STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1336

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1972

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 40 of the National Health Service Act 1946(a), as amended by section 11 of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1949(b) and now vested in him by the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(c) hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1972.

(2) In these regulations:

"the principal regulations" means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1967(d) as amended (e); and

"regulation 28" means regulation 28 of the principal regulations as amended by regulation 2(4) of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1972(f) (which provided for a new scale of fees for treatment).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(g) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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

(1) In paragraph 8(2)(*a*) of Schedule 1 Part I to the principal regulations (which deals with "occasional treatment") for the amount of £2·30 there shall be substituted the amount £2·60.

(2) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 5 to the principal regulations (which set out the scale of fees for dental treatment) there shall be substituted the following:—

(a) 1946 c. 81. (b) 1949 c. 93.
(c) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585). (d) S.I. 1967/937 (1967 II, p. 2816).
(e) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1968/443, 1969/217, 1969/399, 1970/899, 1970/1329, 1970/1407, 1971/984, 1972/82 (1968 I, p. 1152; 1969 I, p. 605; 1969 I, p. 1118; 1970 II, p. 2831; 1970 III, p. 4432; 1970 III, p. 4651; 1971 II, p. 2858; 1972 I, p. 226).
(f) S.I. 1972/82 (1972 I, p. 226). (g) 1889 c. 63.

"SCHEDULE 5

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

PART I DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report ... £0·74
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,

(*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 March, 1st July or 1st November, 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	£0·50
2 films	£0·60

†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, and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

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

*3 films	£0·70
*each additional film	£0·18 up to a maximum of £2·32
(*b*) Extra-oral films:	
1 film	£0·80
*each additional film	£0·46 up to a maximum of £1·72

Provided that a fee shall not be payable in cases in which the Board have required the submission of the films, or in which the Board's prior approval was required, unless the films or duplicates therefore are submitted to the Board.

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 cases under (*b*))	£1·10
*(*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 Board may approve, not exceeding £0·90

*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 Board 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	£0·58
*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 Board may approve.
(*b*) without periodontal surgery ...	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £6·50

B. *Restorative Treatment*

6. Fillings (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment), except fillings in deciduous	

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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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	£0·94 with a maximum of £0·94 for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £1·30 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 pre-molar tooth	£2·00
(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 pre-molar tooth	£1·60 with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £2·00 per tooth
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above	£1·30 with a maximum of £1·70 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
*(v) additional fee for pin or screw retention	£0·80
(*b*) (i) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling	£1·22 with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1·76
*(ii) additional fee for pin or screw retention	£0·80

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)	£1·90
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1·50
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1·90
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1·90
*(*b*) no fee in excess of £2·60 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 ...	£3·20

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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 devitalization 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	£2·70 per tooth.	
	(ii) all other root fillings	£5·30 per tooth.	
	(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing—		
	Fee per tooth	£2·40	
	(*c*) (i) apicectomy, fee per tooth ...	£4·70	
	(ii) apicectomy with retrograde root filling, fee per tooth	£5·90	
*8.	Gold fillings (other than inlays)	£4·50 per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £6·20	
9.	Inlays (including any dressings):	A	B
	*(*a*) metal inlay	Alloys containing 60 per cent or more fine gold.	Any other alloys.
	(i) a single surface cavity	£6·40	£5·40
	(ii) a compound cavity	£8·70	£7·40
	(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£8·50	£7·40
	(iv) a confluent compound cavity ...	£12·80	£10·50
	*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £7·00 to £11·00	
	*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£1·00 per inlay.	
	(*d*) refixing or recementing an inlay ...	£1·00 per inlay.	
	*(*e*) renewal or replacement by another inlay	The fee for a new inlay of the type being provided.	

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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	£14·40
(ii) gold with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£15·40
*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast (on a vital or non-vital tooth)	£12·80
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth...	£8·00
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£7·00
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£10·00
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth ...	£13·00
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth ...	£10·80
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£15·00
*(*e*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core and post ...	£11·60
(ii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core and post	£14·80
*(*f*) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£6·20
(ii) with gold post and diaphragm ...	£9·50
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing	£11·60
*(*g*) Modifications to the above crowns, and other forms of crown not in the opinion of the Board included in the above items	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £17·00
(*h*) Refixing or recementing a crown ...	£1·00 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)	£4·80

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(ii) Other repair of a crown ...	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding 70% of the fee for a new crown of the type being repaired.
*(*j*) Renewal by a similar type of crown	The fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
*(*k*) Replacement by a different type of crown	The fee for a new crown of the type being provided.

Provided that, where the Board approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain crown, the Board may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £7·30.

PART III SURGICAL TREATMENT

*11. Extractions:

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	£1·00	With an additional fee of £0·10 for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first.
2 teeth	£1·10	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	£1·20	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	£1·40	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1·60	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1·80	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£2·00	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£2·20	
Over 20 teeth	£2·40	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal medical condition of the patient the Board may allow an additional fee not exceeding £2·70 per course of treatment.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £5·50 (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 Board may approve up to a maximum of £11·50 (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 Board may approve up to a maximum of £2·50 (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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	£1·20
4 to 11 teeth extracted ...	£1·70
12 to 19 teeth extracted ...	£2·30
20 teeth or over extracted ...	£2·90

(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:

Fee per patient per course of treatment ... ... £0·42

*(iii) where the Board 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 Board may approve not exceeding £6·20 per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2·90 per course of treatment shall be payable under (i) or under (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £7·30 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 Board may approve not exceeding £2·90

Provided that in cases presenting special clinical difficulty the fee will be such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £6·20.

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 ... £16·50

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth ...	£7·50
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth ...	£8·90
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth ...	£10·00

Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £16·50

(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—	
(i) stainless steel	£1·36
(ii) gold or other approved material	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £5·00
(*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	£2·34 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 a denture—	
(i) not accompanied by repairs and/or additions	£3·60 per denture.
*(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions	Such fee per denture as the Board 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	£4·30 per denture.
(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions	Such fee per denture as the Board may approve.
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)	£1·00
(ii) refixing a tooth or providing and fixing a replacement tooth (including any gum associated therewith)	£0·94
(iii) refixing a clasp (including any gum associated therewith) ...	£0·94
(iv) providing and fixing a replacement clasp (including any gum associated therewith)	£1·70
(v) covering exposed pins	£0·50

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*) (i)—(v) ... ... £0·32

(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*) ... ... £1·00

Provided that no fee in excess of £2·60 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) ... £2·60

(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17(*a*) ... £2·60 per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £3·60 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 ... ... £1·90

(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent or more fine gold ... £2·50

*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:

(*a*) Fee per denture in—

(i) Base metal alloys:	A Stainless steel	B Chrome cobalt
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£14·00	£17·00
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£15·00	£17·50
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£16·00	£18·00
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£16·00	£19·00
full denture	£14·00	£17·50
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	£1·70 per tooth up to a maximum of £6·80 per denture.	£1·10 per tooth up to a maximum of £4·40 per denture.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

	A	B
(ii) Precious metal alloys:	Containing less than 60 per cent fine gold.	Containing 60 per cent or more fine gold.
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£18·00	Such fee as the Board may approve.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£20·00	
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£21·00	
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£22·00	
full denture	£19·00	
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal ...	£2·00 per tooth up to a maximum of £8·00 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 Board may approve.	

B. *Bridges and Special Appliances*

*20. Bridges:

(*a*) Provision of a bridge	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*b*) Repairing a bridge	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*c*) Re-cementing a bridge	£1·60

*21. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £5·20 to £8·80 or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
(*b*) Repairs to obturators	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances (other than in connection with periodontal treatment) ...	Such fee as the Board may approve.

PART V TREATMENT SPECIAL TO CHILDREN

*22. Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth of children under 16 years 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 ...	£0·90 per tooth.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(ii) with amalgam, more than one surface ... ... £1·30 per tooth.

(iii) with any other filling material ... £0·56 per tooth.

(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap ... ... £1·50 per tooth.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1·50 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 ... ... £0·44
maximum per patient ... £1·10

*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 Board is first obtained.

(ii) by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants

per patient ... ... £0·40

*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 Board is first obtained.

(*d*) by vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing, per tooth ... £0·80

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 ... ... £0·44

*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;

*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, and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

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

unless the prior approval of the Board 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	£1·10
(*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 Board has been obtained;

(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 Board may approve.
(*b*) Repairs to orthodontic appliances	Such fee as the Board may approve.

Part VI General Items

25. Dressing of teeth in respect of a casual patient:	
Fee for one tooth	£0·56
Fee for two or more teeth	£0·80
26. Domiciliary visits where a patient's condition so requires:	
Fee per visit to one or more patients at one address	£1·70
27. Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:	
Fee per course	£0·40

†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, and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

28. Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc.:

Fee per course	£0·60

29. Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorhage, 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 after-care	£1·40

Provided that—

(i) the same practitioner† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after-care;

(ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or stitches the fee shall be only £0·70

(iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £3·30 or such higher sum as the Board may in special circumstances approve.

*30. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale	Such fee as the Board may approve."

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 October 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 Board to a Council dated during the period beginning with 1st April 1972 and ending with 30th September 1972 the Council shall pay to the practitioner an additional sum equal to 10·8 per cent of the amounts authorised for payment.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st October 1972 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st March 1972 and before 1st October 1972 the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 28 a sum equal to 10·8 per cent of the amount of these fees.

(4) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st October 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 Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 28 a sum equal to 17·2 per cent of the amount of these fees.

*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, and where the practitioner is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

(5) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st October 1972 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1970 the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 28 a sum equal to 40·5 per cent of the amount of these fees.

4. Regulation 3 of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1972(**a**) shall cease to have effect.

5. For paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 6 to the principal regulations there shall be respectively substituted the following paragraphs:—

"1. Rates applicable to whole time employment at a health centre.

GRADE	SCALE OF REMUNERATION
I	Commencing at £3,336 per annum rising to £4,191 per annum by annual increments as follows:—

£
3,336
3,453
3,576
3,699
3,822
3,942
4,062
4,191

II Commencing at £2,448 per annum rising to £3,534 per annum by annual increments as follows:—

£
2,448
2,538
2,643
2,748
2,853
2,958
3,063
3,168
3,285
3,405
3,534

In addition, London Weighting at the following rates shall be payable to salaried Dental Practitioners employed at health centres within the Metropolitan Police District as defined by section 76 of the London Government Act, 1963(**b**).

(i) Inner Zone Allowance

Practitioners employed at health centres within the administrative boundaries of the following eight London Borough Councils: Camden, Hackney, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Westminster ... £144 per annum.

(**a**) S.I. 1972/82 (1972 I, p. 226). (**b**) 1963 c. 33.

(ii) Outer Zone Allowance

Practitioners employed at health centres within the Metropolitan Police District as defined by section 76 of the London Government Act, 1963, but excluding the areas referred to in (i) above ... ... £105 per annum

3. Rates of sessional remuneration

GRADE	FEES PER SESSION OF 3 HOURS
I	£8·50
II	£6·80"

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

22nd August 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1967 by providing for a new scale of fees and for certain additional payments for practitioners, other than salaried practitioners, providing general dental services. The Regulations also provide for a new scale of remuneration for salaried dental practitioners.