1953 No. 420

The National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1953

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under sections four and five of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations.

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1953, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1953.

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

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

"Board" means a Board of Governors of a teaching hospital;

"Committee" means a Hospital Management Committee; and

"The Minister" means the Minister of Health.

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

Charges for accommodation in single rooms or small wards

3. The charge to be made by the Minister under section four of the Act for accommodation in a single room or small ward in a hospital shall be:—

(*a*) for accommodation in a single room, twelve shillings a day:

(*b*) for accommodation in a small ward with two or more beds, six shillings a day:

Provided that, if in the latest financial year for which information is available the average daily cost per in-patient as calculated by the Board or Committee was less than twenty-four shillings the said charges shall be reduced proportionately.

Charges for private accommodation

4. The charge to be paid under subsection (1) of section five of the Act in respect of the accommodation and services provided for an in-patient in special accommodation set aside under that section for patients who undertake, or in respect of whom an undertaking is given, to pay such charges as are therein referred to shall be for each day the standard daily charge as determined in accordance with the provisions of the next following regulation, together with such additional sum as may be required under regulation 6.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

5. The standard daily charge for the purpose of the last preceding regulation shall be determined in the manner following:—

(1) If the Board or Committee are in possession of data which enable them to determine for any financial year the total cost of the maintenance of the accommodation set aside in a hospital under subsection (1) of section five of the Act and the maintenance and treatment of the patients treated therein, no account being taken of the remuneration paid to the medical and dental staffs, the standard daily charge to be made in respect of each in-patient during the twelve months commencing on the first day of October next following the end of the financial year shall be determined by reference to the nature of the accommodation occupied by that patient, so however that the total of the standard daily charges fixed in respect of the various types of such accommodation will so far as can be estimated by the Board or Committee cover in the said period of twelve months the total cost above mentioned.

(2) If the Board or Committee are not in possession of such data in respect of any financial year the standard daily charge during the period of twelve months commencing on the first day of October next following the end of the financial year shall be the average daily cost per in-patient during that financial year at the hospital increased by fifteen per centum in case of a single room, ten per centum in case of a double bedded room or five per centum in case of a room containing more than two beds: Provided that the above percentage increases may, in individual cases, be varied upwards or downwards by the Board or Committee if, having regard to the value of the accommodation, they consider such variation to be desirable, so however that any variations shall be so adjusted as to secure that the total sum estimated to be receivable in respect of the said period of twelve months for private accommodation shall be neither more nor less than the sum which would have been receivable in respect of the same accommodation if the above mentioned percentages had not been varied. For the purposes of this paragraph the expression "the average daily cost per in-patient" means the average daily cost per in-patient of the maintenance of the hospital and the staff thereof and the maintenance and treatment of the in-patients therein excluding however the cost of remunerating the medical and dental staffs and the cost of any service which is afforded exclusively to patients who are not private patients.

6.—(1) Where the standard daily charge is determined under paragraph (1) of the last preceding regulation:—

(*a*) If an in-patient occupying pay-bed accommodation makes arrangements under subsection (2) of section five of the Act for treatment as a private patient by a consultant or senior hospital medical or dental officer, there shall be added to the standard daily charge an amount representing the estimated average daily cost per in-patient in such accommodation of remunerating the medical and dental officers (other than consultants and senior hospital medical and dental officers) employed by the Regional Hospital Board or Board of Governors exclusively for the treatment of patients accommodated in the pay-bed accommodation of the hospital and of paying the due proportion of the remuneration of medical and dental officers (inclusive of consultants and senior hospital medical and dental officers who are whole time officers but exclusive of other consultants, senior hospital medical and dental officers) employed for part of their time, not being, in the opinion of the Board or Committee, an insignificant part, for the treatment of patients accommodated in the pay-bed accommodation.

(*b*) If an in-patient occupying pay-bed accommodation does not make arrangements under subsection (2) of section five of the Act, there shall be added to the standard daily charge an amount representing the estimated average daily cost per in-patient in such accommodation of remunerating all the medical and dental officers employed by the Regional Hospital Board or Board of Governors exclusively for the treatment of patients accommodated in the pay-bed accommodation of the hospital and of paying the due proportion of the remuneration of the medical and dental officers employed for part of their time, not being, in the opinion of the Board or Committee, an insignificant part, for the treatment of patients accommodated in the pay-bed accommodation.

(2) Where the standard daily charge is determined under paragraph (2) of the last preceding regulation:—

(*a*) If an in-patient occupying pay-bed accommodation makes arrangements under subsection (2) of section five of the Act for treatment as a private patient by a consultant or a senior hospital medical or dental officer, there shall be added to the standard daily charge subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*c*) of this paragraph an amount representing the estimated average daily cost per in-patient in the hospital of remunerating the medical and dental officers of the hospital (inclusive of consultants and senior hospital medical and dental officers who are whole time officers and are employed for the treatment of patients accommodated in the pay-bed accommodation for part of their time but exclusive of other consultants and senior hospital medical and dental officers).

(*b*) If an in-patient occupying such accommodation does not make arrangements under the said subsection for treatment as a private patient, there shall be added to the standard daily charge subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*c*) of this paragraph an amount representing the estimated average daily cost per in-patient in the hospital of remunerating the whole of the medical and dental staffs of the hospital.

(*c*) Where any grades of medical or dental officers of the hospital are not employed, or are employed only for an insignificant part of their time for the treatment of private patients, the amount to be added to the standard daily charge under sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph shall be reduced by an amount representing the estimated average daily cost per in-patient in the hospital of remunerating such grades.

(3) Any amount to be added under this regulation to the standard daily charge shall be added during the twelve months commencing on the first day of October next following the end of the financial year in which the expenses by reference to which the amount is calculated were incurred.

(4) In this regulation the expression "pay-bed accommodation" means accommodation set aside under section five of the Act.

7. Where a Board or Committee do not possess the data for determining the standard daily charge under regulation 5 of these regulations or the additional charge under regulation 6, or where the making of charges calculated in conformity with the provisions of regulations 5 and 6 would in the opinion of the Board or Committee operate unfairly, the Minister or, in the case of estimates by Committees, the Regional Hospital Board may approve an estimate by the Board or Committee in respect of any period of twelve months commencing on the first day of October, of the total cost of the maintenance of the accommodation set aside in the hospital under subsection (1) of section five of the Act and the maintenance and treatment of the patients treated therein, no account being taken of the remuneration

paid to the medical and dental staffs, and of the average daily cost per in-patient of remunerating the medical and dental staffs of the hospital in so far as their remuneration would have been taken into account had the additional charge been determined under the appropriate provisions of regulation 6. The standard daily charge and additional payment shall in respect of the said period of twelve months be calculated, so far as may be, in accordance with the provisions of regulations 5 and 6 but with the substitution of figures so approved by the Minister or the Regional Hospital Board, as the case may be, for the corresponding figures mentioned in the said regulations.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid regulations 5, 6 and 7 the charge per day payable by or on behalf of a person occupying special accommodation set aside under section five of the Act shall not be varied during the period of three months following his admission thereto unless the accommodation is altered.

9.—(1) In computing the charges to be made under these regulations in respect of accommodation provided under section four of the Act or in respect of special accommodation and services provided under section five of the Act the day of admission and the day of discharge shall together count as one day.

(2) Where any charge per day authorised to be made by the Minister under these regulations for accommodation or services includes a fraction of a shilling that fraction shall be disregarded if it represents less than sixpence, but otherwise it shall be reckoned as one shilling.

(3) Where the accommodation provided under section four or section five of the Act is in a maternity ward of a hospital a mother and her baby who occupy the accommodation jointly as in-patients shall for the purpose of any charges payable for the accommodation or for services provided therein be counted as one person.

10. The charges to be paid under subsection (1) of section five of the Act in respect of accommodation and pathological, radiodiagnostic or radiotherapeutic services or services in the nature of physiotherapy, remedial gymnastics or occupational therapy or the fitting of contact lenses when such services are provided for a patient who makes arrangements under subsection (2) of that section with a consultant or a senior hospital medical or dental officer for treatment as an out-patient, shall in the case of those services described in the first schedule to these regulations be the charges specified therein:

Provided that, if the Board or Committee are satisfied on data in their possession that the cost of the accommodation and any radiodiagnostic or radiotherapeutic services is greater or less than the charge so specified, they may make such adjustment of the charge as they may consider necessary to cover the cost thereof.

Medical fees payable by private patients

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation the charges to be made and recovered by a medical or dental practitioner in respect of the treatment of his private patients in pursuance of arrangements made under subsection (2) of section five of the Act shall not in the case of any treatment described in the second schedule to these regulations exceed the charges specified therein or in the case of treatment not so described the charge so specified in respect of the treatment which approximates most nearly to the one in question:

Provided that, if the total of the charges which might under the foregoing provisions of this regulation be made by all the medical and dental practitioners concerned in respect of one series of treatments of a patient for the relief of the same condition exceeds 75 guineas (or such greater sum not being more than 125 guineas as the Board or Committee may exceptionally allow on one or more of the grounds hereafter mentioned), the charge to be made by any one of them shall not exceed a sum which bears the same proportion to 75 guineas (or such greater sum as may be allowed as aforesaid) as the fee which apart from this proviso would be chargeable by him bears to the total of the fees which would be so chargeable by the medical and dental practitioners concerned.

(2) The grounds on which a Board or Committee may under the proviso to the foregoing paragraph allow charges in total exceeding 75 guineas are:—

(*a*) that the treatment of the patient in accommodation provided under section five of the Act has lasted four months; or

(*b*) that the patient needs at least two major operations or at least three major or intermediate operations as part of the same course of treatment during the same stay in such accommodation as aforesaid; or

(*c*) that the patient requires excision of lung, an operation on the heart or oesophagus, or the excision of a tumour of the brain or spinal cord, or otherwise requires specialised operative techniques involving complicated team work.

(3) Any question arising as to the proper classification of any treatment shall be determined by the Minister.

(4) If the Board or Committee are satisfied that the patient or some person acting on his behalf has agreed with the practitioner to pay charges in excess of those specified in the second schedule to these regulations they may, subject to the provisions of the next following regulation, give notice to the practitioner and the patient or the person acting in his behalf, that the limitation on charges imposed by this regulation shall not apply to that case.

12. The Board or Committee shall secure as far as may be reasonably practicable that not more than fifteen per centum of the accommodation made available in a hospital for the purposes of subsection (2) of section five of the Act is occupied at any one time by patients in respect of whom the limitation on charges has been removed under sub-paragraph (4) of the last preceding regulation: Provided that, if such accommodation comprises less than twenty beds, three beds may be so occupied.

13. The National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals etc.) Regulations, 1948(**a**), and the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals etc.) Amendment Regulations, 1952(**b**), are hereby revoked:

Provided that the revocation of the said regulations shall not affect any agreement subsisting at the date on which these regulations come into operation except that if an amount payable to a Board or Committee or to a medical or dental practitioner under the agreement is greater than the corresponding amount payable by virtue of these regulations the latter amount shall be payable.

(**a**) S.I. 1948/1490; Rev. XV, p. 564; 1948 I, p. 2191.
(**b**) S.I. 1952/1022.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Hospital Charges to Private Out-Patients

1. *Pathology:*

(i) For single examinations involving less than 1 hour bench work...	7s. 6d.
(ii) For multiple and more complicated examinations...	15s. 0d.

2. *Radiodiagnosis:*

Group 1:

Extremities (one area)	
Spine (one area)	
Pelvis	
Mandible	
Teeth (restricted areas)	
Salivary glands	
Chest (simple routine)	
Abdomen (plain)	
Gall bladder (plain)	
Foreign body, demonstration	1 guinea

Group 2:

Extremities (multiple areas)	
Skull (without special techniques)	
Sinuses	
Facial bones	
Mastoids and petrous bones	
Teeth (whole mouth)	
Chest (with screening or extended techniques)	
Urinary tract (plain)	
Cystography	
Urethrography	
Pregnancy (simple)	
Cephalometry	
Abdomen (with screening or extended techniques)	
Foreign body, localisation	1½ guineas

Group 3:

Arthrography	
Spine (multiple areas)	
Skull (routine plus special techniques)	
Excretion urography (without plain films)	
Retrograde pyelography	
Cholecystography (complete with plain film)	
Pelvimetry (with or without cephalometry)	
Hystero-salpingography	
Oesophagus, barium swallow	
Barium meal, stomach and duodenum	
Barium enema	
Cholangiography	
Sialography	
Tomography	
Kymography	
Fistula, exploration with contrast medium	
Femoral neck pinning, X-ray control	2 guineas

Group 4:

Bronchography
Angiocardiography
Excretion urography (complete with plain films)
Ventriculography
Encephalography
Arteriography
Myelography
Barium meal—complete tract
Barium meal—special small gut examination 3 guineas

3. *Radiotherapy:*

For each treatment ... ... 15s. 0d.

4. *Physiotherapy: remedial gymnastics: occupational therapy:*

For single treatments ... ... 7s. 6d.
For compound or multiple treatments in one day ... ... 15s. 0d.

5. *Contact lens fitting:*

For provision and fitting of the lenses ... ... 10 guineas

SECOND SCHEDULE

Medical Fees payable by Private Patients

A. In relation to the services of a consultant, senior hospital medical officer or senior hospital dental officer.

1. *Physician* and any other consultations and attendances not specified elsewhere:

For the first consultation ... ... 5 guineas
For the first two days of attendance (including first consultation)... 10 guineas
For each subsequent consultation or day of attendance ... ... 1 guinea
Provided that the above charges shall not together exceed ... 40 guineas

2. *Surgeon:*

(i) Cases involving operation:

For all services rendered including operation and any necessary attendances and including operations for the implantation of radium or radon seeds—

Operation described as major in the third schedule ... 50 guineas
Operation described as intermediate in the third schedule ... ... 25 guineas
Operation described as minor in the third schedule ... 10 guineas

The total fees charged in respect of operations of all classes for relief of the same condition shall not exceed 75 guineas or such greater sum not exceeding 125 guineas as may be allowed by the Hospital Management Committee or Board of Governors on one or more of the grounds specified in the proviso to paragraph (1) of regulation 11.

(ii) Cases not involving operation:

(*a*) Other than those covered by (*b*) below,

For the first consultation ... ... 5 guineas
For the first two days of attendance (including first consultation) ... ... 10 guineas
For each subsequent consultation or day of attendance... 1 guinea
Provided that the above charges shall not together exceed 40 guineas

(*b*) Those where contact lenses are fitted, for consultation, making the mould, and supervising the fitting of the contact lenses ... ... 25 guineas

3. *Obstetrician:*

(i) For booked cases, whether normal or abnormal, including attendance during labour and Caesarean section, where necessary	40 guineas
(ii) Where in addition all attendance in the ante-natal and post-natal periods is given at the hospital...	50 guineas
(iii) Obstetric emergencies	50 guineas

4. *Psychiatrist, etc.:*

Electric convulsion treatment ... } Electro narcosis ... ... }	for each treatment ... with a maximum of ...	3 guineas 40 guineas
Deep insulin therapy—full course		75 guineas
Special individual psychotherapy, i.e. various analytic methods, narcoanalysis.	first consultation or attendance	5 guineas
	subsequent consultations or attendances	3 guineas each
Other cases: first consultation or attendance...		5 guineas
subsequent consultations or attendances ...		2 guineas

5. *Anaesthetist:*

For each operation	2 guineas plus 10 per cent. of the surgeon's fee
For a consultation when no anaesthetic is given	5 guineas

6. *Pathologist:*

(i) For examination and report:	
Single examinations involving less than 1 hour bench work	1½ guineas
Multiple and more complicated examinations	3 guineas
Provided that the above charges shall not together exceed	15 guineas
(ii) Examinations with clinical consultations...	5 guineas

7. *Radiologist:*

Group 1:

Extremities (one area)
Spine (one area)
Pelvis
Mandible
Teeth (restricted areas)
Salivary glands
Chest (simple routine)
Abdomen (plain)
Gall bladder (plain)
Foreign body, demonstration — 2 guineas

Group 2:

Extremities (multiple areas)
Skull (without special techniques)
Sinuses
Facial bones
Mastoids and petrous bones
Teeth (whole mouth)
Chest (with screening or extended techniques)
Urinary tract (plain)
*Cystography
*Urethrography
Pregnancy (simple)
Cephalometry
Abdomen (with screening or extended techniques)
Foreign body, localisation — 3 guineas

7. *Radiologist*—cont.

Group 3:

*Arthrography
Spine (multiple areas)
Skull (routine plus special techniques)
Excretion urography (without plain films)
*Retrograde pyelography
Cholecystography (complete with plain film)
Pelvimetry (with or without cephalometry)
*Hystero-salpingography
Oesophagus, barium swallow
Barium meal, stomach and duodenum
Barium enema
*Cholangiography
*Sialography
Tomography
Kymography
*Fistula, exploration with contrast medium
Femoral neck pinning, X-ray control — 4 guineas

Group 4:

*Bronchography
*Angiocardiography
Excretion urography (complete with plain films)
*Ventriculography
*Encephalography
*Arteriography
*Myelography
Barium meal, complete tract
Barium meal, special small gut examination — 6 guineas

Provided that for a series of investigations in the treatment of one patient during his stay in hospital the above charges shall not together exceed 15 guineas or, in cases where total fees exceeding 75 guineas but not exceeding 125 guineas are allowed by the Hospital Management Committee or Board of Governors on one or more of the grounds specified in the proviso to paragraph (1) of regulation 11 such sum as bears the same proportion to 15 guineas as the total fees allowed bear to 75 guineas.

8. *Radiotherapist:*

(1) Major treatment ... ... — 50 guineas

Applicable to cases of malignant disease in which a radical course of treatment is given either by radium or radon implantation, radium mould, radium beam unit or by X-rays, where the alternative is a surgical procedure which would be classified as a major operation.

(2) Intermediate treatment:

(*a*) Malignant disease in which as a palliative measure or as treatment supplementary to surgery a modified course of treatment is given either as a single planned course or as repetitive treatment (e.g. weekly) ... ... — 25 guineas

(*b*) Non-malignant disease in which treatment is given as a single planned course or as repetitive treatment (e.g. weekly) for each repetitive treatment ... ... — 3 guineas

Provided that the maximum charge under this head shall not exceed ... ... — 25 guineas

(3) Minor treatment ... ... — 10 guineas

Applicable to cases either malignant or non-malignant in which treatment is carried out at a single session without the patient being admitted to hospital.

* In examinations marked with an asterisk the fee payable to the person undertaking the necessary operation is *not* included in the radiologist's fee as laid down.

B. In relation to the services of a medical or dental practitioner other than a consultant, senior hospital medical officer or senior hospital dental officer:

Any surgical operation including all attendances and other services rendered ... ... 7 guineas

For each consultation or day of attendance ... ... 15s. up to a maximum of 20 guineas

THIRD SCHEDULE

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

Major

Abscess of brain
Acute appendicitis
Amputation at hip
Amputation of penis (total)
Amputation at shoulder
Amputation through thigh
Any operation involving intestinal suture
Biliary fistula
Carcinoma of the colon
Cholecystectomy
Cholescystenterostomy
Cleft palate or radical operation for malignant growth of palate
Closure of faecal fistula or artificial anus
Complete prolapse of rectum involving laparotomy, colostomy or intestinal anastomosis
Complicated fistula
Craniotomy
Cystectomy
Depressed fracture
Diverticulitis
Double inguinal hernia
Drainage of bile ducts
Enterotomy, colotomy, colostomy
Epithelioma of the anus
Epithelioma of lip with excision of glands
Epithelioma of the tongue with radical operation upon the glands
Excision of cysts or tuberculous glands of neck (deep to deep fascia)
Excision of larger joints
Excision of rectum
Gastrectomy
Gastro-enterostomy
Gastrostomy
Gastrotomy
Grafting with tube grafts
Harelip
Hernia (strangulated or irreducible)
Hydatid of lung or liver
Implantation of radium or radon seeds in the cranium, chest, abdomen or bladder
Intestinal obstruction (including intussusception)
Laminectomy
Litholapaxy
Meningeal haemorrhage
Nephrectomy
Perforated ulcer of the alimentary tract
Plastic operations requiring tube graft
Prefrontal leucotomy
Prostatectomy
Pyelo-or nephro-lithotomy
Radical removal of breast
Rammstedt's operation
Removal of stone from ureter
Rupture of bladder
Rupture of urethra
Splenectomy
Subphrenic abscess requiring trans-thoracic or trans-peritoneal access
Sympathectomy
Thyroidectomy
Transplantation of ureters
Tumour of the brain

Intermediate

Abscess of prostate
Adenoma of thyroid
Amputation of limbs, except fingers and toes (minor) and thigh, shoulder and hip (major)
Amputation of penis (partial)
Appendicitis (non-acute)
Castration
Diathermy to growths of tongue or mouth
Diathermy to growths of bladder (first time intermediate, afterwards minor)
Drainage of gall bladder
Empyema
Fistula-in-ano
Haemorrhoidectomy
Hernia—inguinal, femoral, umbilical or ventral (simple)
Hydrocele (radical)
Imperforate anus
Implantation of radium or radon seeds, except where included under "Major" or "Minor"
Injection of Gasserian ganglia
Injection for pruritus ani
Peritonitis (tuberculous, pneumococcal)
Prolapse of rectum
Radical operation for anal fissure
Sacro-coccygeal dermoid sinus
Rectal polypi
Simple removal of whole breast
Suprapubic cystostomy

Surgical Operations—*cont.*

Minor

Abscess
Amputation of fingers or toes
Any condition treated by surgical diathermy under general anaesthesia, other than mouth, or tongue, or bladder
Blood transfusion (grouping and expenses of donor extra)
Cystoscopy
Dilation of anus for fissure
Dilatation of rectal stricture
Dilatation of urethra
Division of fibrous anus
Examination under anaesthetic
Hydrocele (injection)
Implantation of radium or radon seeds for treatment of skin tumour
Induction of pneumotharax
Ischiorectal abscess
Lupus
Naevi, except in severe cases
Plastic operations not requiring a tube graft and of a simple kind
Pyelography (not including services of radiologist)
Removal of anal warts and anal papillae
Removal of needles from hand or foot or elsewhere
Rodent ulcer not involving bone or eye
Sebaceous cysts
Skin grafting
Tuberculous caseous glands of neck (curetting)
Varicocele

GYNAECOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

Major

Vulvo-Vaginal:
Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy with amputation of the cervix (Manchester operation)
Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy with vaginal hysterectomy (Mayo-Palmer operation)
Any vaginal operation when combined with coeliotomy, viz., colpoperineoplasty with ventrofixation
Radical excision of vulva and glands
Repair of vaginal fistulae
Vaginal hysterectomy

Uterus and Adnexa:
Cyst of the broad ligament
Hysterectomy
Myomectomy
Salpingectomy (acute inflammation, complicated pyo- or hydro-salpinx, extra-uterine gestation)

Intermediate

Vulvo-Vaginal:
Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy
Colporrhaphy and/or perineorrhaphy

Uterus and Adnexa:
Dilatation with intra-uterine operations
Evacuation of retained products
Ovariotomy
Salpingectomy or salpingostomy

Minor

Vulvo-Vaginal:
Cauterisation
Colpotomy
Cysts or simple tumours of the vulva and vagina
Relief of atresia vaginae
Removal of caruncle
Urethral prolapse

Uterus and Adnexa:
Induction of radiation menopause
Curettage

Cervix:
Biopsy of endometrium
Dilatation
Insufflation
Removal of polypi

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

Major

Extensive operative treatment of malignant disease
Open, i.e., external operation on the larynx and pharynx (exclusive of laryngotomy)
Open operations on the nasal accessory sinuses
Operations on the temporal bone exclusive of simple mastoidectomy
Operations for complications of suppurative otitis media

Intermediate

Operative treatment of malignant disease involving skin of face only
Operative peroral endoscopy (i.e., bronchoscopy, oesophagoscopy and laryngoscopy)
Intra-nasal operations
Simple tracheotomy
Simple mastoidectomy
Reduction of long standing fractures of nose or facial bones
Removal of tonsils or adenoids

Minor

Diagnostic peroral endoscopy
Opening of quinsies
Myringotomy
Reduction of recent nasal fractures
Simple removal of nasal polypi

OPHTHALMIC OPERATIONS

Major

Corneal grafting
Detachment of retina
Exenteration of orbit
Extraction of senile cataract
Glaucoma, acute or chronic
Iridectomy
Kronlein's operation
Operation for dislocated lens
Ptosis
Reconstruction of eyelids
Removal of intraocular foreign body
Removal of intraorbital tumours
Strabismus

Intermediate

Conical cornea
Corneal abscision or tattooing
Corneal wound
Epicanthus
Excision of lachrymal sac, all methods
Excision of rodent ulcer
Excision of evisceration of eyeball
Exploration of orbit
Lachrymal abscess
Needling capsule after senile cataract
Needling juvenile cataract
Orbital abscess
Paracentesis
Radon applications for neoplasm
Trichiasis

Minor

Canaliculus and lachrymal duct exploration
Cauterisation of corneal ulcer
Chalazion
Ectropion
Entropion
Excision of pterygium
Peritomy
Removal of superficial dermoid
Removal of foreign body embedded in cornea
Suturing lid wounds

ORTHOPAEDIC OPERATIONS

MAJOR

Amputation through thigh
Congenital club foot
Congenital dislocation of the hip
Disarticulation of the hip and shoulder
Excision of cervical rib
Excision of larger joints
Internal derangement of the knee and other joints
Laminectomy
Open reduction of fractures
Operative treatment of compound fractures
Radical operations for bone tumours
Reconstructive operations on bones and joints:—
- arthrodesis
- arthroplasty
- bone grafts

Repair of intricate tendon injuries
Secondary nerve sutures
Severe congenital and acquired deformities requiring open correction
Spina bifida
Tendon transplantation
Other orthopaedic operations requiring an equivalent degree of surgical skill

Note:—Charges for the above operations to include the immediate mechanical after-treatment and subsequent changing of splints and plasters (with or without anaesthesia).

INTERMEDIATE

Amputation of limbs, except fingers and toes (minor) and thigh, shoulder and hip (major)
Closed reduction and fixation of fractures involving joints or shafts of larger bones
Emergency operations for acute osteomyelitis and acute suppurative arthritis
Excision of bursae communicating with larger joints

Manipulation of larger joints
Open correction of simpler deformities:
- Hallux valgus
- Hallux rigidus
- Pes cavus
- Torticollis

} unilateral

Primary nerve and tendon repairs
Other orthopaedic operations requiring an equivalent degree of surgical skill

MINOR

Amputations of toes and fingers
Application of plaster-of-paris casts with or without anaesthesia
Hammer toe
Manipulation of smaller joints

Removal of exostoses
Removal of small bursae
Simple manipulation or tenotomy and plasters

OROSURGICAL OPERATIONS

INTERMEDIATE

Removal of complicated impacted or unerupted teeth

MINOR

Alveolectomies
Apicectomies
Extraction of teeth (multiple)
Removal of small tumours of dental origin

Simple fractures of the maxilla and mandible
Uncomplicated impacted or buried teeth

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

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Iain Macleod,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations consolidate with certain amendments the provisions relating to the charges payable by patients receiving treatment in accommodation provided in hospitals under sections 4 and 5 of the National Health Service Act, 1946. No alteration is made to the existing charges for accommodation in amenity beds provided under section 4 of the Act but a number of changes are made in the method of calculating hospital charges in accordance with the provisions of section 5. This section requires that the charges shall be designed to cover the whole cost of accommodation and services provided under the section. The object of the changes is to rectify certain anomalies and to ensure that irrelevant items are excluded from the calculation. The Regulations also make certain alterations in the maximum medical fees payable by private in- and out-patients at National Health Service hospitals.

1953 No. 285

The National Health Service (Remission of Dental Charges) Order, 1953

Made - - - - *24th February,* 1953
Coming into Operation *2nd March,* 1953

Whereas the Minister of Health has consulted the universities mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule hereto, being universities respectively associated with the hospitals providing facilities for clinical dental teaching mentioned opposite in column 2 of the said Schedule;

And Whereas the Minister is satisfied that it is expedient in the interests of dental training or education that the charges imposed by section 1 of the National Health Service Act, 1951(**a**), should be remitted in the case of certain dental services provided at the said hospitals;

Now, therefore, the Minister, in exercise of his powers under section 4 of the National Health Service Act, 1952(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the National Health Service (Remission of Dental Charges) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the second day of March, 1953.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The charges imposed by section 1 of the National Health Service Act, 1951, shall be remitted in the case of dental appliances provided at the hospitals mentioned in column 2 of the Schedule hereto, being appliances provided as part of a course of clinical dental teaching.

(**a**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 25.
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.