2 courses of treatment from £65.20 to £70.70. Regulation 2(2)(c) amends paragraphs (3) and (4) of regulation 4 of the 2005 Regulations to increase the charge payable for Band 3 courses of treatment, including the supply of dental appliances, from £282.80 to £306.80.

An assessment of the impact of this instrument has been made. A copy of this impact assessment is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside this instrument on the [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk) website. Copies may also be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Care, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU.

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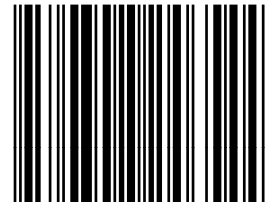
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