3. GENERAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES, AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

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The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations, 1957

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Sections 40 and 44 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), as amended(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1957.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1954(d), as amended(e), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation 24 (which regulation provides for charges to patients for certain dental appliances and treatment which a dentist agrees to supply at their request) for sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*), there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(*a*) to supply, as part of general dental services, any denture which is of a more expensive type than a denture made of plastic or vulcanite with the same number of teeth, or

(*b*) to repair such a denture at a cost in excess of the cost of repairing a denture made of plastic or vulcanite with the same number of teeth, or".

(2) At the end of paragraphs (1) and (2) respectively of the said regulation 24, for the words "treatment other than emergency treatment or treatment specified in column A of the second schedule to these regulations" there shall be substituted the words "treatment specified in column B of the second schedule to these regulations other than emergency treatment, except in the case of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea".

(3) In paragraph (*a*) of regulation 26 (which regulation makes provision as to charges to patients for services given at health centres) for the words "the treatment other than emergency treatment or treatment specified in column A of the second schedule to these regulations" there shall be substituted the words "any treatment specified in column B of the second schedule to these regulations other than emergency treatment, except in the case of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea".

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 93.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (d) S.I. 1954/742 (1954 I, p. 1279).
(e) S.I. 1955/604, 1890, 1956/1743 (1955 I, pp. 1263, 1264; 1956 I, p. 1514).

(4) For paragraph (2) of regulation 28 (which paragraph provides for the authorisation of certain charges to patients by the Dental Estimates Board) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (5) of regulation 24 of these regulations, the Board on receipt of an estimate on the form set out in Part III of the fourth schedule to these regulations shall authorise—

(*a*) the additional charges payable by a person provided with a service under paragraph (1) (*a*) or (*b*), or paragraph (2), of regulation 24, by subtracting from the fees approved by the Board in accordance with the scale of fees set out in the fifth schedule to these regulations, the fees which would have been payable thereunder for the supply of a denture made of plastic or vulcanite with the same number of teeth, or for the repair of such a denture, as the case may be;

(*b*) the special charges payable by a person provided with a service under paragraph (1) (*c*) of regulation 24, by subtracting from the fees approved by the Board in accordance with the scale of fees set out in the fifth schedule to these regulations, the fees which would have been payable thereunder for suitable conservative treatment covered by items 6 or 22, whichever is the case, of the said scale of fees."

(5) After paragraph (2) of the said regulation 28, there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(3) For the purposes of these regulations the reference to the scale of fees shall, 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 first day of April, 1957, be a reference to the scale of fees in force immediately prior to that date."

(6) In regulation 29 (which regulation provides for compliance by a dentist with certain conditions) for the words "Part III" there shall be substituted the words "Part VII", and at the end of the said regulation there shall be added the following proviso:—

"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 first day of April, 1957, the conditions to be complied with by the practitioner shall be the conditions set out in Part III of the fifth schedule in force immediately prior to that date."

(7) For sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 7 of Part I of the first schedule (which paragraph provides for the use of the dental estimate form) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(2) Where the extent of the treatment which the person is willing to undergo does not include treatment specified in column B of the second schedule to the regulations, the practitioner may proceed with and complete the treatment before sending the dental estimate form to the Board for approval.

(3) Where the treatment which the person is willing to undergo includes treatment specified in column B of the second schedule, the practitioner shall as soon as may be, and in any case within ten days after making the examination, send the dental estimate form to the Board for approval, and shall not proceed with any treatment

specified in the said column B other than emergency treatment until such approval is received.

Provided, however, that the practitioner may proceed immediately with the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, and in such event he shall send the form to the Board for approval immediately after making the examination."

(8) In sub-paragraph (2) (*a*) of paragraph 8(a) of the said Part I (which paragraph provides for the use of a modified dental estimate form in certain cases) for the amount of "35s." there shall be substituted the amount of "34s.".

(9) In sub-paragraph (2) (*b*) (iii) and (v) respectively of the said paragraph 8(a), for the words "the dressing of a tooth" there shall be substituted the words "the dressing of teeth".

(10) In paragraph 12 of Part II of the first schedule (which paragraph provides for consultations by a dentist with a dental officer) for the words "such treatment other than emergency treatment or treatment specified in column A of the second schedule of the regulations" there shall be substituted the words "treatment specified in column B of the second schedule to these regulations other than emergency treatment, except in the case of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea."

(11) In paragraph 14 of the said Part II (which paragraph provides for time limits for completion of treatment) for the words "which is referred to in column A" there shall be substituted the words "other than that specified in column B".

(12) For the second schedule there shall be substituted the following schedule—

"SECOND SCHEDULE

TREATMENT FOR WHICH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD IS REQUIRED

A Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees		B Item of Treatment
I. Diagnosis	2 (*a*) and (*b*)	Radiological examination involving three or more intra-oral films, or two or more extra-oral films, or two or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films.
II. Conservative Treatment	3 (*a*) ...	Scaling and gum treatment where the treatment is to be provided at an interval of less than six months from the date of examination relating to the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment for this type of treatment to the same practitioner.*
	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.
	4 ...	Prolonged gum treatment.
	5 ...	Gingivectomy.
	7 (*c*) ...	Apicectomy.
	8 ...	Gold fillings.
	9 ...	Inlays.
	10 ...	Crowns.

(a) As amended by regulation 2 (*b*) of S.I. 1955/1890 (1955 I, p. 1264).

* 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
III. Surgical Treatment	11 ...	Extractions necessitating the supply of dentures.
	12 ...	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, etc.; surgery on soft tissue.
	13 (*b*) ...	General anaesthetic administered in connection with item 12 of the scale of fees.
IV. Dentures and Special Appliances	14 ...	Provision of dentures in vulcanite or acrylic resin.
	15 ...	Relining of dentures in vulcanite or acrylic resin accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	18 ...	Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19 (*a*) (i)	Provision of dentures in stainless steel.
	19 (*a*) (i)	Provision of dentures in chrome cobalt.
	19 (*a*) (ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.
	19 (*a*) (ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
	19 (*b*) ...	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost of more than £1 14s. 0d.
	19 (*c*) ...	Additions to metal dentures.
	20 (*a*) ...	Provision of obturators.
	20 (*b*) ...	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 14s. 0d.
	21 ...	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 14s. 0d.
V. Treatment special to children	22 (*b*) (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 (*b*) (ii)	Conservation by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants when the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner.*
	23 (*a*) ...	(i) 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. (ii) Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children over the age of 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment where the treatment is provided at an interval of less than 6 months from the date of examination relating to any previous course of treatment which included payment for this treatment to the same practitioner.*
	23 (*b*) ...	Removal of stain where a fee for such treatment has already been paid to the same practitioner.*
	24 (*a*) ...	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances.
VI. General Items	30 ...	Any treatment not included in items 1–29 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."

(13) For the fifth schedule there shall be substituted the following schedule:—

"FIFTH SCHEDULE

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

PART I—DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report: 5s. 0d.

Provided that:—

(1) 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 and report on 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 and report on that person made on or after the 1st March, the 1st July or the 1st November, whichever of these dates last occurred.

(2) 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 otherwise 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:

Fees 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.

(*b*) Extra-oral films:

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

Provided that a fee shall not be payable unless the X-ray films or duplicates are submitted to the Board.

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* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

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 charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment.	Such fee as the Board 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 last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment for this type of treatment to the same practitioner† unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained.	
*4. Prolonged gum treatment including scaling and correction of simple traumatic occlusion:	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £1 10s. 0d. to £3 0s. 0d.
*5. Gingivectomy:	
Fee for treatment relating to first 2 adjacent teeth ...	£1 1s. 0d.
Fee for 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.	
Fee per filling:—	
(*a*) amalgam filling in:—	
(i) a single surface cavity	15s. 0d. with a maximum fee for two or more such fillings per tooth of £1 2s. 6d.
(ii) a compound cavity	£1 2s. 6d. with a maximum fee for two or more such fillings per tooth of £1 15s. 0d.
Provided that the fee for a combination of one single surface and one compound cavity shall be £1 12s. 6d.	
(iii) 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 for two or more such fillings per tooth of £1 7s. 6d.
Provided that no fee in excess of £2 0s. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of the above types of fillings necessary in one tooth.	

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* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

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 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 treatment of septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal	
Fee per single rooted non-septic tooth	£1 10s. 0d.
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth	£2 5s. 0d.
(*b*) vital pulpotomy, including necessary dressing, fee per tooth	£1 1s. 0d.
*(*c*) apicectomy, including any necessary root treatment, fee per tooth	£3 15s. 0d.

*8. Gold fillings, fee per filling	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £1 10s. 0d. to £4 2s. 6d.

*9. Inlays

	Gold	*Other metal*
(*a*) metal inlay in—		
(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 Board may approve within a range of £4 5s. 0d. to £8 5s. 0d.

*10. 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.

* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

PART III—SURGICAL TREATMENT

*11. Extractions:

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	7s. 6d.	With a total additional fee of 2s. 0d. if teeth are extracted from more than one quadrant of the mouth.
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 Board may allow an additional fee not exceeding £1 17s. 6d. per course.

*12.

(*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw: Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

(*b*) Removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth or grossly exostosed tooth, or other similar operation, including attention in connection therewith: Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £5 17s. 6d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

(*c*) Surgery on soft tissue, other than gingivectomy: Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £1 10s. 0d. (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	10s. 0d.
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£1 0s. 0d.
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£1 10s. 0d.
20 teeth or over extracted	£2 0s. 0d.

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

Fee per patient per course of treatment ... 7s. 6d.

Provided that the fee under (i) and (ii) combined shall not exceed £2 0s. 0d. per case.

* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

*(*b*) in connection with treatment under Item 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 0s. 0d.
Provided that where in special circumstances a special anaesthetic (e.g. intratracheal) is so administered the fee will be	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £4 4s. 0d.

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, rests and strengtheners and all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion.

*14. Dentures in vulcanite or acrylic resin:—	
(*a*) full upper and full lower dentures	£9 9s. 0d.
(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£4 5s. 0d.
„ „ 4 to 8 teeth	£5 0s. 0d.
„ „ 9 to 14 teeth	£5 7s. 6d.
Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £9 9s. 0d.	
(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—	
(i) stainless steel	£1 1s. 0d.
(ii) gold or other approved materials	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 10s. 0d.
15. Relining dentures 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 Board is required and the fee for all items shall be such fee as the Board may approve.	
16. 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 16 and 17.	
17. 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 17 (*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 16 and 17.	

* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

*18. Backing or posting 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	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.

*19. Metal 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*

	Stainless steel	*Chrome cobalt*
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£7 10s. 0d.	£9 10s. 0d.
,, ,, ,, 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£8 5s. 0d.	£10 10s. 0d.
,, ,, ,, 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£9 0s. 0d.	£11 10s. 0d.
,, ,, ,, 10 or more teeth	£9 15s. 0d.	£12 10s. 0d.
full denture	£8 10s. 0d.	£11 0s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed, per tooth.	10s. 0d. up to a maximum of £2 0s. 0d.	15s. 0d. up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d.

(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	£9 10s. 0d.	£10 0s. 0d.
,, ,, ,, 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£10 10s. 0d.	£12 0s. 0d.
,, ,, ,, 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£11 10s. 0d.	£14 0s. 0d.
,, ,, ,, 10 or more teeth	£12 10s. 0d.	£16 0s. 0d.
full denture	£11 0s. 0d.	£14 0s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed, per tooth.	15s. 0d. up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d.	£1 0s. 0d. up to a maximum of £4 0s. 0d.

(*b*) Repairs and (*c*) Additions	Fee appropriate to similar treatment to plastic or vulcanite dentures as covered by Items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee as the Board may approve.

B. *Special Appliances*

*20. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee.	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £3 0s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d. or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
(*b*) Repairs to obturators	Such fee as the Board may approve.
*21. Treatment involving splints or other appliances ...	Such fee as the Board may approve.

* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

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 with amalgam, oxyphosphate cement or other similar materials

(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. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of the above types of fillings necessary in 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 Board 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 Board is first obtained.

(*c*) by vital pulpotomy, including necessary dressing, per tooth 10s. 6d.

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. 9s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable where the treatment is done at an interval of less than 6 months from the date of examination relating to any previous course of treatment which included payment for this treatment to the same practitioner† unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable 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 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 Board has been obtained and (ii) the fee shall not be payable during a course of treatment where a fee is paid under item 23 (*a*).

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* See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

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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	7s. 6d.
Fee for two or more teeth	10s. 6d.
26. Domiciliary visits where a patient's condition so requires:	
Fee per visit to one or more patients at one address ...	7s. 6d.
27. Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:	
Fee per course	7s. 6d.
28. Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination etc.:	
Fee per patient	7s. 6d.
29. Arrest of bleeding, including bleeding following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:	
Fee for arrest of bleeding or for 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.	
*30. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale	Such fee as the Board may approve.

PART VII—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 Board 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 Board 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 Board 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 Minister 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.

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(5) Porcelain diatoric anterior teeth may only be used in vulcanite or plastic base dentures 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 Minister

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 33⅓ 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 Minister 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 33⅓ 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 materials as may be approved for the time being by the Minister, and

(*d*) shall be 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."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

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Dennis Vosper,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1954, (as already amended) by providing for:—

(1) a new second schedule, listing items of treatment which dental practitioners may only provide under the National Health Service with the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Board;

(2) a new fifth schedule, setting out the scale of fees payable to dental practitioners and the conditions with respect to materials used by them; and

(3) minor amendments to the regulations consequential on the new second and fifth schedules.