Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twelfth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.) *Aneurin Bevan,*
Minister of Health

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The regulations provide for the arrangements which Executive Councils are required to make under Part IV of the National Health Service Act, 1946, for the provision of general dental services. The regulations also provide for the constitution of the Dental Estimates Board for the purpose of approving dental estimates.

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 1297

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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, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:— 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

PART I

General

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

(2) The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations), and these regulations may be cited together as the National Health Service (General Dental Services and Fees) Regulations, 1948.

2.—(1) Expressions used in these regulations shall, except so far as the context otherwise requires, have the same respective meaning as in the principal regulations.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 505, p. 2107 above.

PART II

Remuneration of Dental Practitioners

Practitioners practising elsewhere than at a health centre.

3.—(1) The Board on receipt of a dental estimate form duly completed in the manner provided in the principal regulations shall, in approving the estimate, authorise in accordance with the scale of fees set out in the first schedule to these regulations the fees payable to the practitioner in respect of the treatment specified in Part 8 of the form.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of regulation 21 of the principal regulations, the Board on receipt of an estimate on the form set out in Part III of the fourth schedule to the principal regulations shall authorise—

(*a*) the additional charges payable by a person provided with a service under paragraph (1) (*a*) or (*b*) of regulation 21 of the principal regulations by subtracting from the fees approved by the Board in accordance with the scale of fees set out in Part II of the first schedule to these regulations the fees payable for the corresponding service specified in Part I of the said schedule;

(*b*) the special charges payable by a person provided with a service under paragraph (1) (*c*) of regulation 21 of the principal regulations by subtracting from the fees approved by the Board in accordance with the scale of fees set out in Part II of the first schedule to these regulations, the fees which would have been payable for suitable alternative treatment in accordance with the scale set out in Part I of the schedule.

Conditions of payment.

4. The fees and charges provided for in the last preceding regulation shall be payable only if the practitioner complies with the conditions set out in Part III of the first schedule to these regulations.

Drugs.

5. The fees payable by a Council to a practitioner in respect of drugs supplied by him either in pursuance of regulation 5 of the principal regulations or in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 9 of Part I of the first schedule to the principal regulations for use before a supply can be obtained otherwise under the regulations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Drug Tariff referred to in regulation 28 of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1948(a).

Special charges at a health centre.

6. The charges payable to a practitioner practising at a health centre by a person provided with a service specified in regulation 21 of the principal regulations shall be such sum as would have been payable by the person in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation 3 of these regulations, if the service had been provided by a practitioner practising elsewhere than at a health centre.

7. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation 21 the words " or in the case of repair treatment at a cost not exceeding £2 " shall be inserted after the words " emergency treatment ".

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 506, p. 2140 below.

(2) After paragraph 11 of Part I of the first schedule there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"Fair wages for dental technicians.

11A. A dental practitioner who employs a dental technician or dental technicians shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of work not less favourable than those approved for the time being by the National Joint Council for the Craft of Dental Technicians."

(3) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 11 of Part II of the first schedule there shall be substituted the words "or otherwise" for the words "made under section 40 of the Act".

(4) In the second schedule item VII (Repairs of Dentures) shall be deleted and the following item shall be substituted.

"vii. Repairs	Repairs to plastic and vulcanite dentures, orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints and radium applicators. Repairs to metal dentures at a cost not exceeding £2.	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost exceeding £2."

FIRST SCHEDULE

SCALE OF FEES

PART I

1. Clinical Examination and Report	10s. 0d.—but not chargeable in respect of repairs for dentures for edentulous patients or where the dental practitioner has been paid or is entitled to payment of a similar fee for an examination within the preceding six months in the case of a person 21 years of age or over or four months in the case of a person under 21 years of age.
2. Normal Scaling and Gum Treatment—per individual.	16s. 6d., but not chargeable where the estimate includes subsequent extraction of the teeth charted for scaling unless the Dental Estimates Board approve.
3. Fillings—per filling:—	
(i) Amalgam	
(*a*) Involving one surface.	£1 0s. 0d., with a maximum fee of £1 10s. 0d. per tooth.
(*b*) Involving more than one surface.	£1 10s. 0d.
(ii) Silicates.	£1 5s. 0d., with a maximum fee of £1 17s. 6d. per tooth.
4. Conservation of deciduous teeth Fee per tooth	10s. 6d.
5. Root treatment (per tooth)—	
(*a*) Single rooted (non-septic)	£2 0s. 0d.
(*b*) Multi-rooted and all septic teeth.	£3 0s. 0d.

6. *Extractions—

1 or 2 teeth	10s. od.
3, 4 or 5 teeth	15s. od.
6, 7 or 8 teeth	£1 os. od.
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 5s. od.
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 10s. od.
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 15s. od.
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£2 os. od.
over 20	£2 7s. 6d.

7. Administration of general anaesthetic: fee per visit in connection with the extraction of :—

1–3 teeth	10s. od.
4–11 teeth	£1 os. od.
12–19 teeth	£1 10s. od.
20 teeth or over	£2 os. od.

Provided that no fee in excess of 10s. shall be payable unless a doctor or dentist, other than the dentist carrying out the extraction, administers the anaesthetic and no fee shall exceed £2 os. od. per individual case.

8. *Dentures—

(i) Full upper and full lower £10 10s. od.

(ii) Per denture—

1, 2 or 3 teeth	£4 17s. 6d.
4–8 teeth	£5 15s. od.
9–14 teeth	£6 1s. 6d.

Provided that no fee for both upper and lower denture shall exceed £10 10s. od.

(iii) Lingual bar ... ... Such additional fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve.

9. Relining of Dentures—

per denture ... ... £2 5s. od.

10. Repairs—

(i) vulcanite or plastic denture :—

(*a*) Cracks or fractures of a denture.	18s. od.
(*b*) Replacing of a loosened tooth, or loosened band or wire.	18s. od.
(*c*) Addition of teeth or bands or wires.	£1 8s. od.
Maximum fee for each denture	£2 os. od.

(ii) orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints, radium applicators. Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve.

11. *Apicectomy—per tooth (including root treatment). Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of £4 os. od. to £5 os. od.

12. *Gingivectomy (including any scaling). Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of £1 17s. 6d. to £15 os. od. Based upon a minimum of up to 4 teeth (£1 17s. 6d.) and rising by successive units of 4 teeth.

13. *Prolonged Gum Treatment (including deep scaling, correction of traumatic occlusion and oral hygiene instruction etc.).	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of £2 os. od. to £4 os. od. or such other fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
14. *Alveolectomy—for upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve up to a maximum of £4 os. od. or such other fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
15. Radiological Examination—	
(*a*) Intra-oral films :—	
First film	10s. od.
Each additional film ...	7s. 6d., *up to a maximum of £3 os. od.
(*b*) Extra-oral films :—	
Each film	£1 1s. od., *up to a maximum of £5 5s. od.
16. *Obturators—	
Fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of £3 7s. 6d. to £5 15s. od. or such additional fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
17. *Orthodontic Treatment ...	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve.
18. *Treatment involving a special appliance, radium applicators, splints.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve.
19. *Removal of Cysts, Buried Roots, Impacted Teeth.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve up to a maximum of £7 15s. od., together with a special anaesthetic fee, where necessary, up to £2 os. od., or such higher anaesthetic fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
20. *Backing and Tagging—	
Fee per tooth in addition to appropriate fee for non-metallic base denture—	
(*a*) Gold	£1 4s. od.
(*b*) White Gold	16s. od.
(*c*) Stainless Steel ...	12s. od.
21. Fee per case for the treatment of sensitive cementum, the taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc.	10s. od.
22. Fee per case for arrest for bleeding.	£1 os. od.
23. Domiciliary visits	10s. od. per journey to one or more patients.
24. *Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve.

PART II

25. *Metal dentures—Fee per denture.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within the range of:—
(*a*) Gold	£8 17s. 6d. to £18 5s. od.
(*b*) White gold	£8 12s. 6d. to £14 5s. od.
(*c*) Stainless Steel	£7 10s. od. to £10 15s. od.

26.*Repairs of Metal Dentures	...	The appropriate fee for a normal repair together with such additional or special charge as the Dental Estimates Board may approve.
27.*Gold filling—per filling	...	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of £2 os. od. to £5 10s. od.
28. *Inlays :—		Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of :—
(*a*) Involving one surface	...	£4 2s. 6d. to £5 os. od.
(*b*) Involving two surfaces	...	£5 7s. od. to £6 10s. od.
(*c*) Involving three surfaces		£5 17s. 6d. to £7 2s. 6d.
29.*Crowning :—		
(*a*) Shell Crown—excluding any necessary root treatment.		£4 7s. 6d.
(*b*) Post Crown—including root treatment.		£5 15s. od.
(*c*) Jacket Crowns	...	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Board may approve within a range of £7 10s. od. to £9 7s. 6d. or such higher fee as the Dental Estimates Board may, in special circumstances approve.

* Treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Board is required, except that—

(*a*) extractions not necessitating the supply of dentures ;
(*b*) treatment for relief of pain or other urgent symptoms ;
(*c*) radiological examination up to a fee of £2 2s. od. and
(*d*) repairs to metal dentures up to a fee of £2 os. od.

may be carried out without prior approval.

PART III

CONDITIONS

I.—Conditions with respect to items of the Scale of Fees

Item 2.—*Normal Scaling and Gum Treatment*

The fee is to cover 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.

Item 3.—*Fillings*

Fillings to which this fee applies are to be permanent in character.

Item 4.—*Conservation of Deciduous Teeth*

Treatment to which this fee applies is to include silver nitrate applications as well as fillings appropriate to deciduous teeth.

Item 5.—*Root Treatment*

Root treatment includes the filling of each root of the tooth, but does not include the insertion of any filling in the tooth itself.

Items 8, 9 *and* 25.—*Dentures*

An estimate for the provision of a metal denture is to specify the materials to be used.

All necessary adjustments of dentures within a reasonable time after completion are to be made without additional charge.

All necessary bands, wires and fastenings are to be supplied without extra charge.

Items 28 *and* 29.—*Crowning and Inlays*

The nature of the material to be used to be indicated on the estimate.

II.—Conditions with respect to Materials

(1) All filling materials shall be of first-grade quality and suitable for each individual cavity. Except in special circumstances (which must be stated to the Board) cements, guttapercha 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. Translucent silicate cements may be used in anterior teeth but are not to be used for fillings in teeth posterior to the canines except in buccal cavities. 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.

(2) 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 or platinum anchored within the porcelain are within this specification. The teeth, whether porcelain or acrylic shall be of first-grade quality.

(3) Diatoric teeth may only be used for the anterior teeth in vulcanite base dentures when artificial gum is necessary.

(4) Metal strengtheners shall be compatible with vulcanite or other base material used and not liable to corrode in the mouth.

(5) 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 an approved acrylic resin (that is, a brand of acrylic resin approved for the time being by the Minister for use in the making of dentures).

(6) 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 by the Minister.

Bands shall be not less than No. 7 gauge in thickness.

(7) In cases of close bite where porcelain 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 by the Minister,

may be used.

(8) Metal used, after approval by the Board of an estimate for denture plates, lingual or palatal bars, backings 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 by the Minister,

and shall be of adequate strength.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this seventeenth day of June nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The regulations provide for the fees and remuneration which are to be paid to dental practitioners practising elsewhere than at a health centre for the provision of general dental services. The regulations also prescribe the charges payable by persons in respect of the supply, replacement or repair of dental appliances of a more expensive type than the standard type and in respect of special dental treatment. The regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1948, by providing that the remuneration of dental practitioners at a health centre shall be such as the Minister may from time to time determine by regulation or otherwise.

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 1507

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9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 40 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:—

Title and commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

2. The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees Regulations, 1948(a), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) After regulation 5 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"Practitioners practising at a health centre."

5A. The remuneration payable by a Council to a dental practitioner practising at a health centre shall be calculated in accordance with the rates and subject to the provisions set out in the second schedule to these regulations.

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 1297, p. 2129 above.