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The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 32, 38, 39, 40, 44, 45 and 74 of the National Health Service Act 1946(a), as amended by the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1949(b), section 1 of the National Health Service Act 1951(c) and section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1952(d) as amended by the National Health Service Act 1961(e), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

PART I

General

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1964, and shall come into operation on 29th June 1964.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 93.
(c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 31. (d) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 25.
(e) 9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 19.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :—

" the Act " means the National Health Service Act 1946 ;

" assistant " means any practitioner employed either whole-time or part-time, under a contract of service, by another practitioner for the purpose of providing general dental services on behalf of that practitioner ;

" the Board " means the Dental Estimates Board constituted under part III of these regulations ;

" chemist " means any person on the pharmaceutical list of a Council ;

" Council " means the Executive Council constituted for any area ;

" dental estimate form " means the form set out in part II of schedule 4 to these regulations, or a form to the like effect ;

" dental fitness " means such a reasonable standard of dental efficiency and oral health as is necessary to safeguard general health, and " dentally fit " has a corresponding meaning ;

" dental officer " means any dental officer appointed by the Minister for a district for the purpose of advising the Minister, the Board, Councils, Local Dental Committees, and practitioners on questions arising in connection with estimates submitted or dental treatment given by practitioners, or the conditions under which general dental services are provided by practitioners ;

" dental treatment " means all proper and necessary treatment which a practitioner usually undertakes for a patient, including examination and advice, the obtaining of radiographs, scaling, treatment of the gums, fillings, extractions, crowning, provision of dentures and their repair and remaking, and the administration of anaesthetics in connection with any such treatment, and includes the giving of orders on the appropriate form for drugs or the supply of drugs in accordance with these regulations ;

" deputy " means a practitioner (including a partner) acting on behalf of another practitioner, otherwise than in the capacity of an assistant, for the purpose of providing general dental services ;

" Drug Tariff " means the statement prepared by the Minister under regulation 27 of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1962(a) ;

" drugs " means such drugs and medicines as are specified in schedule 3 to these regulations ;

" emergency treatment " means any treatment immediately required for the relief of pain or other urgent symptoms ;

" enactment " includes an enactment in a regulation ;

" health centre " means premises provided by a local health authority in accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the Act ;

" patient " means a person for whom a practitioner agrees to provide general dental services ;

" practitioner " means a registered dental practitioner ;

" scale of fees " means the scale of fees set out in schedule 5 to these regulations ;

" supply " in relation to an appliance includes replacement.

(a) S.I. 1962/2248 (1962 III, p. 3092).

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, references in these regulations to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended or re-enacted by any subsequent enactment.

(3) References in any other regulations to the regulations revoked by these regulations or to any provision thereof shall be construed as references to these regulations or to the corresponding provisions thereof, as the case may be.

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

PART II

General arrangements for provision of General Dental Services

Terms of service for practitioners

3.—(1) The arrangements which a Council are required by section 40 of the Act to make with practitioners for the provision of general dental services shall incorporate—

(*a*) in the case of a practitioner undertaking to provide general dental services elsewhere than at a health centre, the terms of service contained in part I of schedule 1 to these regulations; and

(*b*) in the case of a practitioner undertaking to provide general dental services at a health centre, the terms of service contained in part II of the said schedule.

(2) Where a practitioner provides general dental services both elsewhere than at a health centre and at a health centre, the arrangements shall incorporate the provisions contained in paragraph 1(*a*) and (*b*) of this regulation and whichever provisions are applicable shall apply.

Dental list

4.—(1) The Council shall prepare a list, to be called "the dental list", of the practitioners who, having applied, are entitled to be included in the list.

(2) Application by a practitioner for inclusion in the dental list shall be made by delivering or sending the application by post to the Council in the form set out in part I of schedule 4 to these regulations, or in a form to the like effect.

(3) The dental list shall contain, in addition to the names of practitioners—

(*a*) the address of any surgery or health centre at which the practitioner undertakes to provide general dental services,

(*b*) particulars of the days and hours at which he is or will be usually in attendance,

(*c*) where two or more practitioners practise in partnership, the names of the partners,

and may, if the Council think fit, be so arranged as to show the part of the area in which each practitioner will provide treatment.

(4) A practitioner on the dental list shall within 14 days notify the Council of any change or addition affecting the entries which the dental list is required to contain in relation to him.

(5) Copies of the dental list shall be available for inspection at the office of the Council and at such other places as appear to the Council to be convenient for informing all persons interested and shall be kept revised up to date.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(6) The Council shall send a copy of the dental list to the Minister, the Board and the Local Dental Committee and shall within 14 days inform each of them of any alterations which may from time to time be made therein. The Council shall also send, if requested to do so, a copy of the list to the Local Medical and Local Pharmaceutical Committees, the local health authority, the Regional Hospital Board, the Hospital Management Committees of hospitals serving the area, the Board of Governors of any teaching hospital in the area, and any chemist under contract with the Council to provide pharmaceutical services, and in such event at intervals of not more than 3 months shall notify them of any alteration made in the dental list.

(7) The Council shall give to the Board such information concerning the employment of assistants by practitioners as the Minister may require.

Removal of name of practitioner from dental list

5.—(1) Where a Council have determined in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this regulation that a practitioner whose name has been included for the preceding 6 months in the dental list—

(*a*) has never provided general dental services for persons in the area since his name was last included in the list, or

(*b*) has for the preceding 6 months ceased to provide such services for such persons,

the Council shall remove the practitioner's name from the dental list.

(2) Before making any determination under the last preceding paragraph, the Council shall

(*a*) give the practitioner 28 days' notice of their intention to do so,

(*b*) afford the practitioner an opportunity of making representations to the Council in writing or, if he so desires, orally to a committee appointed by the Council for the purpose, of which committee at least a third of the members shall be practitioners from a panel nominated by the Local Dental Committee and

(*c*) consult the Local Dental Committee.

(3) Any document which is required or authorised to be given to a practitioner under this regulation may be given by delivering it to him or by sending it by recorded delivery service to the address last notified by him to the Council.

(4) Nothing in this regulation shall—

(*a*) prejudice the right of a practitioner to have his name included again in the list of practitioners providing general dental services in the Council's area, in accordance with section 40 (2)(*b*) of the Act ; or

(*b*) affect a practitioner who is called into whole-time service in the armed forces of the Crown in a national emergency as a volunteer or otherwise, or who is serving in pursuance of the Army Reserve Act 1962(a), or who is called up for compulsory whole-time service by virtue of provisions contained in any enactment for the time being in force, or being liable under those provisions for such service is performing service equivalent thereto, and no determination under this regulation shall be made in respect of any such practitioner until 6 months after the completion of his service.

Arrangements for supply by practitioners of drugs

6.—(1) Where in the opinion of the Council a practitioner's surgery is so situated that it would be inconvenient for any of his patients to obtain drugs

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 10.

from a chemist, the Council may require him to supply the drugs specified in schedule 3 to these regulations either (*a*) in respect of those patients or (*b*) in respect of all his patients:

Provided that the practitioner may if so requested by any such patient instead of supplying such drug give a prescription for the same to be supplied by a chemist.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation—

(*a*) a practitioner shall not be required to undertake the supply of drugs under this reguiation if he satisfies the Council, or on appeal the Minister, that he is not in the habit of supplying drugs or that the patient can with at least equal facility obtain a supply of drugs from a chemist; and

(*b*) a practitioner shall be entitled to receive reasonable notice from the Council that he is required to undertake the supply of drugs or that such supply is to be discontinued.

Publication of particulars

7. The Council shall cause to be published, in such manner as appears to them best calculated to inform all persons interested, particulars of the arrangements made by the Council, including a statement of the places where copies of the terms of service for practitioners and copies of the dental list may be seen, the places at which any necessary forms of application are available, and any other particulars which the Council think proper.

PART III

Dental Estimates Board

Constitution

8.—(1) The Dental Estimates Board constituted by the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1948(a) shall continue to subsist, subject to the provisions of these regulations, for the purpose of the approval of estimates for dental treatment and of carrying out the duties imposed on them by these regulations.

(2) The Board shall consist of a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall both be practitioners and 7 other members of whom 5 shall be practitioners.

(3) The chairman, vice-chairman and other members shall be appointed by the Minister after consultation with such organisations as the Minister may recognise as representative of practitioners.

(4) The Board shall continue to be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

(5) The Board shall not acquire land except with the consent of the Minister.

Term of office

9. The members of the Board shall hold office during the Minister's pleasure.

Resignation or removal of members

10.—(1) A member of the Board who desires to resign his membership shall give notice in writing to the Minister.

(a) S.I. 1948/505 (Rev. XV, p. 605: 1948 I, p. 2107).

(2) A member shall, unless the Minister otherwise directs, cease to hold office—

(*a*) if he has not attended a meeting of the Board for 6 months;

(*b*) if he is adjudged bankrupt, or makes a composition or arrangement with his creditors; or

(*c*) if he is convicted of a criminal offence.

(3) A member, being either—

(*a*) a person who holds any paid appointment or office, or other place of profit, in the disposal of a Regional Hospital Board, Hospital Management Committee, Board of Governors of a teaching hospital, or local health authority and who is dismissed from such appointment, office or place of profit, or

(*b*) a person whose name is removed under the provisions of section 42 of the Act from any list prepared under part IV of the Act,

shall forthwith cease to be a member.

Officers

11.—(1) The Board shall appoint a person approved by the Minister to act as clerk and shall also appoint such other officers as may be necessary. The resolution appointing the clerk shall embody the terms on which the appointment is made.

(2) The Board shall pay to the clerk and to their other officers such remuneration as the Minister may authorise.

Chairman

12.—(1) At every meeting of the Board the chairman, if present, shall preside.

(2) If the chairman is absent from any such meeting, the vice-chairman if present shall act as chairman for the meeting, but otherwise the members present at the meeting shall elect from amongst themselves a person to act as chairman for the meeting.

Proceedings

13. The proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in the membership of the Board, or by any defect in the appointment or qualification of any member thereof.

Standing orders

14. The Board may make, vary and revoke standing orders, for the regulation of the proceedings and business of the Board, and in particular:—

(*a*) for providing that such number of members of the Board, not being less than 4, as the standing orders may specify, shall form a quorum; and

(*b*) for providing that, subject to such exceptions and qualifications as may be specified in the standing orders, if a member of the Board has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any estimate or other matter relating to general dental services, he shall, as soon as practicable, disclose the fact to the chairman and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of any question with respect to the estimate or other matter.

Voting

15. Every question at a meeting of the Board shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting on the question, and in case of an equal division of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Minutes

16. Minutes of the proceedings at every meeting of the Board and a record of the attendance of members at such meeting shall be kept by the clerk or other officer appointed for the purpose.

Reports

17. The Board shall submit to the Minister as soon as may be after the 31st day of December in each year a report of the Board's proceedings for the year ending on that day and shall also furnish the Minister from time to time with such information in regard to their work as the Minister may require.

PART IV

Method of Obtaining General Dental Services

Application for services elsewhere than at a health centre

18. A person requiring general dental services may apply to a practitioner practising elsewhere than at a health centre whose name appears on any dental list.

Application for services at a health centre

19. A person requiring general dental services may apply to a practitioner practising at a health centre whose name appears on the dental list of the area in which the centre is situated.

Exercise of choice of practitioner in certain cases

20. The right to choose the practitioner by whom general dental services are to be provided or to sign an acknowledgment or declaration for the purposes of regulation 22, or the appropriate form for the purposes of regulation 24, of these regulations, shall be exercised:—

(*a*) on behalf of any person under the age of 16, by the mother or, in her absence, the father, or in the absence of both parents, the guardian or other person who has the care of the child;

(*b*) on behalf of any other person who on account of old age, sickness or other infirmity, is incapable of choosing a practitioner to provide any of the services, by a relative or any person who has the care of such person; and

(*c*) on behalf of any person under the care of the managers of an approved school by the managers of the school or a person duly authorised by them in that behalf.

Examination by dental officer

21. It shall be a condition of obtaining general dental services that a person shall, if required by the Board or the Council, submit himself for examination by a dental officer whether during or after the provision of such services.

PART V

Charges Payable by or on behalf of Patients

Charges for treatment and appliances

22.—(1) A practitioner shall be entitled to make and recover:—

(*a*) the appropriate charge specified in the schedule to the National Health Service Act 1951, as varied by section 1 of the National Health Service Act 1961, in respect of the supply under these regulations of such dental appliances as are covered by the said schedule ; and

(*b*) any charge authorised by section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1952, as so varied.

(2) In providing general dental services for which a charge can be made under this regulation a practitioner shall comply with the following provisions:—

(*a*) the practitioner shall obtain on part 10 of the dental estimate form, or on a form provided for the purpose by the Council, an acknowledgment by the patient or, where regulation 20 applies, by the appropriate person on his behalf, of his obligation to pay the said charge ;

(*b*) the practitioner shall, on receiving a sum in payment or part payment of the said charge, give a receipt therefor on a form provided for the purpose by the Council.

(3) (*a*) A practitioner providing general dental services for a patient who claims exemption, or in respect of whom exemption is claimed, under section 2(4) of the said Act of 1952 or under section 1(3) of the said Act of 1961 from a charge recoverable under paragraph (1) of this regulation shall obtain from the patient or, where regulation 20 applies, from the appropriate person on his behalf, a declaration in support of the claim on part 10 of the dental estimate form or on a form provided for the purpose by the Council.

(*b*) It shall be a condition of exemption from a charge referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph that the declaration is made in the form and manner indicated therein and that such documentary evidence of pregnancy or confinement is produced to the Board as they may require.

(4) Any acknowledgment or declaration referred to in the last two preceding paragraphs shall be obtained by the practitioner before the dental estimate form is forwarded to the Board.

(5) Any fee which but for this regulation would be payable by a Council to a practitioner in respect of the provision of any service as part of general dental services shall be reduced by the amount payable in accordance with this regulation in respect of that service.

(6) Where a declaration in support of a claim to exemption is made under the provisions of paragraph 3(*a*) of this regulation but the claim is not substantiated and in consequence of the claim a practitioner has not recovered a charge in respect of the completion of treatment, the Council shall be entitled to recover the said charge from the person concerned, whether or not such person has acknowledged the obligation to pay the charge in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(7) In relation to general dental services provided at health centres, paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this regulation shall have effect as if for reference to a practitioner there were substituted references to a Council, and paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) shall not apply.

(8) Any payment required to be made under this regulation shall be without prejudice to any other charge authorised by these regulations and shall not include any charge made in respect of the replacement of a denture where the replacement is required in consequence of loss or damage.

Charges for drugs

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23. Any patient supplied with drugs by a practitioner in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 10(3) of part I of schedule 1 to these regulations shall be liable to pay to the practitioner a charge of 2 shillings in respect of each quantity of a drug supplied on any one occasion:

Provided that the supply of quantities of the same drug in more than one container shall be deemed to be the supply of one quantity of a drug only.

Additional charges for more expensive dental appliances and treatment

24.—(1) Where a practitioner agrees at a person's request and as part of general dental services:—

(*a*) to supply a denture which is of a more expensive type than a suitable less expensive denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth, or

(*b*) to repair such a denture at a cost in excess of the cost of repairing a suitable less expensive denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth, or

(*c*) to supply a dental bridge at a cost in excess of the cost of supplying a suitable denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth, or

(*d*) to provide dental treatment consisting of gold fillings, or of inlays or crowns,

he shall submit to the Board

(i) an estimate for a suitable denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal, or for its repair, or for appropriate conservative treatment covered by item 6 or item 22 of the scale of fees, as the case may be, on a dental estimate form, and

(ii) a further estimate for an additional charge on the form set out in part III of schedule 4 to these regulations or on a form to the like effect.

The practitioner shall obtain the signature of the person concerned to the further estimate before submitting the forms, and he shall not proceed with any treatment specified in column B of schedule 2 to these regulations other than emergency treatment and the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, until approval is given.

(2) If the Board approve the estimate, they shall indicate in part 6 of the dental estimate form the additional charge determined in accordance with the provisions of regulation 28(2) of these regulations to be paid by the patient and shall inform him of the amount.

(3) The Council shall be liable to the practitioner for such part only of the cost of services to which this regulation applies as is not by this regulation made the responsibility of the patient.

(4) Any denture or bridge or treatment supplied or provided under this regulation which, in the opinion of the Board, is required by the patient solely because of his clinical condition, or any repair of a denture so supplied, shall be supplied or provided without cost to the patient under this regulation.

(5) The provisions of this regulation shall have effect without prejudice to the provisions of regulation 22 of these regulations.

Charges for replacement necessitated by lack of care

25.—(1) Where on the receipt of an estimate for the replacement of a dental appliance supplied to a patient as part of general dental services, the Board consider that there are grounds for believing that the replacement may be necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient, they shall refer the matter to the Council for investigation.

(2) On receipt of such reference the Council shall make such inquiry into the matter as they think fit and if in their opinion the circumstances so require, or if the patient so demands, the inquiry shall take the form of an oral hearing by a committee of the Council constituted for this purpose.

(3) After the completion of such inquiry the Council shall determine whether the replacement is necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient and whether the whole or a proportion of the cost of the replacement shall be borne by the patient, and shall communicate their decision to the patient, the practitioner and the Board, and the Council shall be responsible for the payment of such part only of the cost as is not determined to be payable by the patient:

Provided that if subsequently it appears to the Council that the payment of the sum so determined to be payable by the patient would involve undue hardship, they may make such contribution thereto as they think fit.

Provisions applicable to services at health centres

26. In their application to general dental services provided at a health centre, the provisions of regulations 24 and 25 of these regulations shall be subject to the following modifications:—

(*a*) where at the request of a person a practitioner agrees to supply or repair a denture or supply a dental bridge or to provide treatment of a kind specified in regulation 24, the practitioner shall not be required to submit an estimate to the Board but, in lieu thereof, he shall give notice to a dental officer on a form to be supplied by the Council and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in column B of schedule 2 to these regulations, other than emergency treatment and the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, until the approval of the dental officer is received. The notice to be given shall specify the sum to be paid by the person, which shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of regulation 28(2) of these regulations as if the service had been provided by a practitioner practising elsewhere than at a health centre, and shall be subject to the approval of the dental officer;

(*b*) any service provided under the last preceding paragraph which in the opinion of the dental officer is required by the patient concerned solely because of his clinical condition shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 22 of these regulations, be provided free of charge to that patient;

(*c*) where in connection with the replacement of a dental appliance supplied to any patient as part of general dental services, it appears to the practitioner that there is reason to suppose that such replacement is necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient, he shall, unless such patient admits in writing that the replacement is so necessitated, report the

matter to the Council. The Council shall thereupon investigate the case in the manner provided by regulation 25(2). If on such investigation the Council are satisfied that the replacement is not necessitated by such lack of care as aforesaid, they shall so inform the patient and the practitioner. If such lack of care is admitted or determined as aforesaid, the Council shall be entitled to recover from such patient the appropriate cost for such service which would have been payable to a practitioner practising elsewhere than at a health centre or such part of such cost as the Council may determine.

Recovery of charges

27. The practitioner, or in relation to a case falling within regulation 22(6) of these regulations or to general dental services provided at health centres, a Council, shall be entitled to make and recover summarily as a civil debt from any person who receives services ~~or drugs~~ under this part of these regulations the appropriate charges payable by the person in accordance with these regulations, and the practitioner may decline to commence or proceed with treatment until he or, as the case may be, the Council, has received payment thereof.

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PART VI

Remuneration of Dental Practitioners

Practitioners practising elsewhere than at a health centre

28.—(1) The Board on receipt of a dental estimate form duly completed in the manner provided by these regulations shall, where they approve the estimate, authorize in accordance with the scale of fees, the fees to be paid to the practitioner in respect of the treatment specified in part 2 of the form.

(2) The Board on receipt of an estimate on the form set out in part III of schedule 4 to these regulations shall, in any case to which the provisions of regulation 24(1) of these regulations apply, authorize—

(*a*) the additional charge payable by a person provided with treatment under regulation 24(1)(*a*), (*b*) or (*c*), by subtracting from the fees approved by the Board in accordance with the scale of fees, the fees which would have been payable thereunder for the supply of a suitable denture made of synthetic resin, vulcanite or metal with the same number of teeth, or for the repair of such a denture, as the case may be;

(*b*) the additional charge payable by a person provided with treatment under regulation 24(1)(*d*), by subtracting from the fees approved by the Board in accordance with the scale of fees, the fees which would have been payable for suitable conservative treatment covered by item 6 or item 22, whichever is the case, of the scale of fees.

(3) The Board may at their discretion, in cases of orthodontic treatment, authorize payments on account pending completion of treatment.

Conditions of payment

29. 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 VII of schedule 5 to these regulations.

Drugs

30.—(1) The fees payable by a Council to a practitioner in respect of drugs supplied by him either in pursuance of regulation 6 of these regulations or in pursuance of paragraph 10(1) of part I of schedule 1 to these 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.

(2) The fees payable under this regulation in respect of any drugs so supplied shall be reduced by an amount equal to any charge received or recoverable by the practitioner in respect of such supply under regulation 23 of these regulations.

Additional payment to practitioner

31. In respect of general dental services provided by a practitioner, under a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 21st October 1963, there shall be paid to him by the Council, in addition to the fees authorised in respect of those services under regulation 28 of these regulations, a sum equal to one per cent. of the amount of those fees.

Practitioners practising at a health centre

32. 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 schedule 6 to these regulations.

Recovery of overpayments

33.—(1) Where the Board or the Council consider that they have authorised the payment of a fee, or made a payment, as the case may be, to a practitioner owing to an error or in circumstances when it was not due and the overpayment is admitted by the practitioner, it shall be deducted from his remuneration. Where the overpayment is not so admitted, the Council may refer the matter under regulation 4(5) of the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956(a) for investigation, and if the Council or the Minister on appeal decide that there has been an overpayment, the amount overpaid shall be recovered by deduction from the practitioner's remuneration or otherwise.

(2) Recovery of an overpayment under the provisions of this regulation shall be without prejudice to the investigation of an alleged breach of the terms of service.

PART VII

Miscellaneous

Application of regulations to Isles of Scilly

34. In their application to the Isles of Scilly these regulations shall have effect subject to the modification that any provision in the regulations requiring consultation with, or the agreement or opinion of, the Local Dental Committee in respect of any matter or requiring appointment to a committee from a panel nominated by the Local Dental Committee, shall not apply to the Executive Council for the Isles of Scilly unless a Local Dental Committee has been formed for the Isles and recognised by the Minister under section 32 of the Act.

(a) S.I. 1956/1077 (1956 I, p. 1554).

Revocation of regulations

35. The regulations named in schedule 7 to these regulations are hereby revoked:

Provided that—

(*a*) such revocation shall not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, or anything duly done or suffered, under those regulations;

(*b*) such revocation shall not affect any legal proceedings commenced before the revocation, or the commencement of any proceedings to enforce any such right, privilege, obligation or liability as aforesaid, but any such proceedings may be continued or commenced as if these regulations had not been made;

(*c*) such revocation shall not affect any acknowledgement, agreement, appeal, application, appointment, approval, arrangement, authority, condition, contract, decision, declaration, direction, determination, estimate, form, list, notice, requirement or tariff, made, prepared, issued or given under the regulations so revoked, and every such acknowledgement, agreement, appeal, application, appointment, approval, arrangement, authority, condition, contract, decision, declaration, direction, determination, estimate, form, list, notice, requirement or tariff shall, so far as it could have been made, prepared, issued or given under these regulations, have effect as if it had been so made, prepared, issued or given;

(*d*) regulation 31 of, and schedules 2 and 5 to, the regulations in force immediately before 2nd July 1962 shall apply to general dental services given under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date.

SCHEDULE 1

PART I

Terms of Service for Dental Practitioners Practising Elsewhere than at a Health Centre

Interpretation

1. In these terms of service, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "the regulations" means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1964, and other words and expressions have the same meaning as in the regulations.

Incorporation of provisions of regulations, etc.

2. Any provisions of the regulations and of part II of the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956 affecting the rights and obligations of practitioners shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service.

Standard of service

3.—(1) In providing general dental services under the regulations a practitioner shall employ a proper degree of skill and attention and except where the treatment provided is solely treatment mentioned in paragraph 8 hereof shall provide the treatment necessary to secure dental fitness which the patient is willing to undergo, and shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 9 hereof, satisfactorily complete that treatment.

(2) A practitioner shall provide proper and sufficient surgery and waiting-room accommodation for his patients.

(3) A practitioner's surgery shall be furnished with suitable equipment and a practitioner shall provide treatment with suitable instruments.

(4) A practitioner on receipt of reasonable notice in writing shall admit a dental officer at all reasonable times to any surgery or waiting-room under the practitioner's control for the purpose of inspecting the same.

(5) A practitioner shall visit and treat a patient whose condition requires a visit, at any place where that patient may be at the time within 5 miles of his surgery.

(6) A practitioner shall be responsible for providing the services of a medical or dental practitioner when necessary for the administration of an anaesthetic in connection with any operation undertaken by him under these terms of service.

Reference to another practitioner or to hospital and specialist services

4. If the condition of a person requiring general dental services is such as to require treatment which the practitioner is unable to carry out, but such treatment to the knowledge of the practitioner can be provided by another practitioner under general dental services, or is available as part of the hospital and specialist services provided under part II of the Act, the practitioner shall inform the said person of the fact and, if the person so wishes, the practitioner shall take all necessary steps to enable him to receive such treatment. When referring a person to another practitioner or to the hospital and specialist services, the practitioner shall give adequate particulars in writing either beforehand or as soon as possible afterwards, and shall indicate on the dental estimate form that the patient has been so referred for the required treatment.

Records

5. In each case in which a practitioner provides treatment under the regulations, he shall keep a record in the form set out in part IV of schedule 4 to the regulations, to be provided by the Council, or in a form substantially to the like effect. The record card shall be the property of the practitioner, who shall be under a duty to retain it and, if required to do so, produce or send it within 14 days to the Board, the Council or a dental officer. Such duty shall continue for a period expiring, in the case of treatment on an estimate requiring the Board's prior approval, 4 years after the end of the financial year ending on the 31st March in which payment was made in respect of that treatment, or in any other case, 2 years after the end of such financial year.

Fees and remuneration

6.—(1) A practitioner shall be paid such fees and other remuneration as are determined under the regulations to be payable in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the regulations, a practitioner shall not suggest, demand or accept from any patient or from any other person the payment of any fee or remuneration in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service:

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall deprive the practitioner of any right to recover a reasonable charge from any patient in respect of loss of remunerative time resulting from failure of that patient without sufficient excuse to keep an appointment.

(3) A practitioner shall not submit a dental estimate form claiming payment for the provision of general dental services:—

(*a*) which have not been provided or for which a claim has already been submitted to the Board; or

(*b*) for which payment is excluded by the provisions in the scale of fees precluding payment for (i) services provided within a specified period of time, or (ii) services provided within a specified period of time without the prior approval of the Board; or

(*c*) which have been provided otherwise than in accordance with the conditions with respect to materials set out in part VII of schedule 5 to the regulations.

Use of dental estimate form and provision of treatment

7.—(1) (*a*) In accepting a person for treatment a practitioner shall—

(i) complete part 8 of the dental estimate form, stating whether acceptance is for treatment as detailed or for emergency treatment, and give it to the patient;

(ii) secure the completion of part 10 of the form so far as applicable and the signing thereof by the patient or, where regulation 20 of the regulations applies, by the appropriate person;

(iii) examine the patient and complete part 1 by charting therein in relation to the patient (*a*) all missing teeth, and (*b*) in teeth for which the practitioner proposes to provide conservative treatment, all cavities and existing conservative treatment;

(iv) set out in column 1 of part 2 of the form the whole of the treatment necessary in his opinion to render the patient dentally fit, and if the patient is not willing to undergo the whole of such treatment set out in column 2 of that part the particulars of such part of that treatment as the patient is willing to undergo;

(v) insert the particulars required at the right hand side of the said column 2 so far as appropriate;

(vi) complete part 5 of the form and (so far as possible) part 3.

(*b*) A practitioner shall not set out in part 2 of the form treatment not necessary in his opinion to render the patient dentally fit.

(*c*) Before sending the form to the Board for approval of the estimate therein, in any case in which under these terms of service such approval is required before treatment is commenced, the practitioner shall complete part 4 of the form.

(*d*) Upon completing treatment for a patient, a practitioner shall enter the required particulars (including the name, initials and profession of any anaesthetist, and the name and initials of any person other than himself operating during anaesthesia) in part 7 of the form and sign such part in his own handwriting, insert the date of completion in the appropriate place in part 2, and obtain in part 11 a certificate from the patient or other duly authorised person that, to the best of his belief, treatment has been completed.

(2) Where the extent of the treatment which the patient is willing to undergo does not include treatment specified in column B of schedule 2 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 patient is willing to undergo includes treatment specified in column B of schedule 2, the practitioner shall as soon as may be, and in any case within 10 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 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 shall send the form to the Board for approval immediately after making the examination.

(4) (*a*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is not required, any variation or addition such as would have made the treatment subject to prior approval is found to be necessary, the restrictions on treatment provided by paragraph 7(3) hereof shall apply to such part of the treatment as has not been commenced and the practitioner shall as soon as reasonably practicable submit to the Board an estimate of the whole of the treatment necessary (including that which has been begun).

(*b*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is required, any variation of or addition to such estimate is found to be necessary, and relates to an item of treatment requiring prior approval, the practitioner shall without delay re-submit the estimate to the Board for approval and the Board may withdraw or vary their original approval in so far as treatment has not yet been carried out in accordance with such approval, or add thereto and, until the decision of the Board is received by the practitioner, the restriction on proceeding with treatment contained in paragraph 7(3) hereof shall apply.

(*c*) Where in consequence of any proceedings under the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956 in respect of general dental services provided in the area of any Council, a practitioner is required for any period to submit to the Board for prior approval all estimates in respect of any treatment (other than examination or emergency treatment), he shall during that period submit all such estimates whether relating to services in that or in any other area within 10 days after making the examination to the Board for approval and shall not carry out such treatment until the approval of the Board has been obtained.

(5) The practitioner shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall not take longer than 6 months from the date upon which the patient is accepted by him for treatment, or where prior approval of the estimate is required, from the date on which such approval is received by him, as the case may be:

Provided that:—

(*a*) the time limit shall be 12 months in the case of treatment including extractions and the consequent provision of dentures or such period as may be allowed by the Board in the case of orthodontic treatment;

(*b*) treatment so far as it relates to the provision of dentures shall not be regarded as completed unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the patient;

(*c*) the time limit shall not apply where any delay is due to failure by the patient to attend for treatment or where the Board are satisfied that there is other sufficient reason.

(6) Where a deputy or assistant signs a dental estimate form or any part of it on behalf of the practitioner whose name is inserted in part 5 of the form he shall do so in his own name, and except in the case of a partner whose name is included in the dental list shall also insert the name of the practitioner on whose behalf he is acting.

(7) The practitioner shall within one month of the completion of the treatment send to the Board the dental estimate form.

(8) Where a practitioner has been notified that a person for whom he has provided general dental services has been requested to submit himself for examination by a dental officer or that the dental services committee or denture conciliation committee set up under the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956 will investigate a complaint or reference relating to such services, the practitioner shall not, until he has been notified that the examination has been carried out or cancelled, or that the investigation has been completed by the committee, or that the committee has no objection, provide any treatment other than emergency treatment to that person, and shall take all reasonable steps to facilitate the said examination or investigation.

Use of modified dental estimate form

8.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 7 hereof, a practitioner may in providing such treatment as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph (being treatment which may be carried out without the prior approval of the Board) submit a dental estimate form with the following modifications—

(*a*) part 1 of the form shall be cancelled by means of a line in ink drawn diagonally across it;

(*b*) only the treatment carried out need be set out in part 2, column 2 being used for this purpose.

(2) The items of treatment to which this paragraph applies are the following:—

(*a*) repairs to dentures at a scale cost not exceeding £1 14s. 6d. per denture;

(*b*) the following items of emergency treatment:—

(i) not more than two extractions;

(ii) the administration of a general anaesthetic;

(iii) the dressing of teeth;

(iv) arrest of abnormal haemorrhage;

(v) a single radiological examination involving one intra-oral or extra-oral film in connection with either an extraction, or the dressing of teeth covered by this sub-paragraph;

(vi) domiciliary visits in connection with any of the said items (i) to (v).

(3) Where a practitioner submits a dental estimate form modified in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, no fee shall be payable for a clinical examination and report.

(4) A practitioner shall not submit a dental estimate form modified under the provisions of this paragraph in respect of treatment of the kind specified in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, where he has previously accepted the same patient for other treatment, not yet completed, or where on the same day he accepts him for other treatment. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph other treatment shall not include orthodontic treatment only.

Inability or unwillingness of practitioner to complete treatment

9.—(1) If owing to any cause beyond the control of the practitioner or because the practitioner refers a patient for treatment under paragraph 4 hereof, he is unable to complete any treatment which has been commenced, he shall forthwith notify the Board in writing of the amount of treatment completed, and of the reason for his inability to complete the remainder, and shall be entitled to such payment as may be approved by the Board in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

(2) The Council may, on the application of a practitioner, authorise him on such terms as they think just to discontinue any treatment which he has commenced, but before doing so they shall consider any representations which the patient may wish to make with respect to the application. If the application is granted the patient and the Board shall be so informed and the practitioner shall be entitled to such payment as may be approved by the Board in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

Drugs

10.—(1) A practitioner may supply to a patient such drugs (being drugs specified in schedule 3 to the regulations) as are required for immediate administration or application or for use before a supply can be obtained under the next following paragraph.

(2) A practitioner may supply any other drug which is administered by him in person.

(3) A practitioner shall supply all requisite drugs which under regulation 6 of the regulations he is required by the Council to supply.

11.—(1) A practitioner shall order, on a form to be provided by the Council for the purpose, such drugs specified in schedule 3 to the regulations (other than those supplied under paragraph 10 hereof) as are requisite for the treatment of any patient. The order shall be signed by the practitioner or by his deputy or assistant in his own handwriting and shall not be written in such a manner as to necessitate reference on the part of the person supplying the drugs to a previous order.

(2) A deputy or assistant shall in addition to signing his own name on any prescription form insert therein the name of the practitioner for whom he is acting.

(3) The form shall not be used for persons other than patients for whom the practitioner is providing general dental services and a separate form shall be used for each patient.

Deputies and assistants

12.—(1) Save as provided in this paragraph or in paragraphs 4, 13 and 14 hereof, all treatment shall be given by a practitioner personally, provided that where he is prevented by reason of temporary absence from his practice through illness or other reasonable cause, treatment may be given by a deputy.

(2) In the case of two or more practitioners practising in partnership or as a principal and assistant, treatment may at any time be given by a partner or assistant of the practitioner who is responsible for the patient's treatment, if reasonable steps are taken to secure continuity of treatment.

(3) A practitioner shall not employ more than two assistants for the provision of general dental services without the consent of the Council or on appeal the Minister, and before giving any consent under this sub-paragraph the Council shall consult the Local Dental Committee:

Provided that:—

(i) any practitioner employing more than two assistants on 29th June 1964 shall be deemed to have received consent to employ those practitioners employed on that date for a period of 6 months.

(ii) Any consent given by or under this sub-paragraph shall be subject to review by the Council in consultation with the Local Dental Committee not less than once a year.

(4) A practitioner shall notify the Council of the employment of an assistant within 7 days of the first day of employment, and forward to the Council such particulars concerning the assistant as the Council may require. Where a practitioner ceases to employ an assistant he shall notify the Council within 7 days of the cessation of employment.

(5) If a practitioner intends to absent himself from his practice for more than 21 consecutive days he shall notify the Council or the persons for whom he is providing general dental services of his intended absence and of the deputy or assistant (if any) responsible for giving treatment during his absence.

(6) A practitioner who intends to be or is absent from his practice for more than 2 months shall notify the Council in writing and shall not employ an assistant after that period without the consent of the Council.

(7) A practitioner shall not employ as an assistant any practitioner who is included in the Council's dental list as a practitioner undertaking to provide general dental services at a surgery or suite of surgeries at which the first named practitioner undertakes to provide general dental services.

(8) Where a practitioner employs an assistant who to the practitioner's knowledge is subject to a requirement to submit estimates of any treatment (other than examination or emergency treatment) to the Board for prior approval, he shall not allow that assistant to carry out such treatment unless the prior approval of the Board has first been obtained.

(9) A practitioner shall not, without the consent of the Minister, employ as a deputy or assistant for the purpose of the provision of general dental services any practitioner who is disqualified for inclusion in the dental list of a Council under section 42 of the Act.

(10) A practitioner shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of any practitioner acting as his deputy or assistant.

(11) A deputy shall be entitled to provide treatment at places or at times other than those arranged by the practitioner for whom he is acting, due regard being had to the convenience of the persons for whom the treatment is provided.

Anaesthetics and arrest of haemorrhage

13.—(1) Administration of a general anaesthetic may be given by a medical or dental practitioner on behalf of the practitioner responsible for the treatment.

(2) For the purpose of treating a patient for the arrest of abnormal haemorrhage a practitioner may make arrangements with a medical practitioner to provide the treatment on his behalf.

Dental hygienists

14. A practitioner may employ a dental hygienist, being an ancillary dental worker whose name appears on the Roll of Dental Hygienists kept by the General Dental Council in accordance with the provisions of regulations made or having effect under section 41 of the Dentists Act 1957(a), and such practitioner shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of the dental hygienist.

Fair wages for dental technicians

15. 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.

Revision of terms of service

16.—(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, alter the terms of service as from such date as the Minister may approve by giving notice of the proposed alteration to each practitioner.

(2) Except in the case of an alteration which results from the coming into operation of any Act of Parliament or from an amendment of any regulation, the Council shall before making an alteration consult with the Local Dental Committee and the alteration shall not come into operation within a period of 3 months from the date of the issue of the notice.

Withdrawal from dental list

17. A practitioner shall be entitled at any time to give notice in writing to the Council that he desires to withdraw his name from the dental list and his name shall be removed therefrom at the expiration of 3 months from the date of such notice or of such shorter period as the Council may agree:

Provided that—

(*a*) if representations are made to the Tribunal under section 42 of the Act that the continued inclusion of a practitioner in the dental list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the general dental services, he shall not, except with the consent of the Minister and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Minister may impose, be entitled to have his name removed from the list pending the termination of the proceedings on such representations, and

(*b*) where any treatment has been commenced the practitioner shall make satisfactory arrangements for the treatment to be completed.

Disputes, appeals, etc.

18. The terms of service relating to the following matters are contained in part II of the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956—

(*a*) the investigation of questions arising between practitioners and their patients, and other investigations to be made by the dental services committee, the joint services committee and the denture conciliation committee, and the action which may be taken by the Council as a result of such investigations, including the withholding of remuneration from a practitioner where there has been a breach of the terms of service ;

(*b*) appeals to the Minister from decisions of the Council and the Board ;

(*c*) the investigation of record keeping ;

(*d*) the investigation of excessive dental treatment.

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Issue of notices to practitioners

19. Any notice which a Council is required or authorised by these terms of service to give to a practitioner shall be sufficiently given if it has been delivered to the practitioner or sent by post to him at the address last notified by him to the Council. If the notice is sent by post, it shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be served at the time at which a letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

PART II

Terms of Service for Dental Practitioners Undertaking to Provide General Dental Services at a Health Centre

Interpretation

1. In these terms of service, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression " the regulations " means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1964, and other words and expressions have the same meaning as in the regulations.

Incorporation of provisions of regulations, etc.

2. Any provisions of the regulations and of part II of the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956 affecting the rights and obligations of practitioners shall so far as they are applicable be deemed to form part of these terms of service.

Attendance

3.—(1) A practitioner shall attend at the health centre on such days and at such hours as may be agreed between the Council and the practitioner.

(2) The practitioner shall not, without the permission of the Council, be entitled to provide at the health centre any dental treatment other than general dental services under the regulations.

Standard of service

4. In providing general dental services a practitioner shall employ a proper degree of skill and attention and shall provide the treatment necessary to secure dental fitness which the patient is willing to undergo and shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 hereof, satisfactorily complete that treatment.

Acceptance of applicant for treatment

5. On accepting an application for treatment the practitioner shall request the applicant to sign such form as may be provided by the Council for the purpose.

Admission of dental officers

6. A practitioner shall admit a dental officer at all reasonable times to any surgery or waiting room used by the practitioner at the health centre for the purpose of examining the services provided.

Visiting

7. A practitioner shall visit and treat a patient whose condition requires a visit at any place where that patient may be at the time which is not more distant than 5 miles, or such other distance from the health centre as may be agreed by the Council and the practitioner.

Anaesthetics

8. A practitioner shall be responsible for providing the services of a medical or dental practitioner when necessary for the administration of an anaesthetic in connection with any operation undertaken by him under these terms of service.

Reference to another practitioner or to hospital and specialist services

9. If the condition of a person requiring general dental services is such as to require treatment which the practitioner is unable to carry out, but such treatment to the knowledge of the practitioner can be provided by another practitioner whose name appears on any dental list, or is available as part of the hospital and specialist services provided under part II of the Act, the practitioner shall inform the said person of the fact and, if the person so wishes, the practitioner shall take all necessary steps to enable him to receive such treatment. When referring a person to another practitioner or to the hospital and specialist services, the practitioner shall give adequate particulars in writing either beforehand or as soon as possible afterwards.

Records

10. In each case in which a practitioner provides treatment under the regulations, he shall keep a record in a form to be provided by the Council for the purpose. The record shall be the property of the Council and shall be made available for inspection to the dental officer at all reasonable times. The practitioner shall also supply to the dental officer such information with regard to the treatment of patients as he may request.

Fees

11.—(1) A practitioner shall be paid such remuneration in respect of his obligations under these terms of service as is provided for by regulation 32 of the regulations.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the regulations, a practitioner shall not suggest, demand or accept from any patient or from any other person the payment of any fee or remuneration in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service. The practitioner shall account for and pay over to the Council, in such manner as they may require, any fees received by him in respect of treatment falling within the provisions of part V of the regulations.

Consultation with dental officer

12. Where a practitioner proposes to provide a service of a kind specified in regulation 24 of the regulations solely on account of the clinical condition of the person concerned and not at his request, the practitioner shall give notice of the proposal to the dental officer on a form to be provided by the Council and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in column B of schedule 2 to the regulations other than emergency treatment, and the treatment of British merchant seamen and deep sea fishermen about to go to sea, until the dental officer's approval has been received.

Treatment not completed

13. If owing to any cause beyond the control of the practitioner or because he refers the patient for treatment under paragraph 9 hereof, he is unable to complete any treatment which has been commenced, he shall forthwith notify the dental officer in writing of the amount of treatment completed, and of the reason for his inability to complete the remainder, and if the treatment is given under regulations 24 to 26 of the regulations, he shall be entitled to claim from the person concerned such fees based on the appropriate scale as may be approved by the dental officer in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

Completion of treatment

14. A practitioner shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall not take longer than 6 months from the date upon which the patient is accepted by him for treatment:

Provided that:—

(i) the time limit shall be 12 months in the case of treatment including extractions and the consequent provision of dentures;

(ii) treatment so far as it relates to the provision of dentures shall not be regarded as completed unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the patient;

(iii) the time limit shall not apply where any delay is due to failure by the patient to attend for treatment or where the dental officer is satisfied that there is other sufficient reason.

Drugs

15.—(1) A practitioner may supply to a patient such drugs (being drugs specified in schedule 3 to the regulations) as are required for immediate administration or application or for use before a supply can be obtained under the next following paragraph.

(2) A practitioner may supply any other drug which is administered by him in person.

(3) Any drug supplied under this paragraph shall be obtained by the practitioner in such manner as the Council may require.

16. A practitioner shall order, on a form to be provided by the Council for the purpose, such drugs specified in schedule 3 to the regulations (other than those supplied under paragraph 15 hereof), as are requisite for the treatment of any patient. The order shall be signed by the practitioner in his own handwriting and shall not be written in such a manner as to necessitate reference on the part of the person supplying the drugs to a previous order. A separate form shall be used for each patient.

Termination of service

17.—(1) Any arrangement between a Council and a practitioner for the provision of general dental services at a health centre may be terminated by either party giving to the other 3 months' notice in writing:

Provided that if the practitioner shall fail to comply with any of these terms of service the Council may terminate the arrangement by giving him 1 month's notice in writing.

(2) The Council may at any time suspend a practitioner from the discharge of his duties, but such suspension shall not affect the right of the practitioner to receive remuneration during the continuance thereof.

Revision of terms of service

18.—(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, alter the terms of service as from such date as the Minister may approve by giving notice of the proposed alteration to each practitioner at a health centre.

(2) Except in the case of an alteration which results from the coming into operation of an Act of Parliament or from an amendment of any regulation, the alteration shall not come into operation within a period of 3 months from the date of issue of the notice.

Withdrawal or removal from dental list

19. A practitioner shall be entitled at any time to give notice in writing to the Council that he desires to withdraw his name from the dental list, and his name shall be removed therefrom at the expiration of 3 months from the date of such notice or of such shorter period as the Council may agree:

Provided that if representations are made to the Tribunal under section 42 of the Act that the continued inclusion of a practitioner in the dental list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the general dental services, he shall not, except with the consent of the Minister and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Minister may impose, be entitled to have his name removed from the list pending the termination of the proceedings on such representations.

Disputes, appeals, etc.

20. The terms of service relating to the following matters are contained in part II of the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1956:—

(*a*) the investigation of questions arising between practitioners and their patients, and other investigations to be made by the dental services committee, the joint services committee and the denture conciliation committee, and the action which may be taken by the Council as the result of such investigations, including the withholding of remuneration from a practitioner where there has been a breach of the terms of service;

(*b*) appeals to the Minister from decisions of the Council.

Issue of notices to practitioners

21. Any notice which a Council is required or authorised by these terms of service to give to a practitioner shall be sufficiently given if it has been delivered to the practitioner or sent by post to him at the address last notified by him to the Council.

If the notice is sent by post, it shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be served at the time at which a letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

SCHEDULE 2

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 (except in orthodontic cases) involving 3 or more intra-oral films, or 2 or more extra-oral films, or 2 or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films; in orthodontic cases radiological examination involving 7 or more intra-oral films, or 3 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with 3 or more extra-oral films.
II. Conservative Treatment	3	Scaling and gum treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 to the same practitioner* commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.

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

A Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees		B Item of Treatment
II. Conservative Treatment—*cont.*	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.
	3 (*c*)	Scaling and gum treatment in exceptional cases where deep and prolonged scaling is required.
	4	Prolonged gum treatment.
	5	Gingivectomy.
	8	Gold fillings.
	9	Inlays (except refixing, recementing or refacing inlays).
	10	Crowning of permanent teeth (other than the initial provision under item 10(*f*)(i) or (ii) of one synthetic resin post or dowel crown with or without diaphragm where only a single crown is required during a course of treatment, and other than refixing or recementing a crown).
III. Surgical Treatment	11	Extractions necessitating the supply of dentures (other than the extraction of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over) or comprising part of a course of orthodontic treatment.
	12	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, etc.; surgery on soft tissue.
	13 (*a*) (iii)	Administration of a special anaesthetic (e.g. intratracheal), in connection with treatment under item 11, where essential owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.
	13 (*b*)	General anaesthetic administered in connection with item 12 of the scale of fees.

A Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees		B Item of Treatment
IV. Dentures and special appliances	14	Provision of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin (other than the initial provision of full upper and lower dentures, or a full upper or full lower denture where a satisfactory full denture is already present in the other jaw, following the extraction during the same course of treatment of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over).
	15 (*a*)	Relining of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	15 (*b*)	Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	15 (*c*)	Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	18	Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19 (*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. 6d.
	19 (c)	Additions to metal dentures.
	20 (*a*)	Provision of obturators.
	20 (*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 14s. 6d.
	21	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 14s. 6d.

A Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees		B Item of Treatment
V. Treatment special to children	22 (*c*) (i)	Conservation by preparation of self cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner.*
	22 (*c*) (ii)	Conservation by topical applications of obtundents and coagulants where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner.*
	23 (*a*) (i)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children aged 9 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner* commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	23 (*a*) (ii)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under the age of 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment.
	23 (*b*)	Removal of calculus where in exceptional cases it is present to an abnormal degree.
	23 (*c*)	Removal of stain where a fee for such treatment has already been paid to the same practitioner.
	24 (*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances. (See item 11.)
VI. General Items	30	Any treatment not included in items 1-29 of the scale of fees.

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

SCHEDULE 3

LIST OF PRESCRIBED DRUGS

In this schedule any reference to a drug includes a reference to any ingredient thereof and references to "B.P.", "B.P.C.", "B.N.F." and "D.P.F." are, except where otherwise stated, respectively references to the 1963 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia, the British Pharmaceutical Codex, the British National Formulary and the Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

Acetylsalicylic Acid.
Alum.
Benzoic Acid.
Borax.
Boric Acid.
Caffeine.
Calcium Gluconate.
Calcium Lactate.
Chloral Hydrate.
Clove Oil.
Magnesium Sulphate.
Mercurous Chloride.
Phenacetin.
Phenol.
Potassium Bromide.
Potassium Chlorate.
Potassium Dichromate.
Potassium Permanganate.
Quinine Sulphate.
Sodium Bicarbonate.
Sodium Chloride.
Sodium Perborate.
Sodium Sulphite.
Tannic Acid.
Zinc Chloride.
Zinc Sulphate.

Capsules

Tetracycline Capsules, B.P.

Cream

Neomycin and Hydrocortisone Cream, B.P.C.

Draught

Chloral Draught, D.P.F.

Elixirs

Cascara Elixir, B.P.
Chloral Elixir for Infants, B.P.C.
Promethazine Hydrochloride Elixir, B.N.F.
Tetracycline Elixir, B.N.F.
Any elixir containing methylpentynol as sole active ingredient.

Emulsions

Chloroform Emulsion, B.P.C.
Peppermint Emulsion, B.P.C.

Gargles

Ferric Chloride Gargle, B.P.C.
Phenol Gargle, B.P.C.
Potassium Chlorate and Phenol Gargle, B.P.C.

Glycerins

Borax Glycerin, D.P.F.
Tannic Acid Glycerin, B.P.C.
Compound Thymol Glycerin, B.P.C.

Inhalations

Menthol and Benzoin Inhalation, B.P.C.
Menthol and Eucalyptus Inhalation, B.P.C.

Lozenges

Benzalkonium Lozenges, B.P.C.
Benzocaine Lozenges, D.P.F.
Compound Benzocaine Lozenges, B.P.C.
Formaldehyde Lozenges, B.P.C.
Hydrocortisone Lozenges, B.P.C.
Potassium Chlorate Lozenges, D.P.F.

Mixtures

Magnesium Hydroxide Mixture, B.P.
Magnesium Sulphate Mixture, B.P.C.

Mouth-washes

Alkaline Phenol Mouth-wash, B.P.C.
Compound Sodium Chloride Mouth-wash, B.P.C.
Zinc Sulphate and Zinc Chloride Mouth-wash, B.P.C.

Ointment

Nystatin Ointment, D.P.F.

Paints

Brilliant Green and Crystal Violet Paint, B.N.F.
Compound Iodine Paint, B.P.C.

Poultice

Kaolin Poultice, B.P.

Solution-tablets

Mouth-wash Solution-tablets, B.P.C.
Sodium Chloride Solution-tablets, D.P.F.
Compound Thymol Solution-tablets, B.P.C.

Solutions

Amaranth Solution, B.P.C.
Surgical Chlorinated Soda Solution, B.P.C.
Formaldehyde Solution, B.P.
Hydrogen Peroxide Solution, B.P.
Weak Iodine Solution, B.P.

Tablets

Acetomenaphthone Tablets, B.P.
Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Compound Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.C.
Soluble Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Acetylsalicylic Acid and Phenacetin Tablets, B.P.C.
Acetylsalicylic Acid and Quinine Compound Tablets, Drug Tariff.
Strong Compound Aneurine Tablets, B.P.C.
Ascorbic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Calcium Gluconate Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium Lactate Tablets, B.P.
Calcium Sodium Lactate Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium with Vitamin D. Tablets, B.P.C.

Cascara Tablets, B.P.
Compound Cascara Tablets, B.P.C.
Compound Codeine Tablets, B.P.
Codeine Phosphate Tablets, B.P.
Dichloralphenazone Tablets, B.N.F.
Erythromycin Tablets, B.P.
Meprobamate Tablets, B.P.
Mercurous Chloride Tablets, D.P.F.
Paracetamol Tablets, B.P.
Phenacetin Tablets, B.P.C.
Phenacetin and Caffeine Tablets, B.P.C.
Phenindamine Tablets, B.P.
Promethazine Hydrochloride Tablets, B.P.
Tetracycline Tablets, B.P.

Tincture

Pyrethrum Tincture, B.P.C. 1934.

Waters

Chloroform Water.
Peppermint Water.

Barbiturates

Tablets or capsules of any barbiturate which are included in the Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

Penicillin

Injections of Procaine Benzylpenicillin, whether or not containing Benzylpenicillin.
Penicillin Injection, B.P.
Penicillin Lozenges, B.P.C.
Penicillin Tablets, B.P.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Capsules, B.P.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Mixture, B.N.F.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Tablets, B.P.

Sulphonamides

Sulphadimidine Mixture for Infants, B.P.C.
Tablets of any sulphonamide which are included in the Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

SCHEDULE 4

FORMS

PART I

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN DENTAL LIST

To the Executive Council for.....

I.....

of .....

a registered dental practitioner, undertake to provide general dental services under the National Health Service Acts 1946 to 1961, on the terms in operation for the time being in the area of the Council, and apply to have my name included in the Dental List.

Particulars of my usual surgery hours are given below.

Address of Surgery and/or Health Centre	Days and hours of attendance	
	Days	Hours
(Surgery).....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

I see patients by appointment only.*

* Delete as necessary.

(Health Centre).....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

To be completed where appropriate

(*a*) I intend to practise/am practising* as a single-handed principal.

(*b*) I intend to practise/am practising* as a partner of.....

.....whose name is in the dental list of

.....Executive Council

and whose number is.....

(*c*) I am/have applied to be* also in the dental list of.....

.....Executive Council

and my number is.....

* Delete which of these is not applicable.

Signed.....

Date.....

Form E.C.21.

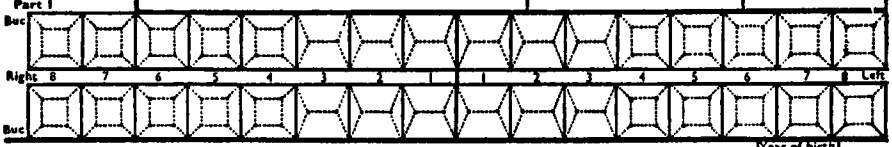
PART II

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE Dental Estimate Form.

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Mr.
Mrs.
Miss

Part 1



Year of Birth

Part 2	Column 1	£	s.	d.	Column 2	£	s.	d.
Examination and Report								
X-Ray and Report								
Scaling and Treatment of Gums								
Fillings								
Crowns (details in Part 9)								
Root Treatment								
General Anaesthetic								
Extractions								
Denture Repairs (details in Part 9)								
Dentures								
Other Forms of Treatment (details in Part 9)								

Dentist's name (as part 5) :

E.C. List No.: .....

Date of Examination :

Date treatment completed :

The patient is in possession of dentures as under (if no dentures the grid *must* be struck out).

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Part 3. To be completed by the DENTIST.

PATIENT'S SURNAME Mr. Mrs. Miss
(Block Letters)

CHRISTIAN NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

Nat. Health Service No.....

Part 4. To be completed by the DENTIST only in prior approval cases.

To the DENTAL ESTIMATES BOARD

I have examined this patient and have entered in Part 1 the clinical condition and in Part 2 details of the treatment which I consider necessary to secure dental fitness. The Board's approval of my estimate is requested.

Signature.....

Date.....

Part 5.

DENTIST'S NAME AND ADDRESS AT WHICH TREATMENT IS TO BE GIVEN →

(Rubber stamp or block letters)

Dentist's E.C. List No.

.....

For Official Use

Part 6. To the DENTIST

Your estimate as detailed in Part 2 is approved at £ : :

which includes the payment by the patient of the sum of £ : :

For Official Use

Part 7. To be completed by the DENTIST

I certify that, having examined this patient, I have carried out treatment as detailed in Part 2

*(a) in accordance with the clinical condition indicated in Part 1 *and I certify that in my opinion the patient is now dentally fit.*

*(b) as emergency treatment of a casual patient.

(c) and that a general anaesthetic has been administered by.....a doctor or another dentist, on.....occasions.

No part of the treatment in respect of which I claim fees has been carried out as part of the Hospital and Specialist Services.

Total cost of treatment is £ s. d.

I have received, or am claiming, from the patient the sum of £ s. d.

I claim the balance of fees due

*Delete as necessary (see explanatory note).

Signature.....

Date.....

Part 8. To be signed by the DENTIST and retained by the PATIENT

I am prepared to accept Mr. Mrs. Miss .....as a patient under the National Health Service for *treatment as detailed by me/or *emergency treatment on.....19.....

E.C. List No.....

*Delete as necessary.

Signature.....

Part 9. **DENTIST'S OBSERVATIONS**

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FOR OFFICIAL USE.

Enclosures:

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Part 10. To be signed by the PATIENT

I desire treatment under the National Health Service and understand that it is a condition of receiving treatment under the Service that I shall, if required, submit myself for examination by a Dental Officer of the Ministry of Health. I am not at present being treated by another dentist.

(a) **Undertaking to be completed so far as applicable**

I undertake to pay the dentist towards the cost of treatment (including any denture or bridge) the sum required under the National Health Service Act 1951 and the National Health Service Act 1952, as varied by the National Health Service Act 1961, or regulations made thereunder, [£ : :] and I understand that the dentist may require me to pay the whole or part of this sum before proceeding with my treatment.

Any payment by the National Assistance Board on my behalf shall be in relief of the whole or part of my undertaking

(b) **Declaration to be completed, so far as applicable, by persons claiming exemption from charges**

I declare that I am:—

(i) an expectant mother and expect my confinement on or about ..... OR

the mother of a child born on .....(i.e. within twelve months of the date below) and undertake to provide such documentary evidence of this as may be required.

(ii) aged under 16/21† years at last birthday and was born on.....

(iii) attending full-time.....School at.....(Town)
(applies only if aged 16 or over and claiming exemption from charges for dentures, addition to or relining of dentures, or bridges).

†Delete which of these is not applicable.

*Signature..... Date.....

Persons knowingly making a false declaration under (b) above may be liable to a fine not exceeding £100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both.

Part 11. To be signed by the PATIENT when treatment is completed.

I certify that to the best of my belief treatment has been completed.

*Signature..... Date.....

*Where the patient is under the age of 16 or is an invalid the parent, guardian or other authorised person should sign for the patient in Parts 10 and 11, indicating after his signature his relationship to the patient.

NOTE TO PATIENT

Patients should give their dentist as much notice as possible if for any reason they are likely to be unable to keep an appointment. Failure to do so may result in treatment being delayed and in the patient having to pay the dentist for the broken appointment.

If patients wish to change their dentist they must at once give notice of the fact to the dentist they wish to leave.

Patients who lose or damage their dentures may have to pay the full cost of their replacement.

FORM E.C.17 (Rev 2)

PART III

FORM FOR ADDITIONAL CHARGES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

TREATMENT AND APPLIANCES INVOLVING
ADDITIONAL PAYMENT BY THE PATIENT

This form is to be completed in addition to and submitted with the dental estimate form in respect of the more expensive treatment or appliance to be provided at the request of the patient in accordance with regulation 24.

In the appropriate space below ENTER ONLY THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY THE PATIENT.

Patient's Name	Dentist's Name
Nat. Health Service No.	Dentist's E.C. List No.

DETAILS OF TREATMENT AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES

	£	s.	d.
Fillings			
Dentures			
Other Treatment.....			
.....			

TO BE SIGNED BY THE PATIENT*

I desire the treatment as detailed above and understand that I am responsible for payment to the dentist of the charges set out above, or such other charges as may be approved by the Dental Estimates Board.

Signed..... Date.....

* In the case of a child or invalid, the parent, guardian or other authorised person should sign for patient.

E.C.18.

PART IV

DENTAL RECORD — NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

SURNAME_____ ADDRESS_____

CHRISTIAN NAMES_____

N.H.S. NUMBER_____

DATE OF BIRTH_____

TELEPHONE No._____

CLINICAL NOTES

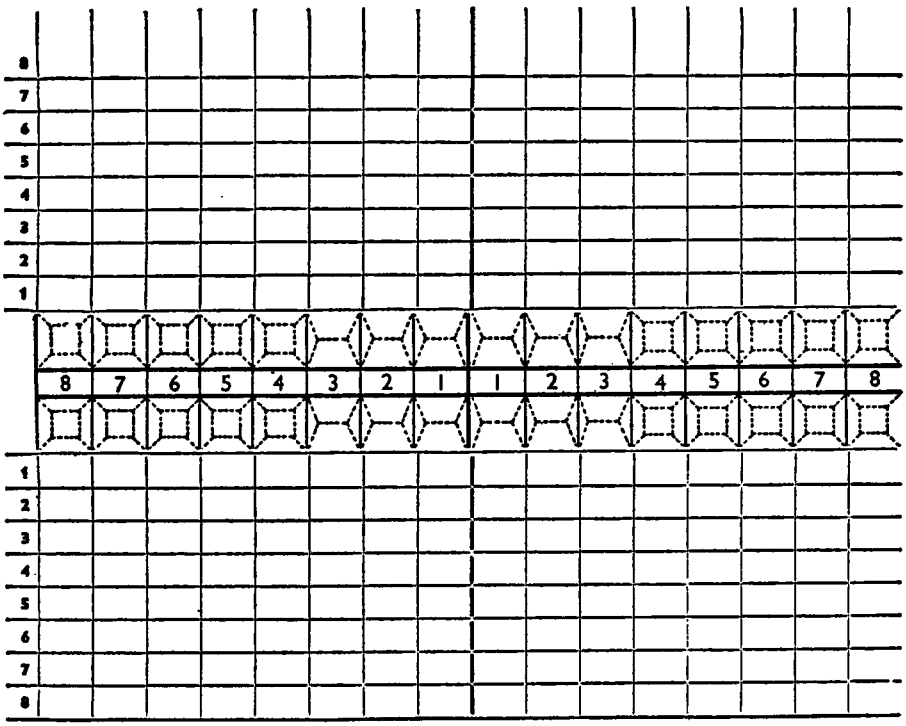
DATE	TREATMENT	DATE	TREATMENT

ENCLOSURES:

DENTIST'S NAME_____ E.C. LIST No._____

(To be used if desired)

FORM E.C.25 (REV.)



SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES 19____ To 19_____ (For use if desired)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Exam.								
X-Ray								
Scaling								
Fillings								
Crowns								
Root Fillings								
Anas.								
Exts.								
Dent.								
Repairs								
Other Treatment								
TOTAL								

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Date of Exam.								
Estimate to Board								
Estimate Approved								
Completed								
Paid								

CHARGES TO PATIENT (For use if desired)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PAID								

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SCHEDULE 5

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

PART I. DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination and report: 6s. 6d.

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 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, 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 item 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.

* 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.

PART II. CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

3. Scaling and gum treatment for persons aged 16 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment, including the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, and the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums:	
(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*) or (*c*)).	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.
*(*c*) Scaling and gum treatment in exceptional cases where deep and prolonged scaling is required.	Such fee as the Board may approve, not exceeding £1 0s. 0d.

*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 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. Prolonged gum treatment including scaling and correction of simple traumatic occlusion:	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £2 0s. 0d. to £4 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	12s. 6d. with a maximum of 12s. 6d. for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of 18s. 0d. 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.	£1 15s. 0d.
(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 2s. 6d. with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 15s. 0d. per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	18s. 0d. with a maximum of £1 5s. 0d. for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.

* 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.

(*b*) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	18s. 0d. with a maximum for 2* or more such fillings per tooth of £1 7s. 6d.
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 shewn opposite:—	
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 1 of (*a*) (iii)	£1 7s. 6d.
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 1 of (*a*) (iv)	£1 3s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 2 or more of (*a*) (iv).	£1 10s. 0d.
1 of (*a*) (iii) with 1 or more of (*a*) (iv).	£1 10s. 0d.
(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 0s. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of any of the types of fillings necessary in one tooth.	
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 the 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 any necessary dressing, fee per tooth.	£1 1s. 0d.
(*c*) apicectomy, including any necessary root treatment, fee per tooth.	£3 15s. 0d.
8. Gold fillings (other than inlays)	£3 0s. 0d. per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £4 10s. 0d.
9. Inlays (including any dressings):	

	A.	B.
*(*a*) metal inlay	Alloys containing 60% or more fine gold.	Any other alloys.
(i) a single surface cavity	£3 19s. 0d.	£3 13s. 6d.
(ii) a compound cavity	£5 0s. 0d.	£4 9s. 6d.
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle.	£5 5s. 0d.	£4 14s. 6d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity ...	£5 15s. 6d.	£5 5s. 0d.
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £4 9s. 6d. to £8 13s. 6d.	
*(*c*) provision of a facing of silicate, or synthetic resin.	12s. 6d. per inlay.	

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*d*) refixing, recementing or re-facing inlay.	12s. 6d. per inlay.
*(*e*) renewal or replacement by another inlay.	Such fee as the Board 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 (on a vital or non-vital tooth):	
(i) gold, swaged or swaged/cast ...	£4 15s. 0d.
(ii) gold, cast to full shoulder preparation.	£5 5s. 0d.
(iii) gold, cast to full shoulder preparation with facing of silicate or synthetic resin.	£6 0s. 0d.
*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast ...	£5 15s. 6d.
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth...	£4 10s. 0d.
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth.	£3 0s. 0d.
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth.	£5 5s. 0d.
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth ...	£8 5s. 0d.
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth...	£6 0s. 0d.
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth.	£9 0s. 0d.
*(*e*) (i) Synthetic resin veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post.	£5 5s. 0d.
(ii) Porcelain veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post.	£7 0s. 0d.
*(*f*) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£2 17s. 6d.
(ii) with diaphragm	£3 17s. 6d.
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing.	£5 7s. 6d.
*(*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 £9 0s. 0d.
(*h*) Refixing or recementing crown ...	12s. 6d. per crown.
*(*i*) Repair of a crown	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding two-thirds of the fee for a new crown of the type being repaired.
*(*j*) Renewal by a similar type of crown	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding three-quarters of the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
*(*k*) Replacement by a different type of crown.	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

PART III. SURGICAL TREATMENT

*11. Extractions:

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	8s. 6d.	
2 teeth	9s. 6d.	With a total additional fee of 2s. 0d. if teeth are extracted from more than one quadrant of the mouth
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 systemic 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 3s. 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 £7 10s. 0d. (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 11s. 6d. (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 the extraction:

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

*(iii) where the Board are satisfied that a special anaesthetic (e.g., intratracheal) is essential owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction. Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £4 4s. 0d. per course of treatment.

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per course of treatment shall be payable under (i), or (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £5 0s. 0d. 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 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 synthetic resin:	
(*a*) full upper and full lower dentures ...	£9 16s. 6d.
(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth ...	£4 8s. 6d.
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth ...	£5 4s. 0d.
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth ...	£5 12s. 0d.
Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £9 16s. 6d.	
(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—	
(i) stainless steel	£1 2s. 0d.
(ii) gold or other approved material	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 12s. 0d.
15. Relining or rebasing of dentures, or provision of soft linings to dentures, including all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:	
(*a*) relining or rebasing dentures ...	£2 0s. 0d. per denture.

*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.

*(*b*) Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per denture.
*(*c*) Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per denture.
16. Repairs:—	
(*a*) (i) repairing a crack or fracture, or	
(ii) refixing or replacing a tooth (including any gum associated therewith) or	

* See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(iii) refixing or replacing a clasp (including any gum associated therewith) or
(iv) covering exposed pins.
One repair under (*a*) ... ... 15s. 0d.
(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*) (i)–(iv). 5s. 0d.
(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*). 15s. 0d.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 14s. 6d. per denture shall be payable under item 16 or 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 5s. 0d.
(*b*) addition of new gum-not associated with addition under item 17 (*a*). £1 5s. 0d.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 14s. 6d. per denture shall be payable under item 17 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

*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. 17s. 6d.
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold. £1 5s. 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:

	A.	B.
(i) Base metal alloys:	Stainless steel.	Chrome cobalt.
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth.	£7 17s. 6d.	£11 10s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth.	£8 13s. 6d.	£12 10s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth.	£9 9s. 0d.	£13 10s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth.	£10 5s. 0d.	£14 10s. 0d.
full denture	£8 18s. 6d.	£13 0s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal.	10s. 6d. per tooth up to a maximum of £2 2s. per denture.	17s. 6d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 10s. per denture.
	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.	£11 10s. 0d.	£12 0s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth.	£12 10s. 0d.	£14 0s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth.	£13 10s. 0d.	£16 0s. 0d.

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partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth.	£14 10s. 0d.	£18 0s. 0d.
Full denture	£13 0s. 0d.	£16 0s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal:	17s. 6d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 10s. per denture.	£1 5s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £4 12s. 6d. per denture.
(*b*) Repairs and (*c*) Additions	Fee appropriate to similar treatment to synthetic resin or vulcanite dentures as covered by items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee, if any, 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.

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 with amalgam, oxyphosphate cement or other similar materials:	
(i) single surface cavity, per filling	10s. 0d.
(ii) any other cavity, per filling ...	15s. 0d.
(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap. Provided that no fee in excess of 15s. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of the above types of conservation necessary in one tooth.	15s. 0d. per tooth.
(*c*) 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) 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	7s. 6d.

* 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.

	*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 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.	5s. 6d.
	*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 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.	12s. 6d.
	(*c*) Removal of stain including any necessary polishing.	5s. 6d.
	*Provided that	
	(i) no further fee shall be payable for treatment under item 23 (*c*) to the same practitioner † unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained; and	
	(ii) no fee shall be payable 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.

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PART VI. GENERAL ITEMS

25. Dressing of teeth in respect of a casual patient:	
Fee for one tooth	8s. 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.	10s. 0d.
27. Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:	
Fee per course	5s. 0d.
28. Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc.:	
Fee per course	7s. 6d.
29. Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorrhage including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:	
Fee for arrest of bleeding or for administration of associated after care (e.g. removal of a plug or stitches) per visit. Provided that the same practitioner† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after care.	15s. 0d.
*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) Where a material listed in column A hereunder is used, it shall conform to the specification published under the authority of the British Standards Institution and set out opposite in Column B.

A	*B*
Acrylic resin denture base materials	BS. 2487:1954
Dental amalgam alloy (silver-tin)	BS. 2938:1961
Dental zinc Phosphate cement	BS. 3364:1961
Dental silicate cement and dental silico-phosphate cement...	BS. 3365:1961
Dental cobalt chromium casting alloy	BS. 3366:1961
Dental gold solders	BS. 3384:1961
Orthodontic wire and tape and dental ligature wire made of stainless steel	BS. 3507:1962
Dental wrought precious metal alloy wire	BS. 3520:1962

(2) The nature of materials used or to be used shall be specified on an estimate for the provision of (*a*) a crown, (*b*) an inlay, (*c*) a filling with any material other than amalgam, and (*d*) the provision or repair of, or additions to, a metal denture.

(3) All filling materials shall be of first-grade quality and suitable for each individual cavity. Cements, synthetic resins, gutta percha and copper amalgam may be used for the conservation of deciduous teeth. Silicate and silico-phosphate cements or self-polymerising synthetic resin filling materials shall be regarded as permanent filling materials for permanent teeth where they are used in anterior teeth, but shall not be so regarded, or so used, in teeth posterior to the canines (other than first and second premolars where the occlusal surfaces are not involved), unless the prior

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approval of the Board has been obtained. Other cements, gutta percha and copper amalgam shall not be regarded as permanent filling materials for permanent teeth, or so used, unless in special circumstances the prior approval of the Board has been obtained. For the purposes of this paragraph cements shall be taken to include all filling materials which consist of powders in combination with liquids other than mercury.

(4) All materials used in dentures shall be of first grade quality. A plastic material other than vulcanite shall be used for the denture base or addition to a denture only if it is of a brand approved for the time being by the Minister.

(5) Where pin teeth are used for vulcanite or other plastic base dentures, all pins shall be of precious metal, 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 synthetic resin, shall be of first-grade quality.

(6) Porcelain diatoric anterior teeth may only be used in vulcanite or other plastic base dentures when artificial gum is necessary.

(7) Strengtheners shall be compatible with the denture base materials used and not liable to change in the mouth.

(8) Bands and clasps shall be of either—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 40 per cent. of fine gold, platinum or palladium, and 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.

(9) In cases of close bite where porcelain or synthetic resin teeth cannot be used, cusps of the following material may be used—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of fine 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.

(10) Metal used for crowns, denture bases, backings, posts and tags shall be—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of fine 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.

(11) Casing of gold cased lingual or palatal bars shall be of not less than 18 carat gold.

(12) Synthetic resin material shall not be used for inlays.

SCHEDULE 6

Remuneration of Dental Practitioners Practising at a Health Centre

1. Rates applicable to whole-time employment at a health centre:—

Grade	*Scale of Remuneration*
I	Commencing at £2,070 per annum and rising to £2,535 per annum by annual increments as follows:—

£
2,070
2,150
2,225
2,305
2,380
2,460
2,535

II Commencing at £1,285 per annum and rising to £2,020 per annum by annual increments as follows:—

£
1,285
1,375
1,470
1,565
1,655
1,750
1,840
1,935
2,020

2. Rates applicable to part-time employment at a health centre:—

In respect of one half or three-quarter time employment, one half or three quarters, as the case may be, of the rates specified for whole-time employment or such other proportion as may be appropriate to the amount of the employment.

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3. Rates of sessional remuneration:—

Grade	*Fees per session of 3 hours*
I	£5 9s.
II	£4 7s.

4. In determining the appropriate rate of remuneration payable to a dental practitioner under the preceding paragraphs of this schedule the following provisions shall apply:—

(1) Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding sub-paragraph, a practitioner shall be appointed in Grade II.

(2) A Council, if they are satisfied that the qualifications, experience and capacity of a practitioner justify his appointment in Grade I, may, after consultation with the Local Dental Committee and subject to the approval of the Minister, appoint the practitioner in that grade.

(3) Payment of the annual increments for which provision is made in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this schedule shall be conditional on the satisfactory service of the practitioner concerned.

(4) A practitioner who is regularly employed for 6 or more sessions a week shall be deemed to be employed whole-time or part-time as the case may be, and be remunerated accordingly.

(5) Where a practitioner is regularly employed at a health centre by a Council and a local authority and the total number of sessions per week for which he is employed by those authorities is 6 or more, he shall be deemed to be employed part-time by the Council, and he shall be remunerated accordingly.

(6) A Council may at their discretion credit a practitioner on appointment in Grade II with additional increments not exceeding one increment in respect of each year of experience after the first 5 years of experience since he became a registered dental practitioner, or gained a Commonwealth or foreign diploma recognised by the General Dental Council under section 12(3) of the Dentists Act 1957 whichever event first occurred.

SCHEDULE 7

REGULATIONS REVOKED

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1954	S.I. 1954/742 (1954 I, p. 1279).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1955	S.I. 1955/604 (1955 I, p. 1263).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1955	S.I. 1955/1890 (1955 I, p. 1264).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1956	S.I. 1956/1743 (1956 I, p. 1514).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1957	S.I. 1957/229 (1957 I, p. 1458).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 1957	S.I. 1957/729 (1957 I, p. 1471).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment No. 3 Regulations 1957	S.I. 1957/1763 (1957 I, p. 1472).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1958	S.I. 1958/2169 (1958 II, p. 1544).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1960	S.I. 1960/1046 (1960 II, p. 2075).
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1961	S.I. 1961/182 (1961 I, p. 292).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1961	S.I. 1961/907 (1961 II, p. 1749).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (No. 2) Regulations 1961	S.I. 1961/1152 (1961 II, p. 2119).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1962	S.I. 1962/1103 (1962 II, p. 1271).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1962	S.I. 1962/1221 (1962 II, p. 1328).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/992 (1963 II, p. 1631).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/1712 (1963 III, p. 3334).
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/2069 (1963 III, p. 4381).

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 25th May 1964.

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Anthony Barber,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations are a consolidation of the regulations relating to general dental services, revoked by schedule 7, together with a number of amendments.

The principal amendments are as follows :—

(*a*) provision is no longer made for inclusion in the dental list of an Executive Council of particulars relating to dental assistants, and the application form for admission to the list no longer makes provision relating to applicants who are acting as assistants (regulation 4(3) and schedule 4, part I) ;

(*b*) practitioners are required to notify the Council of changes affecting their entries in the dental list (regulation 4(4)) ;

(*c*) Councils may recover charges direct from patients where the practitioner has in certain circumstances been unable to do so (regulation 22(6)) ;

(*d*) the types of more expensive appliances which may be provided for a patient, on payment of an additional charge, have been extended (regulation 24) ;

(*e*) overpayments made to a practitioner may be deducted by the Council from his remuneration (regulation 33(1)) ;

(*f*) certain claims by a practitioner for payment are specifically prohibited (schedule 1, part I, paragraph 6(3)) ;

(*g*) new provisions are made with respect to the completion of dental estimate forms (*ibid.*, paragraph 7(1)) ;

(*h*) practitioners who have been required to submit all estimates in respect of any treatment (other than examination or emergency treatment) for prior approval by the Dental Estimates Board are required to apply for such prior approval in all areas in which they practise (*ibid.*, paragraph 7(4)(*c*)) ;

(*i*) new provisions are made in respect of signatures by deputies and assistants (*ibid.*, paragraph 7(6)) ;

(*j*) a practitioner is required to provide all dental treatment personally except where otherwise permitted (*ibid.*, paragraph 12(1)) ;

(*k*) a practitioner may normally employ only 2 assistants and must notify the Council of their employment within 7 days. He must give the Council such particulars concerning assistants as the Council may require. He is subject to certain restrictions in their employment (*ibid.*, paragraph 12(3), (4), (7) and (8)) ;

(*l*) alterations have been made to the list of items requiring prior approval (schedule 2, items 2(*a*) and (*b*), 8, 11 and 14).