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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH SEPTEMBER 1974 MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 61, 106 and 107 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1974.

Amendment

2. For regulation 20 of the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(b) there shall be substituted:

"**20.**—(1) Where the Committee has sent to the Agency an authorisation of payment during the period beginning with 1st October 1973 and ending with 30th September 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1970 the Agency shall pay to the dentist such additional sum as shall (together with any additional sum paid to him in respect thereof pursuant to any previous provision of this regulation) amount to 47.9 per cent of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(2) Where the Committee has sent to the Agency an authorisation of payment during the period beginning with 1st April 1974 and ending with 30th September 1974 the Agency shall pay to the dentist such additional sum as shall (together with such other additional sums which may have been paid in respect thereof other than any additional sum paid under or by virtue of paragraph 1 or of any provision of this regulation which had effect from 1st October 1973) amount to 23.3 per cent of the payments authorised under the relevant scale.

(3) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1973 and before 1st October 1974 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 23.3 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(4) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 418.

arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1972 and before 1st October 1973 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 29.8 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(5) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st March 1972 and before 1st October 1972, the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 43.9 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(6) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1970 and before 1st March 1972 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 52.2 per cent of the amount authorised under the relevant scale.

(7) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1970 the Agency shall pay to the dentist an additional sum equal to 82.4 per cent of the amount of the payment authorised under the relevant scale.

(8) Where the Committee sends to the Agency an authorisation of payment dated on or after 1st October 1974 in respect of a contract or arrangement other than a contract or arrangement referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this regulation the Agency shall pay to the dentist in addition to the current authorised fee for each item of treatment payment of which had been so authorised an additional amount as set out in Schedule 8 in relation to that item of treatment.

(9)(*a*) Where the amount of a dentist's gross monthly income authorised by the Committee is equivalent to or more than the standard the Agency shall pay to the dentist the following supplemental payments:

Amount payable in respect of the period 1st June to 30th June 1974	£5.22
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st July to 31st July 1974	£8.70
Amount payable in respect of the period 1st August to 31st August 1974	£10.44
Amount payable per month from 1st September 1974	£12.18

(*b*) At the end of the period for which supplemental payments are to be made the dentist's average gross monthly income shall be determined and supplemental payments adjusted accordingly.

(*c*) For the purpose of this paragraph the amount of £1000 is to be regarded as the standard.

(10) The relevant "scale" in relation to a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st October 1973 is the scale of fees for the purposes of authorisation of fees under regulation 19 and in relation to a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st October 1973 is the scale of fees for the purposes of authorisation of fees under regulation 18 of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(c) as amended.".

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 27th day of September 1974.

(L.S.)

F. A. Elliott,
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance this 27th day of September 1974.

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C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE 8 Regulation 20

Payments additional to current authorised fees

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 £0.14

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 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 a period from the preceding 1st March, 1st July or 1st November whichever last occurred.

(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	£0.10
	2 films	£0.12
	*3 films	£0.14
	*each additional film	£0.04 up to a maximum of £0.48 for additional films.
(*b*)	Extra-oral films (other than panoramic films or lateral headplates in conjunction with a cephalometric technique)	
	1 film	£0.16
	*each additional film	£0.10 up to a maximum of £0.36 for additional films.
(*c*)	(i) Panoramic films	£0.80 per film
	(ii) Lateral headplates in conjunction with a cephalometric technique	£0.80 per film

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*))	£0.20
*(*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 Committee may approve, not exceeding £0.10

* 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 Committee 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	£0.12

* 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 Committee may approve
(*b*) without periodontal surgery	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £2.50

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	£0.20 for any number of such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £0.26 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	£0.40
(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	£0.40 with a maximum of £0.40 for a combination of such fillings per tooth.

(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above	£0.26 with a maximum of £0.30 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth
(v) additional fee for pin or screw retention	£0.20
(*b*) (i) Silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin filling	£0.38 with a maximum of £0.44 for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(ii) additional fee for pin or screw retention	£0.20

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)	£0.40
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 1 of (*a*) (iv)	£0.30
1 or more of (*a*) (i) with 2 or more of (*a*) (iv)	£0.40
1 of (*a*) (iii) with 1 or more of (*a*) (iv)	£0.40
(*b*) no fee in excess of £0.50 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	£0.70

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	£0.50 per tooth
(ii) all other root fillings	£1.00 per tooth
(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressing	£0.50 per tooth
(*c*) (i) apicectomy	£1.00 per tooth
(ii) apicectomy with retrograde root filling	£1.20 per tooth

Retained deciduous teeth of patients aged 16 years or over

(*d*) (i) vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing	£2.10 per tooth
(ii) any other root canal therapy	£2.00 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)	£2.00 per filling with a maximum of £4.00 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	£3.60	£1.80
(ii) a compound cavity	£5.10	£2.20
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£4.30	£2.10
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£7.80	£3.50
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay or pinlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £1.50 to £2.00.	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate, silicophosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£0.20	
(*d*) refixing or recementing an inlay or pinlay	£0.20	
*(*e*) additional fee for pinned or screwed core fabricated in the mouth	£0.70	

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 castings, 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	£7.80
(ii) cast gold with a facing of silicate, silicophosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£7.80
(iii) additional fee for pinned or screwed core fabricated in the mouth	£0.70
*(*b*) Full veneer or jacket crown:—	
(i) cast gold	£8.50
(ii) cast gold with a facing of silicate, silicophosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£8.50
(iii) any other full veneer or jacket gold crown including any facing	£8.50
(iv) porcelain	£3.30
(v) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble	£5.10
(vi) synthetic resin	£2.80
(vii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble	£4.60
(viii) additional fee for pinned or screwed core fabricated in the mouth	£0.70
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown-post retained:—	
(i) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core and post	£6.60
(ii) porcelain constructed on a core and post of any other metal approved for the purpose	£4.50

(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core and post	£6.10
(iv) synthetic resin constructed on a core and post of any other metal approved for the purpose	£4.00
*(*d*) Post or dowel crown:—	
(i) synthetic resin constructed without a diaphragm	£2.00
(ii) synthetic resin constructed with a diaphragm and gold post	£6.20
(iii) synthetic resin constructed with a diaphragm, gold post and backing	£7.80
*(*e*) Other forms of crown not in the opinion of the Committee included in the above items	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £8.50
*(*f*) Repair of a crown:—	
(i) renewal of the porcelain component of a crown appropriate to item 10(c)(i) or (ii)	£2.00
(ii) renewal of the synthetic resin component of a crown appropriate to items 10(c)(iii) or (iv)	£1.50
(iii) renewal of the synthetic resin component of a crown appropriate to item 10(d)	£1.20
(iv) renewal of a facing of silicate, silico-phosphate, composite or other synthetic resin	£0.20
(v) other repair of a crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding 70% of the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
(*g*) Refixing or recementing a crown	£0.20

*Provided that, where the Committee approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain and metal crown, the Committee may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £6.50.

Part III

Surgical Treatment

*11. Extractions:—

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	£0.20	with an additional fee of £0.30 for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first
2 teeth	£0.30	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	£0.40	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	£0.40	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£0.40	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£0.40	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£0.40	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£0.40	
Over 20 teeth	£0.40	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal medical or dental condition of the patient the Committee may allow an additional fee not exceeding £1.30 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee 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	£0.30	per patient per visit
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£0.40	
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£0.50	
20 teeth or over extracted	£0.70	
(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extractions	£0.08	per patient per course of treatment
*(iii) where the Committee 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 Committee may approve not exceeding £2.80 per course of treatment.	

Provided that no fee exceeding £0.70 per course of treatment shall be payable under (i) or under (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £3.20 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	£0.70 per patient per visit.
(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the treatment	£0.08 per patient per course of treatment.
(iii) where the Committee 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 Committee may approve not exceeding £1.30.

PART IV

DENTURES, BRIDGES 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 synthetic resin:—	
(*a*) full dentures:—	
(i) Upper and lower	£4.50
(ii) Upper or lower	£2.20
(*b*) Partial dentures:—	
(i) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£1.60
(ii) denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth	£1.90
(iii) denture bearing 9 or more teeth	£2.10
Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £4.50	
(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar:—	
(i) stainless steel	£0.50
(ii) gold or other approved material	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £7.60
(*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	£0.80 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	£0.90 per denture
*(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions	Such fee per denture as the Committee 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 . . . . . £1.20 per denture.

(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions . . . . . Such fee per denture as the Committee may approve

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 £0.40

each additional repair to the same denture £0.10

(ii) refixing a tooth or providing and fixing a replacement tooth (including any gum associated therewith):—

a single repair £0.36

each additional repair to the same denture £0.10

(iii) refixing a clasp (including any gum associated therewith):—

a single repair £0.36

each additional repair to the same denture £0.10

(iv) providing and fixing a replacement clasp (including any gum associated therewith):—

a single repair £0.50

each additional repair to the same denture £0.50

(v) covering all exposed pins £0.30

provided that, where coverage of pins is additional to any other repair(s) to the same denture, the fee shall be . . NIL

(*b*) where combinations of repairs under (*a*)(i) to (v) are undertaken, one repair shall be payable at the highest appropriate fee for a single repair and each additional repair at the rate appropriate to additional repairs of that type.

(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*) £0.40

Provided that no fee in excess of £0.70 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) £0.70

(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17(*a*) . . . . . £0.70 per denture

Provided that no fee in excess of £1.00 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	£0.90
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent fine gold	£1.20
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent or more fine gold	£3.40

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:—

(i) Base metal alloys:	A Stainless Steel	B Chrome cobalt
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£4.90	£4.50
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£5.30	£5.20
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£5.70	£5.50
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£6.00	£5.60
full denture	£4.00	£4.00
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal .	£0.60 per tooth up to a maximum of £2.40 per denture	£0.30 per tooth up to a maximum of £1.20 per denture

(ii) Precious metal alloys:	A Containing less than 60 per cent fine gold	B Containing 60 per cent or more fine gold
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£7.40	Such fee as the Committee may approve
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£8.30	
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£9.20	
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£10.0	
full denture	£8.40	
additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal .	£1.00 per tooth up to a maximum of £4.00 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 Commitee may approve.

B. *Bridges and Special Appliances*

*20. Bridges:—	
(*a*) Provision of a bridge	Such fee as the Committete may approve
(*b*) Repairing a bridge	Such fee as the Committee may approve
(*c*) Re-cementing a bridge	£0.40
*21(*a*) Obturators fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £1.50 to £2.50 or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
(*b*) Repairs to obturators	Such fee as the Committee may approve
(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances	Such fee as the Committee may approve

Part V

Treatment Special to Children

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	£0.20 per tooth.
(ii) with amalgam, more than one surface	£0.20 per tooth.
(iii) with any other filling material	£0.14 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 £0.30 shall be payable for any combination of the above types of conservation necessary in one 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*)	£0.30 per tooth.

(*c*) by conservation by other means:—

(i) preparing self-cleansing areas including any applications of obtundents and coagulants or similar medicaments:—

per tooth £0.08

maximum per patient £0.20

(ii) applications of obtundents and coagulants or similar medicaments

per patient £0.08

*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 Committee is first obtained.

(*d*) (i) vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing, per tooth £0.20

(ii) any other root canal therapy £0.30

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 £0.08

*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 Committee 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 £0.20

24.*(*a*) Orthodontic treatment of patients under 18 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment . . . Such fee as the Committee may approve.

(*b*) Repairs to orthodontic appliances . . . . Such fee as the Committee may approve.

PART VI

GENERAL ITEMS

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 10 and 11 of the Terms of Service apply:—

(*a*) Dressings including any preparatory treatment:—	
fee for one tooth	£0.14
fee for two teeth	£0.10
fee for each additional tooth	Nil up to a maximum of £0.10
(*b*) Treatment of infected sockets:—	
(i) fee for one visit	£0.12
(ii) fee for two or more visits	£0.20
(*c*) Incising an abscess	£0.20
(*d*) Opening a root canal for drainage	£0.20
(*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	£0.10
26. Domiciliary visits to one or more patients whose condition so requires:—	
(*a*) at an address less than 5 miles from the dentist's surgery	£2.30 per visit.
(*b*) at an address from 5 to 20 miles from the dentist's surgery	£2.50 per visit.
(*c*) at an address more than 20 miles from the dentist's surgery	£4.00 per visit.
27. Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:—	
Fee per course of treatment	£0.08
28. Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc:—	
Fee per course of treatment	£0.10
29. 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	£0.30
Provided that:—	
(i) the same dentist who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after-care;	
(ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or sutures the fee shall be only £0.10;	
(iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £0.70 or such higher sum as the Committee may in special circumstances approve.	
*30. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale	Such fee as the Committee may approve.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 by providing for certain additional payments for practitioners providing general dental services other than as salaried practitioners.