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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH SEPTEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 11 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf 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) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967.

2. For Schedule 2 to the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**) (which sets out the treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required) there shall be substituted the following schedule:—

SCHEDULE 2

Treatment for which the Prior Approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
I. Diagnosis	2(*a*) and (*b*)	Radiological examination—
		(*a*) in cases including apicectomy, involving 6 or more intra-oral films;
		(*b*) in orthodontic cases, involving 7 or more intra-oral films, or 3 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with 3 or more extra-oral films;
		(*c*) in cases including root treatment, involving 5 or more intra-oral films;
		(*d*) in any other case, involving 4 or more intra-oral films, or 2 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films.

(**a**) 1948. c. 3. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
II. Conservative Treatment	3	Scaling and gum treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 to the same practitioner* commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	3(*b*)	Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment.
	5	Periodontal treatment other than treatment provided under items 3 and 4.
	8	Gold fillings.
	9	Inlays (other than the provision of one compound metal inlay involving the incisal angle of an incisor or canine tooth, where only one inlay is required during the same course of treatment, and other than renewal of a facing under item 9(*c*) or refixing or recementing an inlay under item 9(*d*)).
	10	Crowning of permanent teeth (other than, where only one crown is required during the same course of treatment, the provision under item 10(*d*)(i) or (iii) of one porcelain jacket crown for a patient aged 16 years or over or the provision under item 10(*f*)(i) or (ii) of one synthetic resin post or dowel crown with or without diaphragm, and other than refixing or recementing a crown).
III. Surgical Treatment	11	Extractions necessitating the supply of a denture for a patient aged less than 21 years or extractions comprising part of a course of orthodontic treatment.
	12	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, etc.; surgery on soft tissue.
	13(*a*)(iii)	Administration of an anaesthetic in connection with treatment under item 11, where special difficulties arise owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.
	13(*b*)	General anaesthetic administered in connection with items 5, 7(*c*) and 12, of the scale of fees.

*Reference in this schedule 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.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
IV. Dentures, bridges and special appliances other than orthodontic appliances	14,19(*a*)(i) and (ii)	Provision of dentures (other than (*a*) the provision of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin carrying one or more incisor or canine teeth or 4 or more premolar or molar teeth, necessitated by the extraction during the same course of treatment of a tooth or teeth of a patient aged 21 years or over, or (*b*) the replacement of dentures, except where free replacement is sought in cases of loss or damage or where dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin are to be replaced by dentures in other materials).
	15(*a*)(ii)	Relining of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	15(*b*)	Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	15(*c*)	Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	18	Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19(*b*)	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost of more than £1 18s. 0d.
	19(*c*)	Additions to metal dentures.
	20	Bridges.
	21(*a*)	Provision of obturators.
	21(*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 18s. 0d.
	21(*c*)	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 18s. 0d.
V. Treatment special to children	22(*c*)(i)	Conservation by preparation of self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner.*
	22(*c*)(ii)	Conservation by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner.*

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A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	23(*a*)(i)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children aged 9 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner* commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	23(*a*)(ii)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under the age of 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment.
	23(*b*)	Removal of calculus where in exceptional cases it is present to an abnormal degree.
	23(*c*)	Removal of stain where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment to the same practitioner* commenced at any time during any of the 11 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	24(*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances (see item 11).
VI. General Items	30	Any treatment not included in items 1-29 of the scale of fees.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services this 12th day of September 1967.

(L.S.) *S. H. O'Fee,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 12th day of September 1967.

(L.S.) *R. R. Butler,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide for a reduction in the list of items requiring prior approval by the Dental Estimates Committee.