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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 13 and 87 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(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.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1972.

(2) In these regulations

"the principal regulations" means the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(b); and

"regulation 18" means regulation 18 of the principal regulations as amended by regulation 2(2) of the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) (which provided for a new scale of fees for treatment).

2. The principal regulations shall be further amended as follows—

(1) In paragraph 8(2)(*d*) of Schedule 1 Part I (which deals with "emergency treatment") for the amount of £2.20 there shall be substituted the amount of £2.30.

(2) In Part II of Schedule 2 (which deals with "treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required") there shall be added:—

(*a*) In column A between item numbers 5 and 8 the figure "6".

(*b*) In column B between items of treatment opposite item numbers 5 and 8 in column A the following paragraph:—

"Any filling or any combination of types of filling in one tooth where pin or screw retention is used."

(3) For Part IV of Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following:—

"IV. Dentures, bridges and other appliances other than orthodontic appliances	14, 19(*a*) (i) and (ii)	Provision of dentures (other than (*a*) the provision of dentures in 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 metal based dentures are to replace dentures in other materials).

(a) 1971. c. 1 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60. (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 251.

14(*d*) and 15(*b*)	Provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
15(*a*)(ii)	Relining or rebasing of dentures accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
18	Backing and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
19(*b*)	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16.
19(*c*)	Additions to metal dentures.
20	Bridges (other than recementing a bridge).
21(*a*)	Provision of obturators.
21(*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16.
21(*c*)	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost not exceeding the maximum fee allowable under item 16."

(4) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 6 (which set out the scale of fees for dental treatment) there shall be substituted the following—

"SCHEDULE 6

SCALE OF FEES FOR DENTAL TREATMENT AND CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

PART I

DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report	£0.64

Provided that—

(1) only one fee shall be payable during a course of treatment;

(2) no fee shall be payable for—

(*a*) an examination in respect of repairs to dentures for edentulous patients,

(*b*) a group examination in schools or institutions,

(*c*) an examination of a person aged 21 years or over if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person made at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month during which a further examination is made,

†Reference in this scale of fees 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.

(*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 and report on that person made on or after the preceding 1st February, 1st June or 1st October, whichever of these dates last occurred;

(3) in the case of a woman who is, or has been, pregnant and who is not edentulous, in addition to the examinations for which payment may otherwise be made under this item, a fee shall be payable for one examination during the antenatal and postnatal period and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during that period‡.

2. Radiological examination and report:

Fees per course of treatment—

(*a*) Intra-oral films:	
1 film	£0.46
2 films	£0.56
*3 films	£0.66
*each additional film	£0.16 up to a maximum of £2.10
(*b*) Extra-oral films	
1 film	£0.72
*each additional film	£0.40 up to a maximum of £1.52

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

Part II

Conservative Treatment

A. *Periodontal Treatment*

3. Scaling, including the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums and any necessary oral hygiene instruction for persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment:—	
(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except under (*b*))	£1.00
*(*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:	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £0.84

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

†Reference in this scale of fees 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.

‡The antenatal and postnatal period is the period of pregnancy and the 12 months subsequent to the date of confinement.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3(*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, unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained.

4. Treatment urgently required for acute infective conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa, including any necessary oral hygiene instruction:	
Fee per course of treatment—	£0.52
*5. Other periodontal treatment including any necessary oral hygiene instruction, periodontal surgery and protracted scaling (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	
(*a*) with periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
(*b*) without periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £5.80.
B. *Restorative Treatment*	
6. Fillings (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment), except fillings in deciduous teeth of children under 16 years. The fillings to which this scale applies shall be permanent in character.	
Fee per filling:—	
(*a*) amalgam filling in:	
(i) a single surface cavity.	£0.84 with a maximum of £0.84 for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £1.14 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth not all in one surface.
(ii) a mesial-occlusal-distal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity in a molar or premolar tooth.	£1.90
(iii) a mesial-occlusal or distal-occlusal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity into the lingual or buccal surfaces or both in a molar or premolar tooth.	£1.40 with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1.90 per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	£1.14 with a maximum of £1.50 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
*(v) additional fee for pin or screw retention.	£0.76

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(*b*) (i) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	£1.10 with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1.56.
*(ii) additional fee for pin or screw retention:	£0.76
Provided that—	
(*a*) for combinations of the types of fillings set out below in the same tooth no fee shall be payable in excess of the amount shown opposite—	
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iii)	£1.70
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1.34
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1.70
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1.70
*(*b*) no fee in excess of £2.30 shall be payable for any combination of any types of filling in one tooth, except where pin or screw retention is used when the maximum shall be	£2.80
7. Root treatment of permanent teeth, including all attention in connection therewith except for the provision of X-rays or the insertion of any filling in the crown of the tooth:—	
(*a*) treatment comprising either the devitalisation of the pulp of the tooth and the subsequent removal of the pulp followed by the necessary treatment and filling of each root canal of the tooth, or the treatment of septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal—	
(i) root filling following extirpation of vital pulp in a single-rooted tooth	£2.40 per tooth
(ii) all other root fillings	£4.70 per tooth
(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing—	
Fee per tooth	£2.10
(*c*) (i) apicectomy, fee per tooth	£4.20
(ii) apicectomy with retrograde root filling, fee per tooth	£5.20
*8. Gold fillings (other than inlays)	£4.00 per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £5.50.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

	A	B
9. Inlays (including any dressings):		
*(*a*) metal inlay	Alloys containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.	Any other alloys.
(i) a single surface cavity	£5.90	£5.00
(ii) a compound cavity	£7.90	£6.70
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£7.70	£6.70
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£11.70	£9.70
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £6.50 to £10.50.	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£0.90 per inlay	
(*d*) refixing or recementing an inlay	£0.90 per inlay	
*(*e*) renewal or replacement by another inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding the fee for a new inlay of the type being provided	
10. Crowning of permanent teeth, including any dressings but excluding root treatment—		
*(*a*) Full veneer or jacket crown, cast (on a vital or non-vital tooth):		
(i) gold	£13.30	
(ii) gold with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£14.30	
*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast (on a vital or non-vital tooth)	£11.70	
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:		
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth	£7.50	
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£6.50	
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth.	£9.50	
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:		
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth	£12.00	
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth	£9.80	
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£13.80	
*(*e*) Full veneer or jacket crown:		
(i) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core and post	£10.80	
(ii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core and post	£13.80	

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*(*f*) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£5.70
(ii) with gold post and diaphragm	£8.80
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing	£10.80
*(*g*) Modifications to the above crowns, and other forms of crown not in the opinion of the Committee included in the above items.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £15.00
(*h*) Refixing or recementing a crown	£0.90 per crown
*(*i*) Repair of a crown:	
(i) Renewal of the coronal portion only of a post or dowel crown appropriate to item 10(*f*)(i) or 10(*f*)(ii)	£4.30
(ii) Other repair of a crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding 70 per cent. of the fee for a new crown of the type being repaired.
*(*j*) Renewal by a similar type of crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to but not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
*(*k*) Replacement by a different type of crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to but not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.

Provided that, where the Committee approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain crown, the Committee may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £6.70.

Part III

Surgical Treatment

*11. Extractions:

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	£0.94	With an additional fee of £0.10 for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first.
2 teeth	£1.04	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	£1.14	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	£1.34	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1.54	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1.74	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1.94	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£2.14	
over 20 teeth	£2.34	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal medical condition of the patient the Committee may allow an additional fee not exceeding £2.60 per course of treatment.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £4.70 (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*b*) Removal of cyst, buried root, impacted tooth or grossly exostosed tooth, or other similar operation, including all necessary attention in connection therewith other than abnormal post-operative haemorrhage necessitating an additional visit other than for the removal of sutures.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £10.50 (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*c*) Surgery on soft tissue, other than periodontal surgery appropriate to item 5.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £2.10 (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
13. Administration of a general anaesthetic—	
(*a*) In connection with treatment under item 11:	
(i) where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction administers the anaesthetic:	
Fee per visit—	
1 to 3 teeth extracted	£1.04
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£1.56
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£2.08
20 teeth or over extracted	£2.60
(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:	
Fee per patient per course of treatment	£0.40
*(iii) where the Committee are satisfied that the anaesthetist would be faced with special difficulties 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:	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £5.50 per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2.60 per course of treatment shall be payable under (i) or under (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £6.50 per course of treatment shall be payable for any combination of (iii) with (i), or with both (i) and (ii).

*(*b*) In connection with treatment under items 5, 7(*c*) and 12 where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment administers the anaesthetic:	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £2.60.

Provided that in cases presenting special clinical difficulty the fee will be such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £5.50.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

PART IV

DENTURES, BRIDGES AND SPECIAL APPLIANCES OTHER THAN ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

A. *Dentures*

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

*14. Dentures in synthetic resin:	
(*a*) full upper and full lower dentures	£14.80
(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£6.90
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth	£7.90
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth	£8.90
Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £14.80.	
(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—	
(i) stainless steel	£1.26
(ii) gold or other approved material	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £3.50
(*d*) additional fee for the provision of a soft lining or soft partial lining where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.	£2.28 per denture.
15. Relining or rebasing of dentures, or provision of soft linings to existing dentures, including all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:	
(*a*) relining or rebasing dentures	
(i) not accompanied by repairs and/or additions	£3.40 per denture.
*(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions	Such fee per denture as the Committee may approve.
*(*b*) provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining to an existing denture where it is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus	
(i) not accompanied by repairs and/or additions	£4.00 per denture.
(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions	Such fee per denture as the Committee may approve.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

16. Repairs (except repairs which are appropriate to item 15(*a*)(ii) or item 15(*b*)(ii)):

(*a*) (i) repairing a crack or fracture (including provision of any strengthener)	£0.90
(ii) refixing a tooth, or providing and fixing a replacement tooth (including any gum associated therewith)	£0.90
(iii) refixing a clasp, (including any gum associated therewith)	£0.80
(iv) providing and fixing a replacement clasp (including any gum associated therewith)	£1.50
(v) covering exposed pins	£0.50
(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*)(i)-(v)	£0.30
(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*)	£0.90

Provided that no fee in excess of £2.30 per denture shall be payable under item 16.

17. Additions (except additions which are appropriate to item 15(*a*)(ii) or item 15(*b*)(ii)):

(*a*) addition of a clasp or tooth (including any gum associated therewith).	£2.30
(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17(*a*).	£2.30 per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £3.10 per denture shall be payable under item 17 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

*18. Backing and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures:

Fee per tooth in addition to the appropriate fee for a non-metallic based denture:—

(i) stainless steel	£1.00
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold	£1.70
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold	£2.30

*19. Metal based dentures. These dentures may not be provided until such period after extraction (normally not less than three months) as the dentist thinks fit:

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*a*) Fee per denture in—		
(i) Base metal alloys:	A Stainless steel	B Chrome cobalt
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£13.00	£15.00
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£14.00	£16.00
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£15.00	£17.00
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£15.00	£18.00
full denture	£13.00	£16.00
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	£1.30 per tooth up to a maximum of £5.20 per denture	£1.00 per tooth up to a maximum of £4.00 per denture
(ii) Precious metal alloys:	A Containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold	B Containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£16.00	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£18.00	
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£19.00	
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£20.00	
full denture	£17.00	
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	£1.60 per tooth up to a maximum of £6.40 per denture	
(*b*) Repairs and (*c*) Additions	Fee appropriate to similar treatment to synthetic resin dentures as covered by items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee, if any, as the Committee may approve.	

B. *Bridges and Special Appliances*

*20. Bridges	
(*a*) Provision of a bridge	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
(*b*) Repairing a bridge	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
(*c*) Recementing a bridge	£1.40

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*21. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £4.70 to £8.00 or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
(*b*) Repairs to obturators	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances (other than in connection with periodontal treatment)	Such fee as the Committee may approve.

PART V

TREATMENT SPECIAL TO CHILDREN

*22. Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth of children under 16 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment:	
(*a*) by filling (including any dressings, pulp-capping and other necessary preparatory treatment):	
(i) with amalgam, one surface	£0.80 per tooth
(ii) with amalgam, more than one surface	£1.10 per tooth
(iii) with any other filling material	£0.50 per tooth
(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap:	£1.34 per tooth
Provided that no fee in excess of £1.34 shall be payable for any combination of the above types of conservation necessary in one tooth.	
(*c*) by conservation by other means:	
(i) by preparing self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments:	
per tooth	£0.40
maximum per patient	£1.00
*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (i) where 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 Committee is first obtained.	
(ii) by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants: per patient	£0.40

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

†Reference in this scale of fees 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.

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

(*d*) by vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing, per tooth £0.70

23. (*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 £0.40

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23(*a*)—

(i) 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;

(ii) in respect of a patient under 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment,

unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained.

*(*b*) Removal of calculus, where in exceptional cases calculus is present to an abnormal degree, 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. £1.00

(*c*) Removal of stain including any necessary polishing: £0.40

Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23(*c*)—

*(i) where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*c*) 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 unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained;

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

†Reference in this scale of fees 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.

(ii) during a course of treatment where a fee is paid under item 23(*a*) or (*b*).	
24. *(*a*) Orthodontic treatment of children and young persons under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment.	Such fee as the Committee may approve
(*b*) Repairs to orthodontic appliances	Such fee as the Committee may approve

PART VI

GENERAL ITEMS

25. Dressing of teeth in respect of a casual patient:	
Fee for one tooth	£0.50
Fee for two or more teeth	£0.70
26. Domiciliary visits where a patient's condition so requires:	
Fee per visit to one or more patients at one address	£1.50
27. Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:	
Fee per course	£0.36
28. Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination etc.:	
Fee per course	£0.50
29. Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorrhage, including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:	
Fee per visit for arrest of bleeding or for administration of associated aftercare:	£1.24
Provided that—	
(i) the same practitioner† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of aftercare;	
(ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or stitches the fee shall be only £0.62;	
(iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £3.00 or such higher sum as the Committee may in special circumstances approve.	
*30. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale.	Such fee as the Committee may approve."

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

†Reference in this scale of fees 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.

3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, these regulations shall not apply to general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st March 1972 and such services shall continue to be subject to the provisions of the regulations in force immediately before that date other than the provisions thereof ceasing to have effect by virtue of regulation 4 hereof.

(2) In respect of an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated during the period beginning with 1st April 1971 and ending with 29th February 1972, the Board shall pay to a practitioner an additional sum equal to 5.8 per cent. of the amounts authorised for payment.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st March 1972 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1970 and before 1st March 1972, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 a sum equal to 5.8 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

(4) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st March 1972 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st April 1969 and before 1st October 1970, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 a sum equal to 26.8 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

(5) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st March 1972 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st April 1969 the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 a sum equal to 30.0 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

4. Regulation 3 of the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**d**) shall cease to have effect.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of February 1972.

L.S. *F. A. Elliott,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of February 1972.

L.S. *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 251.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 by providing for a new scale of fees and for certain additional payments for practitioners, other than salaried practitioners, providing general dental services; and provide for changes in Schedule 2 of the principal regulations consequent upon changes in the description of treatments covered by the scale of fees.