(xvi) sub-section (1) of section fifty-eight of the Act for purposes relating to the transfer of officers of hospitals;

(xvii) subsection (4) of section fifty-eight of the Act for the purpose of paragraph (*c*) of that sub-section relating to officers employed solely for the purposes of the service known as the Psycho-neurosis After-care scheme;

(xviii) sub-section (5) of section fifty-eight of the Act for purposes relating to the transfer of certain officers employed by the Ministry of Health and Local Government;

(xix) sub-section (6) of section fifty-eight of the Act insofar as that sub-section relates to paragraph (*c*) of sub-section (4) of that section or sub-section (5) of that section;

(xx) section fifty-nine of the Act for purposes relating to the transfer of officers of hospitals;

(xxi) sub-section (3) of section eighty-two of the Act for purposes relating to the performance of functions under the Act;

(xxii) section eighty-three of the Act for purposes other than those specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Health Services (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948 or those specified in Part II of this Schedule;

(xxiii) sub-section (2) of section eighty-five of the Act for certain purposes relating to or arising out of the winding up of bodies referred to in paragraph (*b*) of sub-section (1) of that section.

(xxiv) paragraph (2) of Article one of Part III of the First Schedule to the Act, relating to the first constitution of hospital management committees.

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(*a*) So much of Part II of the Fifth Schedule to the Act as relates to the Poor Afflicted Persons Relief (Ireland) Act, 1878, and to sub-section (1) of section three of the Lunacy (Ireland) Act, 1901.

(*b*) Article 2 of portion B of Part I of the Tenth Schedule to the Act.

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST JUNE, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 11, 13, 74 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

PART I

General

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948. Short title

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

" the Act " means the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" Board " means the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board ;

" chemist " means a person, firm or body corporate whose name is on the pharmaceutical list of the Board ;

" Committee " means the Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee ;

" dental estimate form " means the form set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry ;

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

" dental officer " means a dental officer employed by the Board ;

" dental treatment " means all proper and necessary treatment which a dentist usually undertakes for a patient, including examination and advice, the provision of artificial dentures and their repair and remaking, and the administration of anaesthetics in connection with any such treatment, and includes the giving of orders on the appropriate form for the drugs and medicines mentioned in the Third Schedule to these Regulations, or the supply of such drugs and medicines in accordance with these Regulations ;

" dentist " has the same meaning as " dental practitioner " in the Act ;

" drugs " means such drugs and medicines as are specified in the Third Schedule to these Regulations ;

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

" health centre " means premises provided by the Board under Section 17 of the Act ;

" patient " means a person who is accepted by a dentist for the provision of general dental services and includes a person who is receiving general dental services ;

" supply " in relation to an appliance includes replacement.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PART II

General arrangements for dentists

Terms of Service for dentists

3. The arrangements which the Board are required by Section 11 of the Act to make with dentists for the provision of general dental services, otherwise than at a health centre, shall incorporate the terms of service contained in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Dental list

4.—(1) The Board shall prepare a list, to be called "the dental list," of the dentists who, having made the appropriate application, may be included in the list.

(2) Any dentist resident in Northern Ireland, not disqualified under the provisions of Section 16 of the Act, who applies to be included in the dental list, shall be so included.

(3) Application by a dentist for inclusion in the dental list shall be made by delivering or sending the application by post to the Board in the form set out in Part I of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations, or in a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry.

(4) The dental list shall contain, in addition to the names of dentists :—

(*a*) the address of any surgery at which the dentist provides general dental services ;

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

(*c*) where two or more dentists whose names are included in the list practise in partnership, particulars of the partnership ; and

(*d*) where the dentist is acting as an assistant, the name and address of the principal ;

and may, if the Board think fit, be so arranged as to show the area in which each dentist will provide treatment.

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

(6) The Board shall send a copy of the dental list to the Ministry, and to each local dental committee and shall within one calendar month inform each of them of any alterations which may from time to time be made therein. The Board shall also send a copy of the list to each health authority, the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority, and any person under contract with the Board to provide pharmaceutical services, and at intervals of not more than three months shall notify them of any alteration made in the dental list :

Provided that in the case of persons providing pharmaceutical services and each health authority the Board may send to them the portions of the list which appear to the Board to concern them.

Arrangements for supply by dentists of drugs and medicines

5.—(1) Where the Board are satisfied that a patient by reason of distance or inadequacy of means of communication would otherwise have serious difficulty in obtaining any drugs required for his treatment under these Regulations, the Board may require the dentist who is responsible for the treatment of the patient to supply such drugs to that patient :

Provided that notwithstanding such requirement the dentist may, if so requested by any patient, instead of supplying such drug or medicine give a prescription for the same to be supplied by a chemist.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Regulation —

(*a*) a dentist shall not be required to undertake the supply of drugs under this Regulation if he satisfies the Board that he is not in the habit of supplying drugs or that the patient can with at least equal facility obtain a supply of drugs from a chemist ; and

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

Publication of particulars of arrangements

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

PART III

Method of obtaining general dental services

Selection of dentist

7. A person requiring general dental services may apply to a dentist whose name appears on the dental list. If the application is accepted the patient shall sign Part 1 of the dental estimate form.

Exercise of choice of dentist in certain cases

8. The right to choose the person by whom general dental services are to be provided shall be exercised —

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

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

Examination by dental officer

9. It shall be a condition of obtaining general dental services that a patient shall, if required by the Board or by the Committee, submit himself for examination by a dental officer or by a dentist appointed under Regulation 12 :

Provided that failure of a patient to submit himself for examination when so required shall not of itself delay a payment being made by the Board to the dentist for any treatment provided to that patient.

PART IV

Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee

Application of First Schedule of the Act

10. The provisions set out in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations shall apply in relation to the Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee which shall be constituted by the Board under the terms of Section 11 of the Act for the purpose of carrying out the duties assigned to them by Regulations with respect to the approval of estimates for dental treatment and appliances.

Delegation of duties to dental officer

11. The Committee may delegate to a dental officer such of their duties with respect to the approval of estimates of dental treatment and appliances under these Regulations as they think fit.

Appeals from Dental Estimates Committee

12.—(1) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Dental Estimates Committee shall be entitled to appeal by sending to the Ministry a notice of appeal within one month from the date on which the decision of the Committee was received by that person.

(2) The notice of appeal shall contain a concise statement of the facts and contentions upon which the appellant intends to rely.

(3) The Ministry shall appoint two dentists, of whom one shall be appointed after consultation with such organisation or organisations as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the dental profession, who shall hear the representations of the appellant and the Dental Estimates Committee and determine the appeal. The Ministry shall appoint one of the dentists to be chairman who, in the event of failure to reach agreement, shall have a casting vote.

PART V

Special treatment and charges

Expensive dental appliances and special dental treatment

13.—(1) Where a dentist agrees at a patient's request either —

(*a*) to supply, as part of general dental services, any denture which is of a more expensive type than the corresponding type made of plastic or vulcanite, or

(*b*) to repair such a denture at a cost in excess of the cost of repair of the said corresponding type, or

(*c*) to provide, as part of such services, special dental treatment consisting of gold fillings, inlays or crowns, or

(*d*) to provide, as part of such services, such other special dental treatment as the Ministry may, from time to time, determine, after consultation with such organisation or organisations as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the dental profession,

he shall submit to the Committee particulars of the corresponding normal treatment and an estimate of the normal charge on a dental estimate form together with particulars of the special treatment and of the proposed additional charge on the form set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations or on a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry. Before submitting the forms the dentist shall obtain the signature of the patient to the latter form and shall not proceed with any treatment other than emergency treatment or treatment specified in Column A of the Second Schedule to these Regulations until approval is given.

(2) Except in so far as is provided otherwise in the next succeeding paragraph of this Regulation, the Board shall be liable for such part only of the charge for services to which this Regulation applies as, in the opinion of the Committee, is equivalent to the normal charge for the corresponding normal treatment.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation any denture or special treatment such as is mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Regulation which, in the opinion of the Committee, is required by the patient owing solely to his clinical condition or any repair of a denture supplied as part of such treatment so required shall be supplied or provided free of charge to that patient and the Board shall be liable for the whole of the cost thereof as determined in accordance with a scale approved, from time to time, by the Ministry, after consultation with such organisation or organisations as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the dental profession.

Replacements caused by lack of care

14.—(1) Where in connection with the replacement of a dental appliance supplied to any person as part of general dental services, it appears to a dentist that there is reason to suppose that such replacement is necessitated by lack of care on the part of the patient, he should obtain from the patient an account of the circumstances giving rise to the need for the replacement of the appliance and forward particulars thereof to the Committee. The dentist shall submit on a dental estimate form an estimate of the treatment required and of the charges therefor to the Committee. The Committee, before approving the estimate, shall if there appear to be good grounds for suspecting that there has been lack of care arrange for the question of whether such replacement is necessitated by lack of care to be investigated by the Board:

Provided that if the patient admits in writing either to the dentist or to the Committee that the replacement is necessitated by lack of care on his part and gives an undertaking in writing to pay to

the dentist such fees as may be approved by the Committee the dentist may before receiving the approval of the Committee carry out the treatment required.

(2) The Board shall in investigating the question consider any written representations made by the patient and shall afford him, in such manner as they think fit, an opportunity of making oral representations if he so desires.

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

Provided that —

(i) if subsequently it appears to the Board that payment of the proportion of the cost so determined to be payable by the patient would involve undue hardship they may make such contribution thereto as they think fit ;

(ii) the cost to be borne by the Board, including any such contribution as aforesaid, shall not exceed the amount which would be payable by the Board for the supply of a normal appliance ; or, where the replacement involves the supply of a special appliance which, in the opinion of the Committee, is required solely on account of the patient's clinical condition, the cost of such appliance according to the scale referred to in paragraph (3) of the immediately preceding Regulation.

Payment of charge by patient

15. The dentist may decline to begin or proceed with treatment under this Part of these Regulations until he has received payment from the patient of any charges which may be agreed upon between them additional to the charges which under this Part of these Regulations are made the responsibility of the Board :

Provided that —

(i) no additional charge shall be made to the patient in any case to which paragraph (3) of Regulation 13 of these Regulations applies, except in the case of replacement of an appliance caused by lack of care on the part of the patient ;

(ii) where the treatment provided is the supply under Regulation 14 of these Regulations of a normal appliance, the charges recoverable by a dentist from the patient or from the patient and the Board shall not in the aggregate exceed the normal charge for that appliance.

PART VI

Transitional provisions

Transitional arrangements

16.—(1) Where before the appointed day a dentist has undertaken in accordance with an approved estimate to give dental treatment in pursuance of the provisions of the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1939, as amended, or has under such Regulations commenced to give treatment which did not require prior approval of an estimate, the dentist shall, on completing such treatment on or after that date send the relative dental letter to the Committee and shall be entitled to receive from the Board payment for such treatment in accordance with —

(*a*) the above-mentioned Regulations, including the scale of fees then in force under them, in respect of such part of the treatment as has been carried out before the appointed day;

(*b*) these Regulations, including the scale of fees then in force under them, in respect of the remainder of the treatment.

(2) If payment has already been made by any person in respect of such treatment the Board may require as a condition of any payment by them that the dentist shall refund to the person any excess over the amount payable by the patient in accordance with the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1939, as amended.

(3) The Committee shall determine any question arising under the foregoing paragraphs of this Regulation as to whether treatment has been carried out on or after the appointed day.

(4) Nothing in this Regulation shall be construed as affecting any liability to which the National Insurance Fund is subject by virtue of Section 63 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (which relates to the transfer of assets and liabilities) in respect of such part of any treatment as has been carried out before the appointed day.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

TERMS OF SERVICE FOR DENTISTS PRACTISING ELSEWHERE THAN AT A HEALTH CENTRE

Interpretation

1. In these terms of service, except so far as the context otherwise requires, the expression "the Regulations" means the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and other words and expressions have the same meaning as in the Regulations.

Incorporation of provisions of Regulations etc.

2. Any provisions of the Act, the Regulations and the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, affecting the rights, duties and obligations of dentists shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service.

Standard of Service

3.—(1) In providing general dental services under these Regulations a dentist shall employ a proper degree of skill and attention and shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 8 hereof, provide the treatment necessary to secure dental fitness that the person concerned is willing to undergo, and shall satisfactorily complete that treatment.

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

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

Inspection of surgery and waiting-room accommodation

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

Visiting

(5) The area within which a dentist shall be responsible to visit and treat a patient where the condition of the patient so requires shall be within a radius of five miles of his surgery or within such other limit as the Board and the dentist may agree, with the approval of the Ministry, for that dentist.

Anaesthetics

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

Reference to another dentist or hospital or specialist services

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

Records.

5. In each case in which a dentist provides treatment under the Regulations, he shall keep a record in the form set out in Part IV of the Fourth Schedule thereto to be provided by the Board, or in a form substantially to the like effect, and shall if required to do so produce such records to the Board, the Committee or a dental officer.

Fees

6.—(1) A dentist shall be entitled to be paid such fees and other remuneration in respect of any treatment which he is required to give under these terms of service as the Ministry may from time to time determine by Regulations made under Section 11 of the Act.

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

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

Preparation and submission of estimates.

7.—(1) In accepting an application for treatment, the dentist shall —

(*a*) examine the applicant and complete Part 7 of the dental estimate form ;
(*b*) complete Part 6 of the form and after detaching it, give it to the applicant;
(*c*) set out in Column I of Part 8 of the form the whole of the treatment necessary in his opinion to render the person dentally fit and, if the person is not willing to undergo the whole of such treatment, in Column II of that Part particulars of such part of that treatment as the person is willing to undergo.

(2) Where the extent of the treatment which the person is willing to undergo is not beyond that specified in Column A of the Second Schedule to the Regulations, the dentist may proceed with and complete the treatment before sending the dental estimate form to the Committee for approval.

(3) Where the treatment which the person is willing to undergo includes treatment in Column B of the Second Schedule, the dentist shall as soon as may be, and in any case within ten days after making his examination, send the dental estimate form to the Committee for approval, and shall not proceed with any treatment other than treatment specified in Column A of the said Schedule or such emergency treatment as is referred to in the footnote to the Schedule, until such approval is received. The Committee shall take all practicable steps to ensure that dental estimate forms are returned to the dentist within a reasonable period.

(4) (*a*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is not required any variation or addition such as would have made the treatment subject to prior approval is found to be necessary, the dentist shall immediately notify the Committee in writing of the circumstances and shall as soon as reasonably practicable submit an estimate of the whole of the treatment necessary (including that which has been begun) and thereafter the provisions of the last preceding sub-paragraph shall apply to such part of the treatment as has not been commenced.

(*b*) If during the course of treatment in respect of which prior approval of an estimate is required any variation or addition is found to be necessary, the dentist shall without delay submit an additional estimate and any such estimate shall be subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph.

(5) A dentist shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall—

(*a*) in the case of treatment to which sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph applies, not take longer than six months from the date upon which the person is accepted by him for treatment;

(*b*) in other cases not take longer than six months, or in the case of treatment including extractions and the provision of dentures, twelve months from the date on which the approval of an estimate is received by him:

Provided that these time limits may be extended when any delay is due to failure on the part of the person concerned to attend for treatment or where the Committee is satisfied that there is other sufficient reason.

(6) Upon completing treatment for a patient a dentist shall give a certificate to that effect in Part 5 of the dental estimate form and shall obtain in Part 4 of that form a certificate from the person concerned that treatment has been completed to the best of his belief. Treatment in so far as it relates to dentures shall not be regarded as complete unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the person concerned. The dentist shall within one month of the completion of the treatment send to the Committee the dental estimate form.

(7) The requirements of sub-paragraphs (1) and (6) of this paragraph and of paragraph 5 of these terms of service may be dispensed with in such classes of cases and subject to such arrangements as to remuneration and other matters as may be agreed, with the approval of the Ministry, between the Board and such organisation as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the dental profession. In such circumstances the requirement in Regulation 7 of the Regulations regarding the signature by the patient of Part 1 of the dental estimate form shall not apply.

Inability or unwillingness of dentist to complete treatment

8.—(1) If owing to any cause beyond the control of the dentist, a dentist is unable to complete any treatment which has been commenced, he shall forthwith notify the Committee in writing of the amount of treatment completed, and of the reason for his inability to complete the remainder, and shall be entitled to such payment as may be approved by the Committee in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

(2) The Board shall, on the application of a dentist and with the written consent of the patient, and may, on the application of a dentist without the consent of the patient, authorise him on such terms as they think just to discontinue any treatment which he has commenced, but before doing so they shall consider any representations which the patient may wish to make with respect to the application. If the application is granted the patient and the dentist shall be so informed and the dentist shall be entitled to such payment as may be approved by the Committee in respect of such treatment as has already been provided.

Supply of drugs

9.—(1) A dentist may supply to a patient such drugs (being drugs specified in the Third Schedule to the Regulations) as are required for immediate administration or application or for use before a supply can be obtained under the next following paragraph;

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

(3) A dentist shall supply all requisite drugs which under Regulation 5 of the Regulations he is required by the Board to supply :

Provided that a dentist shall comply with any arrangements made by the Board and approved by the Ministry under which he may obtain and have available for supply such drugs as are referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph.

Duty to prescribe

10. A dentist shall order, on a form to be provided by the Board for the purpose, such drugs specified in the Third Schedule to the Regulations (other than those supplied under the preceding paragraph) as are requisite for the treatment of any patient. The order shall be signed by the dentist or by his deputy or assistant with his own hand and shall not be written in such a manner as to necessitate reference on the part of the person supplying the drugs to a previous order.

The form shall not be used for persons other than those for whom the dentist is providing general dental services and a separate form shall be used for each patient.

Deputies, assistants and partners.

11.—(1) A dentist shall make all necessary arrangements for securing the treatment of his patients where he is unable to give treatment personally and if he intends to absent himself from his practice for more than thirty-one consecutive days, he shall notify the Board, and any patients for whom he is in course of providing treatment under the Regulations who are likely to require treatment during his absence, of his intended absence and of the dentist or dentists, if any, responsible for conducting his practice.

(2) A dentist shall not employ an assistant dentist for the purpose of the provision of general dental services for a continuous period of three months or more without notifying the Board.

(3) A dentist shall not without the consent of the Ministry employ as a deputy or assistant for the purpose of the provision of general dental services any dentist who is disqualified for inclusion in the dental list under Section 16 of the Act.

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

(5) A dentist shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of any dentist acting as his deputy or assistant in relation to his obligations under these terms of service.

(6) A deputy or assistant (other than a partner or assistant whose name is included in the dental list) shall, in addition to signing with his own name any dental estimate form or prescription, insert therein the name of the dentist for whom he is acting as deputy or assistant.

(7) In the case of two or more dentists practising in partnership or as principal and assistant, treatment may at any time be given by a partner or assistant of the dentist to whom a person has applied for general dental services, instead of by the dentist in person, but the dentist shall take reasonable steps to secure continuity of treatment.

Withdrawal from dental list

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

Provided that —

(*a*) If representations are made to the Tribunal under Section 16 of the Act that the continued inclusion of a dentist in the dental list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the general dental services, he shall not, except with the consent of the Ministry and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Ministry may impose, be entitled to have his name removed from the list pending the termination of the proceedings on such representations, and

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

Issue of notices to dentists

13. Any notice which the Board are required or authorised by these terms of service to give to a dentist shall be sufficiently given if it has been delivered to the dentist or sent by post to him at the address which the dentist last notified the Board as being his address.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Treatment	A. Treatment which may be completed without obtaining the prior approval of the Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee.	B. Treatment for which the prior approval of the Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee is required
I. Diagnosis	1. Clinical examination and report. 2. Tentative treatment, dressings, etc. 3. Radiological examination at a cost not exceeding £2 2s. 0d. 4. Pathological and bacteriological examinations.	Radiological examination at a cost exceeding £2 2s. 0d.
II. Prophylaxis	Normal scaling and gum treatment	1. Extensive or prolonged gum treatment including scaling. 2. Gingivectomy.
III. Conservative Treatment	1. Fillings. 2. Root treatment.	1. Gold Fillings * 2. Inlays. * 3. Crowns. * 4. Apicectomy.
IV. Extractions	Extractions not necessitating the supply of dentures.	1. Extractions necessitating the supply of dentures. † 2. Alveolectomy.
V. Anaesthetics	All forms	—
VI. Emergency Treatment	Treatment for the immediate relief of pain or other urgent symptoms.	—
VII. Repairs	Repairs to plastic and vulcanite dentures, orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints and radium applicators. Repairs to metal dentures at a cost not exceeding £2.	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost exceeding £2.
VIII. Prosthetic Treatment	—	1. Dentures of plastic. 2. Dentures of vulcanite. 3. Dentures of gold or other metal. * 4. Backing and tagging. 5. Obturators. 6. Special appliances, radium applicators, splints, etc.
IX. Orthodontic Treatment	—	All forms.
X. Oral Surgery	—	1. Removal of impacted teeth, buried roots, cysts, etc. † 2. Treatment of fractured jaws. †

* This service only to be provided free of cost to a person when it is, in the opinion of the Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee, required owing to the clinical condition of the person concerned.

† This service, if emergency treatment, may be commenced without prior approval.

THIRD SCHEDULE

List of Prescribed Drugs

Drugs

Acidum Acetylsalicylicum
,, Benzoicum
,, Boricum
,, Tannicum
Alumen
Aqua Chloroformi
,, Menthae Piperitae
Borax
Caffeina
Calcii Lactas
Emulsio Chloroformi
,, Olei Menthae Piperitae
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,, Thymolis Compositum
Hydrargyri Subchloridum
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,, Sodae Chlorinatae Chirurgicalis
Magnesii Sulphas
Mistura Magnesii Hydroxidi
Oleum Caryophylli
Phenacetinum
Phenol
Potassii Chloras
,, Permanganas
Quininae Sulphas
Sodii Bicarbonas
,, Chloridum
,, Perboras
,, Sulphis
Tinctura Pyrethri
Zinci Chloridum
,, Sulphas

Compounded Drugs

Cataplasma — Poultice
Cataplasma Kaolini B.P.

Collutoria — Mouthwashes
Collutorium Acidi Tannici, N. [W.] F.
,, Formaldehydi, N. [W.] F.
,, Phenolis Alkalinum, N. [W.] F.
,, Sodii Chloridi Compositum N. [W.] F.
,, Thymolis Compositum, N. [W.] F.
,, Zinci Sulphatis et Chloridi, N. [W.] F.

Pigmentum — Paint
Pigmentum Arsenici et Ipecacuanhae, N. [W.] F.

Solvellae — Solution Tablets
Solvella Antisceptica Effervescens, B.P.C.
,, Boracis et Benzaminae Composita, B.P.C.

Tabella — Tablets
Tabella Acidi Acetylsalicylici, B.P.
,, Acidi Acetylsalicylici Composita, B.P.C.
,, Acidi Acetylsalicylici et Quininae Composita, N. [W.] F.
,, Acidi Ascorbici, B.P. 50 mg.
,, Acidi Nicotinici, B.P. 50 mg.
,, Butobarbitoni, 1½ gr. N. [W.] F.
,, Calciferolis Composita, B.P.C.
,, Calcii Lactatis, B.P.
,, Codeinae Composita, B.P.C.
,, Nicotinamidae, B.P.
,, Phenobarbitoni, B.P. ¼, ½, 1 and 2 gr.
,, Sulphathiazolis

Trochisci — Lozenges
Trochiscus Formaldehydi (Tabella Formaldehydi, B.P.C.)
,, Penicillini, B.P.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

FORMS

PART I.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN DENTAL LIST

To the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board

I..... of.....

.....

a registered dentist undertake to provide general dental services under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, on the terms in operation in Northern Ireland and apply to have my name included in the dental list.

I am not disqualified for undertaking service by reason of my name having been removed from the dental list or from any corresponding list of an Executive Council in Great Britain.

Particulars of my usual surgery hours are given below.

Address of Surgery	Days and hours of attendance	
	Days	Hours
(Surgery)		
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To be completed where appropriate

I am practising in partnership with

.....

of .....

I am acting as an assistant to

.....

of .....

Signed .....

Date.....

PART II

Front of Form

DENTAL ESTIMATE FORM

A	PATIENT'S SURNAME (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (*Block letters*)	B	DENTIST'S NAME AND ADDRESS AT WHICH TREATMENT IS TO BE GIVEN (*Rubber Stamp or Block Letters*)
	CHRISTIAN NAMES		
	ADDRESS		
	NAT. REG. IDENTITY No. / YEAR OF BIRTH		DENTIST'S CODE No.

PART 1
To be completed by THE PATIENT

I desire treatment under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Signed *..... Date.....

PART 2
To The DENTAL ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

I have examined this patient and have entered in Part 7 the clinical condition and in Part 8 details of the treatment which I consider necessary to secure dental fitness.

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

PART 3 — To THE DENTIST

Dental treatment as detailed in Part 8 is authorised.....
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.....

For Official Use

PART 4 — To be completed by THE PATIENT

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

Signed *..... Date.....

PART 5 — To be completed by THE DENTIST

I certify that treatment as shown in Part 8 (Column) has been completed and I claim fees amounting to £ : : .

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

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

PART 6 — To be signed by the Dentist and RETAINED BY THE PATIENT

DENTIST'S CODE No.	

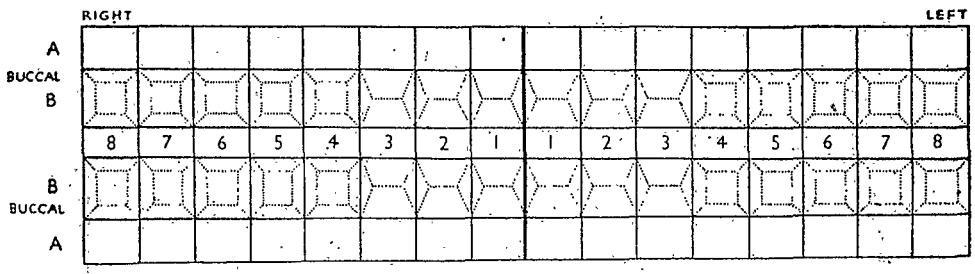
I am prepared to accept Mr./Mrs./Miss.....as a patient under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, for treatment as detailed by me on..... 19.....

Signed .....

PART II — *Continued*

Back of Form

Part 7 To be completed by THE DENTIST*



Part 8

Details of Treatment and Fees

COLUMN I	£	s.	d.	COLUMN II	£	s.	d.
Examination and Report				.....			
X-Ray and Report.....				.....			
Scaling and Treatment of Gums.....				.....			
Fillings.....				.....			
Root Treatment.....				.....			
Extractions.....				.....			
General Anaesthetic				.....			
Crowns.....				.....			
Dentures.....				.....			
Denture Repairs : specify in detail							
Other forms of Treatment :							

Part 9

OBSERVATIONS

* The Patient is/is not in possession of dentures

* Full upper/lower

* Part upper/lower

Nature .....

(Indicate material)

* *Delete words not applicable.*

Part 10

Date of examination .....

Date Treatment completed.....

No. and Nature of enclosures .....

PART III

SPECIAL TREATMENT AND APPLIANCES INVOLVING PAYMENT BY THE PATIENT

This form is to be completed in addition to, and submitted with, the Dental Estimate Form in respect of any more expensive form of treatment or appliance to be provided at the request of the patient.

In the appropriate space below *enter only the amount to be paid by the patient.*

Patient's Name	Dentist's Name .....
Nat. Reg. Identity No.	Code No.

DETAILS OF TREATMENT AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES

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

TO BE SIGNED BY THE PATIENT *

I desire the treatment as detailed above and understand that I am responsible for payment to the dentist of the charges set out above.

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

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

PART IV

DENTAL RECORD — GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

SURNAME.....
CHRISTIAN NAME .....
ADDRESS .....
.....
TELEPHONE NO.....

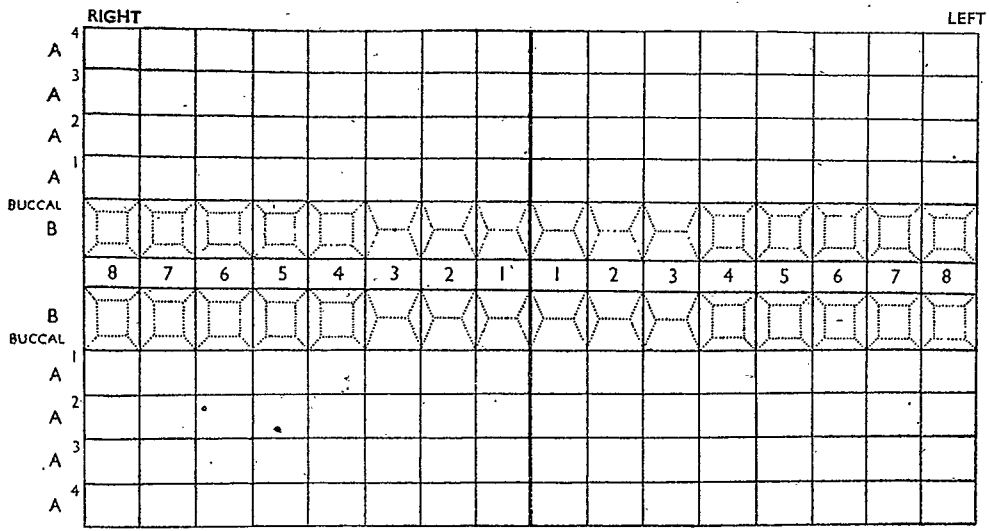
NATIONAL REGISTRATION IDENTITY NUMBER .....
YEAR OF BIRTH .....

DATE	TREATMENT	DATE	TREATMENT	DATE	TREATMENT

(To be used if desired)

DENTIST'S NAME.....

DENTIST'S CODE NO.....



SYMBOLS

Tooth present and sound	.
Tooth missing	—
Tooth recently extracted	×
Root present	+
Cavity	O
Filling present	●
Artificial tooth	A
Crown	C
Indicating direction and extent of movement of tooth ——>	
Tooth to be extracted	/

Line A. should show Treatment required.

CLINICAL NOTES.

Summary of Estimates, 19..... to 19..... (For use if desired)

	Date of Examination	Date Sent for Approval	Date Approved	Date Completed	Ex. and Report	Scale and Polish	Fillings	Root Treatment	Extractions	General Anaes.	Crowns	Dentures	Repairs	Other Forms of Treatment	£	s.	d.	Date Paid
A1																		
A2																		
A3																		
A4																		

FIFTH SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS OF PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE ACT WITH MODIFICATIONS AS THEY APPLY IN RELATION TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND DENTAL ESTIMATES COMMITTEE.

1. The Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee constituted by the Board shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a dental practitioner, and four other members of whom three shall be dental practitioners.

2. The Committee may include persons who are not members of the Board, so, however, that not less than one-half of the members of the Committee shall be members of the Board.

3. The term of office of members of the Committee shall be fixed by the Board.

4. The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number so long as the number of vacancies does not exceed the number of remaining members.

5. A casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the Committee shall be filled by the Board after consultation with the Committee ; and a person so appointed shall hold office for the residue of the term of the member in whose place he is so appointed.

6. A member of the Committee may resign his membership by giving to the Board notice in writing signed by him.

7. Where any member of the Committee is absent from the meetings thereof for more than six months consecutively (except for a reason approved by the Board) or becomes bankrupt, or makes a composition with his creditors or is convicted of an indictable offence, the Board shall forthwith by resolution declare the office to be vacant and shall proceed to fill the casual vacancy.

8. Where a person who provides any dental or other professional services under the Act is a member of the Committee he may vote upon any matter which touches the interests of members of his profession (himself included) but shall not vote upon any matter touching only his individual professional interests.

9. No defect in the qualification or appointment of any person acting as a member of the Committee shall vitiate any proceedings of the Committee in which he has taken part.

10. Every member of the Committee who at the time of his appointment was a member of the Board, shall, if he cease to be a member of the Board, also cease to be a member of the Committee.

11. A person who held any paid appointment or office, or other place of profit in the disposal of the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board, the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority, a hospital management committee or a health authority, and who was dismissed from such appointment, office or place of profit, or a person whose name was removed under the provisions of Section 16 of the Act from any list prepared under Part II or Part III of the Act shall be permanently disqualified from membership of the Committee.

General Dental Services — Fees

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD JUNE, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

Amended 1949 SR&O (N.I.) 2, 780

1948. No. 160

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section eleven of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

General

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the 5th July, 1948.

Short title and Commencement.