STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1536 (S.114)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1973

Made - - - -	*30th August* 1973
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Coming into Operation	*1st October* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 39 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(**a**), as amended by section 11 of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1949(**b**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

(2) In these regulations:—

"the principal regulations" means the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1966(**c**) as amended(**d**); and

"regulation 27" means regulation 27 of the principal regulations as amended by regulation 3(3) of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1972(**e**) (which provided for a new scale of fees for treatment)

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**f**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if these regulations were an Act of Parliament.

2. Regulation 4 of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1972 shall cease to have effect.

3. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(1) For categories I to VI of Schedule 2 (which deals with "treatment for which the prior approval of the Board is required") there shall be substituted the provisions set out in Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(2) In paragraph 3(2)(*b*) of Part I of Schedule 1 (which deals with limited treatment) for the amount of £2·60 there shall be substituted the amount of £2·80.

(3) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 5 (which sets out the scale of fees for treatment) there shall be substituted the provisions set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations.

(**a**) 1947. c. 27. (**b**) 1949 c. 93.
(**c**) S.I. 1966/1449 (1966 III, p. 3802).
(**d**) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1969/436, 1970/924, 1340, 1972/96, 1348 (1969 I, p. 1276; 1970 II, p. 2888; III, p. 4486; 1972 I, p. 265; II, p. 4089).
(**e**) S.I. 1972/1348 (1972, II, p. 4089). (**f**) 1889 c. 63.

4.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, these regulations shall not apply to general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1973 and such services shall continue to be subject to the provisions of the regulations in force immediately before that date, other than the provisions thereof ceasing to have effect by virtue of regulation 2 hereof.

(2) In respect of an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated during the period beginning with 1st April 1973 and ending with 30th September 1973, the Council shall pay to a practitioner an additional sum equal to 5·3 per cent of the amounts authorised for payment.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st October 1973 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1972 and before 1st October 1973 the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 27 a sum equal to 5·3 per cent of the amount of these fees.

(4) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st October 1973 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st March 1972 and before 1st October 1972 the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 27 a sum equal to 16·7 per cent of the amount of these fees.

(5) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council dated on or after 1st October 1973 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st March 1972 the Council shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 27 a sum equal to 23·4 per cent of the amount of these fees.

(6) Where an advice of payment from the Board to a Council is made during the financial year ending 31st March 1974 the Council shall pay to the practitioner an additional payment of a sum equal to 5 per cent of his reckonable remuneration as defined in regulation 61 of the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Regulations 1961(**a**) as amended by regulation 49 of the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1966(**b**) and regulation 25 of the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1972(**c**) or £250 whichever is the less.

Gordon Campbell.
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
30th August 1973.

(a) S.I. 1961 1398 (1961 II, p. 2697).
(b) S.I. 1966 1522 (1966 III, p. 4268)
(c) S.I. 1972 1604 (1972 III, p. 4709).

SCHEDULE 1

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
I. Diagnosis 2(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*)		Radiographic examination and radiological report (*a*) in cases involving treatment under 2(*c*); (*b*) in cases including apicectomy, involving 6 or more intra-oral films; (*c*) in orthodontic cases, 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, except as in (*a*); (*d*) in cases including root treatment, involving 5 or more intra-oral films; (*e*) in any other case, involving 4 or more intra-oral films or 2 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films, except as in (*a*).
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 dentist† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	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 where the extractions are subject to the prior approval of the Board.
	5	Periodontal treatment other than treatment provided under items 3 and 4.
	8	Gold fillings.
	9	Inlays or pinlays (other than the provision of one compound or confluent compound metal inlay or pinlay, whether faced or unfaced, where only one inlay or pinlay is required during the same course of treatment, and other than renewal of a facing under item 9(*c*) or refixing or recementing an inlay or pinlay under item 9(*d*)).

†Reference in this schedule to treatment by the same dentist includes treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistants of any of them and where the dentist is employed by a body corporate includes treatment by another employee of that body.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	10	Provision and repair of crowns— (*a*) where the fee is at the discretion of the Board; (*b*) for a patient aged 16 years at the commencement of the course of treatment, other than under items 10(*d*)(i) or (ii) one synthetic resin post or dowel crown without diaphragm or with diaphragm and gold post; (*c*) in cases other than (*a*) or (*b*) where more than one crown is provided or repaired in the same course of treatment other than two crowns on teeth anterior to the first pre-molars.
III. Surgical Treatment	11	Extractions necessitating the supply of a denture for a patient aged less than 18 years or extractions comprising part of a course of orthodontic treatment.
	12	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, unerupted tooth, impacted tooth, grossly exostosed tooth etc., surgery on soft tissue.
	13(*a*) (iii)	Administration of a general anaesthetic in connection with treatment under only item 11, where special difficulties exist owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.
	13(*b*)	Administration of a general anaesthetic in connection with treatment under any items whether or not including treatment under item 11.
IV. Appliances other than orthodontic appliances	14	Initial provision of dentures bearing less than 4 teeth where no teeth is anterior to a first pre-molar and of any denture in the construction of which it is proposed to use special weighting materials. Provision of any denture for a patient aged under 18 years at the commencement of a course of treatment where the denture is necessitated by the extraction of a tooth or teeth during that course of treatment. Replacement of any denture where free replacement is sought due to loss or damage.
	14(*d*) 15(*b*)	Provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing denture where this is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*	B *Item of Treatment*
	15(*a*) (ii) Relining or rebasing a denture other than with a material polymerised in the mouth accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	18 Backing and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19(*a*)(i) & (ii) Provision of metal-based dentures other than replacement of metal-based dentures except where free replacement is sought due to loss or damage.
	19(*b*) Repairs to metal dentures at a cost exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16.
	19(*c*) Additions to metal dentures.
	20 Bridges (other than re-cementing a bridge).
	21(*a*) Provision of obturators.
	21(*b*) Repairs to obturators at a cost exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16.
	21(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost not exceeding the maximum fee allowable under item 16.
V. Treatment Special to minors	22(*c*) (i) Conservation by preparation of self-cleansing areas including any applications of obtundents and coagulants or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same dentist.†
	22(*c*) (ii) Conservation by applications of obtundents and coagulants or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same dentist.†
	23(*a*) Removal of calculus and/or other deposits from the teeth of patients aged under 16 years at the commencement 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 23(*b*) to the same dentist† 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 treatment by the same dentist includes treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistants of any of them, and where the dentist is employed by a body corporate includes treatment by another employee of that body.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	23(*b*)	Removal of calculus, where in exceptional cases it is present to an abnormal degree, from the teeth of patients aged under 16 years at the commencement of a course of treatment.
	24(*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances. (see also item 11).
VI. Other forms of treatment	29	Any treatment not included in items 1-28 of the Scale of Fees (other than repairs to vulcanite dentures at a cost not exceeding the maximum fee allowable for repairs under item 16).

SCHEDULE 2

PART I—DIAGNOSIS

1. Clinical examination, advice (including the issue of a prescription other than in connection with treatment provided under item 4) and report:	
Fee per course of treatment	£0·86
Provided that—	
(1) This fee shall not be payable	
(*a*) where the only treatment required is repairs to dentures for edentulous patients,	
(*b*) for examinations of a group of patients in schools or institutions,	
(*c*) where the same dentist† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for treatment under this item	
(i) of a patient aged 21 years or over carried out at any time during the preceding five calendar months,	
(ii) of a patient under 21 years of age carried out at any time within the preceding three months	
(2) In the case of a woman who is pregnant or has borne a child in the previous 12 months and who is not edentulous, this fee shall be payable for one treatment under this item during the period of pregnancy and 12 months after confinement in addition to the fees which may otherwise be payable under this item and such treatment may be provided at any time during that period.	
2. Radiographic examination and radiological report:	
Fees per course of treatment—	
(*a*) Intra-oral films	
1 film	£0·50
2 films	£0·60
*3 films	£0·70
*each additional film	£0·18 up to a maximum of £2·32 for additional films.
(*b*) Extra-oral films (other than panoramic films or lateral headplates in conjunction with a cephalometric technique)	
1 film	£0·80
*each additional film	£0·46 up to a maximum of £1·72 for additional films.
*(*c*) (i) Panoramic films	£1·20 per film
(ii) Lateral headplates in conjunction with a cephalometric technique	£1·20 per film

†Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same dentist shall include also treatment by his principal or the partner of either or by the assistant of any of them, and where the dentist 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

A. *Periodontal Treatment*

3. Scaling, including the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums and any necessary oral hygiene instruction, for patients aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment:	
(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*)) ...	£1·10
*(*b*) Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment ...	Such fee as the Board may approve, not exceeding £0·90
*Provided that no fee shall be payable under this item where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3(*a*) or (*b*) to the same dentist† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done, unless the prior approval of the Board has been obtained.	
4. Treatment urgently required for acute conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa (including pericoronitis), ulcers and herpetic lesions and any necessary oral hygiene instruction:	
Fee per course of treatment	£0·58
*5. Other periodontal treatment including any necessary oral hygiene instruction, periodontal surgery and protracted scaling (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	
(*a*) with periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*b*) without periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Board may approve up to a maximum of £6·50

B. *Restorative Treatment*

6. Fillings (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 7), except fillings in deciduous teeth of patients under 16 years. The fillings to which this scale applies shall be permanent in character.	
Fee per filling:—	
(*a*) Amalgam filling in:	
(i) a single surface cavity	£0·94 for any number of such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £1·30 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth not all in one surface.

†Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same dentist shall include also treatment by his principal or the partner of either or by the assistant of any of them, and where the dentist is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(ii) a mesial-occlusal-distal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity in a molar or pre-molar tooth	£2·00
(iii) a mesial-occlusal or distal-occlusal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity into the lingual or buccal surfaces or both in a molar or pre-molar tooth	£1·60 with a maximum of £2·00 for a combination of such fillings per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above	£1·30 with a maximum of £1·70 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(v) additional fee for pin or screw retention	£0·80
(*b*) (i) Silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin filling	£1·22 with a maximum of £1·76 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(ii) additional fee for pin or screw retention	£0·80

Provided that—

(*a*) for combinations of the types of fillings set out below in the same tooth no fee shall be payable in excess of the amount shown opposite:—	
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iii)	£1·90
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1·50
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1·90
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1·90
(*b*) no fee in excess of £2·60 shall be payable for any combination of any types of fillings in one tooth, except where pin or screw retention is used when the maximum shall be	£3·20

7. Root treatment of permanent teeth and of retained deciduous teeth in patients aged 16 years or over, including all attention in connection therewith except for treatment appropriate to items 2, 6, 8, 9, 10 or 20:

Permanent Teeth

(*a*) treatment comprising either the devitalization of the pulp of the tooth and the subsequent removal of the pulp followed by the necessary treatment and filling of each root canal of the tooth, or the treatment of infected root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal—	
(i) root filling following extirpation of vital pulp in a single-rooted tooth	£2·70 per tooth.
(ii) all other root fillings	£5·30 per tooth.
(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing ...	£2·40 per tooth.
(*c*) (i) apicectomy	£4·70 per tooth.
(ii) apicectomy with retrograde root filling	£5·90 per tooth.

Retained deciduous teeth of patients aged 16 years or over

(*d*) (i) vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing	£0·80 per tooth.
(ii) any other root canal therapy	£1·20 per tooth.

*8. Gold fillings (other than inlays or pinlays) including any dressings, pulp capping and other preparatory treatment but excluding treatment appropriate to items 7 or 22(*d*) ... ... £6·00 per filling with maximum of £8·00 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.

9. Inlays or pinlays in permanent teeth and in retained deciduous teeth of patients aged 16 years or over, inclusive of all preparation in connection therewith, including dressings, pulp-capping, cores fabricated in the mouth and temporary coverage during construction but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 7:

	A	B
*(*a*) metal inlay or pinlay ...	Alloys containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.	Any other alloys
(i) a single surface cavity ...	£7·90	£6·00
(ii) a compound cavity... ...	£10·90	£8·30
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle ...	£10·20	£8·10
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£16·00	£11·50
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay or pinlay	Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £7·50 to £11·50	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin ...	£1·00	
(*d*) refixing or recementing an inlay or pinlay	£1·00	
*(*e*) additional fee for pinned or screwed core fabricated in the mouth	£0·80	

10. Crowning of permanent teeth (and of retained deciduous teeth of patients aged 16 years or over), inclusive of all preparatory treatment in connection therewith, including dressings, pulp capping, pins incorporated in casting, cores fabricated in the mouth and temporary coverage during construction but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 7:

*(*a*) Three quarter or basket crown	
(i) cast gold	£16·00
(ii) cast gold with a facing of silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£17·00
(iii) additional fee for pinned or screwed core fabricated in the mouth	£0·80
*(*b*) Full veneer or jacket crown	
(i) cast gold	£18·00
(ii) cast gold with a facing of silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£19·00
(iii) any other full veneer or jacket gold crown including any facing	£17·00
(iv) porcelain	£13·70

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(v) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble	£18·40
(vi) synthetic resin	£8·70
(vii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble	£13·40
(viii) additional fee for pinned or screwed core fabricated in the mouth	£0·80
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown—post retained	
(i) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core and post	£18·40
(ii) porcelain constructed on a core and post of any other metal approved for the purpose	£14·00
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core and post	£13·40
(iv) synthetic resin constructed on a core and post of any other metal approved for the purpose ...	£9·00
*(*d*) Post or dowel crown	
(i) synthetic resin constructed without a diaphragm ...	£7·00
(ii) synthetic resin constructed with a diaphragm and gold post	£11·80
(iii) synthetic resin constructed with a diaphragm, gold post and backing	£13·70
*(*e*) 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 £21·50.
*(*f*) Repair of a crown	
(i) renewal of the porcelain component of a crown appropriate to item 10(*c*)(i) or (ii)	£10·00
(ii) renewal of the synthetic resin component of a crown appropriate to items 10(*c*)(iii) or (iv)	£5·00
(iii) renewal of the synthetic resin component of a crown appropriate to item 10(*d*)	£4·80
(iv) renewal of a facing of silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£1·00
(v) other repair of a crown	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding 70% of the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
(*g*) Refixing or recementing a crown	£1·00

*Provided that, where the Board approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain and metal crown, the Board may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £7·50.

Part III—Surgical Treatment

*11. Extractions:

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

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw, including all necessary attention in connection therewith except abnormal post-operative haemorrhage necessitating an additional visit for treatment other than the removal of sutures ... ... Such fee per operation as the Board may approve.

(*b*) Removal of cyst, buried root, unerupted tooth, impacted tooth or grossly exostosed tooth or other similar operation, including all necessary attention in connection therewith except abnormal post-operative haemorrhage necessitating an additional visit for treatment other than the removal of sutures Such fee per operation as the Board may approve.

(*c*) Surgery on soft tissue, other than periodontal surgery appropriate to item 5, including all necessary attention in connection therewith except abnormal post-operative haemorrhage necessitating an additional visit for treatment other than the removal of sutures ... ... Such fee per operation as the Board may approve.

13. Administration of a general anaesthetic:

(*a*) In connection with treatment under only Item 11

(i) where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction administers the anaesthetic:

1 to 3 teeth extracted	£1·20	per patient
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£1·70	per patient
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£2·30	per visit
20 teeth or over extracted	£2·90	per visit

(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extractions ... ... £0·42 per patient per course of treatment.

*(iii) where the Board are satisfied that the anaesthetist would be faced with special difficulties owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction ... Such fee per patient per visit as the Board may approve not exceeding £6·20 per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2·90 per course of treatment shall be payable under (i) or under (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £7·30 per course of treatment shall be payable for any combination of (iii) with (i), or with both (i) and (ii).

*(*b*) In connection with treatment under any items whether or not including treatment under item 11

(i) where a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment administers the anaesthetic ... ... £2·90 per patient per visit.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the treatment	£0·42 per course of treatment.
(iii) where the Board are satisfied that the anaesthetist would be faced with special difficulties owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the treatment ...	Such fee per patient per visit as the Board may approve not exceeding £6·20.

PART IV—APPLIANCES OTHER THAN ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

A. *Dentures*

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

*14. Dentures in synthetic resin:	
(*a*) Full dentures	
(i) Upper and lower	£17·50
(ii) Upper or lower	£10·20
(*b*) Partial dentures	
(i) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£8·00
(ii) denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth	£9·60
(iii) denture bearing 9 or more teeth	£10·50
Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £17·50.	
(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar	
(i) stainless steel	£1·50
(ii) gold or other approved material	Such fee as the Board may approve not exceeding £7·40.
(*d*) additional fee for the provision of a soft lining or soft partial lining other than one polymerised in the mouth where such lining is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus	£2·60 per denture.
15. Relining or rebasing of dentures, or provision or renewal of soft linings to existing dentures, including all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:	
(*a*) relining or rebasing a denture other than with a material polymerised in the mouth	
(i) not accompanied by repairs and/or additions ...	£3·90 per denture
*(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions ...	Such fee per denture as the Board may approve.
*(*b*) provision or renewal of soft lining or soft partial lining other than one polymerised in the mouth to an existing denture where such lining is required on account of the condition of the patient's alveolus.	
(i) not accompanied by repairs and/or additions ...	£4·60 per denture
(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions ...	Such fee per denture as the Board may approve.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

Fee per denture—

(*a*) (i) repairing a crack or fracture (including provision of any strengthener)	
a single repair	£1·10
each additional repair to the same denture ...	£0·50
(ii) refixing a tooth or providing and fixing a replacement tooth (including any gum assocated therewith)	
a single repair	£1·04
each additional repair to the same denture ...	£0·50
(iii) refixing a clasp (including any gum associated therewith)	
a single repair	£1·04
each additional repair to the same denture ...	£0·50
(iv) providing and fixing a replacement clasp (including any gum associated therewith)	
a single repair	£1·80
each additional repair to the same denture ...	£0·50
(v) covering all exposed pins	£0·60
(*b*) where combinations of repairs under (*a*)(i)-(v) are undertaken one repair shall be payable at the highest appropriate fee for a single repair and each additional repair at	£0·50
(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*) ...	£1·20

Provided that no fee in excess of £2·80 per denture shall be payable under item 16.

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

(*a*) addition of a clasp or tooth (including any gum associated therewith)	£2·80
(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17(*a*)	£2·80 per denture

Provided that no fee in excess of £4·00 per denture shall be payable under item 17 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

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

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

(i) stainless steel	£1·10
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold	£2·20
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold	£3·30

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

(*a*) Fee per denture in—

	A	B
(i) Base metal alloys:	Stainless Steel	Chrome Cobalt
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£17·10	£19·50
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£17·70	£19·80
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£18·80	£20·50
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£19·00	£21·40
full denture	£15·50	£19·00
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal ...	£1·90 per tooth up to a maximim of £7·60 per denture.	£1·30 per tooth up to a maximum of £5·20 per denture.
(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	£21·60	Such fee as the Board may approve.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£23·70	
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£25·30	
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£26·50	
full denture	£22·60	
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal...	£2·00 per tooth up to a maximum of £8·00 per denture	
(*b*) Repairs and (*c*) Additions	Fee appropriate to similar treatment under items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee, if any, as the Board may approve.	

B. *Bridges and Special Appliances*

*20. Bridges:

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

*21. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee ... ... Such fee as the Board may approve within a range of £6·00 to £10·00 or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) Repairs to obturators	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances ...	Such fee as the Board may approve.

PART V—TREATMENT SPECIAL TO MINORS

*22. Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth of patients under 16 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment:	
(*a*) by filling including any dressing, pulp capping and pin or screw retention and other necessary preparatory treatment but excluding associated treatment appropriate to item 22(*d*)	
(i) with amalgam, one surface	£0·90 per tooth
(ii) with amalgam, more than one surface	£1·30 per tooth
(iii) with any other filling material	£0·56 per tooth
(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap inclusive of all preparation in connection therewith, including dressings, pulp capping and pin or screw retention but excluding associated treatment in connection with item 22(*d*)	£1·50 per tooth
Provided that	
(i) the fee for fillings in silicate, silico-phosphate, composite, or other synthetic resin material in deciduous incisor and canine teeth shall be the same as if the fillings had been carried out in amalgam;	
(ii) no fee in excess of £1·50 shall be payable for any combination of the above types of conservation necessary in one tooth.	
(*c*) by conservation by other means—	
(i) preparing self-cleansing areas including any applications of obtundents and coagulants or similar medicaments	
per tooth	£0·44
maximum per patient	£1·10
(ii) applications of obtundents and coagulants or similar medicaments	
per patient	£0·40
*Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 22(*c*) where the treatment occurs within 12 months in the case under (i) of similar treatment to the same surface by the same dentist† or under (ii) of similar treatment by the same dentist†, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the approval of the Board is first obtained.	
(*d*) (i) vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing, per tooth	£0·80
(ii) any other root canal therapy	£1·20
23. (*a*) Removal of calculus and/or other deposits from the teeth of patients under 16 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums and any necessary oral hygiene instruction ...	£0·44

†Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same dentist shall include also treatment by his principal or the partner of either or by the assistant of any of them, and where the dentist is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23(*a*) where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same dentist† 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.

*(*b*) Removal of calculus, where in exceptional cases calculus is present to an abnormal degree, from the teeth of patients under 16 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment, the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums and any necessary oral hygiene instruction	£1·10
24. *(*a*) Orthodontic treatment of patients under 18 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment ...	Such fee as the Board may approve.
(*b*) Repairs to orthodontic appliances	Such fee as the Board may approve.

PART VI—OTHER FORMS OF TREATMENT

25. Dressings of teeth and other palliative treatment, including the issue of a prescription other than in connection with treatment provided under item 4, in the course of treatment to which paragraphs 3(2), 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 1 apply:	
(*a*) Dressings including any preparatory treatment	
fee for one tooth	£0·56
fee for two teeth	£0·80
fee for each adidtional tooth	£0·20 up to a maximum of £1·60.
(*b*) Treatment of infected sockets	
(i) fee for one visit	£0·58
(ii) fee for two or more visits	£0·90
(*c*) Incising an abcess	£0·80
(*d*) Opening a root canal for drainage	£1·00
(*e*) Easing, adjusting and/or polishing a denture, other than a denture provided, relined or rebased under items 14, 15 or 19 by the same dentist† within the preceding 6 months	£0·60
26. Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine Fee per course of treatment	£0·40
27. Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc. Fee per course of treatment	£0·60
28. Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorrhage, including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services	
Fee per visit for arrest of bleeding or for administration of associated after-care	£1·40
Provided that--	
(i) the same dentist† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after-care;	

†Reference in this scale of fees to dental treatment by the same dentist shall include also treatment by his principal or the partner of either or by the assistant of any of them, and where the dentist is employed by a body corporate shall include treatment by another employee of that body.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or sutures the fee shall be only £0·70;	
(iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £3·30 or such higher sum as the Board may in special circumstances approve.	
*29. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale	Such fee as the Board may approve.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1966 by providing for a new scale of fees and for certain additional payments for practitioners, other than salaried practitioners, providing general dental services; and provide for changes in Schedule 2 of the principal Regulations consequent upon changes in the description of treatment covered by the scale of fees.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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