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.

(2) The Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (hereinafter in these Regulations referred to as " the Principal Regulations ") and these Regulations may be cited together as the Health Services (General Dental Services and Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) Expressions used in these Regulations shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning as in the Principal Regulations and the expression " Dental Estimates Committee " in these Regulations has the same meaning as " Committee " in the Principal Regulations.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply 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.

Provisions relating to dentists practising elsewhere than at a health centre

Fees for treatment approved.

3.—(1) When approving treatment proposed on a dental estimate form, the Dental Estimates Committee shall determine in accordance with the scale set out in the Schedule to these Regulations the fees payable to the dentist for the treatment approved and shall inform him of their determination.

(2) When approving special dental treatment to be provided under Regulation 13 of the Principal Regulations, the Dental Estimates Committee shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of the said Regulation, determine —

(*a*) where the treatment approved is a service under paragraph (1) (*a*) or (*b*) of the said Regulation, the fees payable for the corresponding service specified in Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations ;

(*b*) where the patient is to be provided with a service under paragraph (*c*) or (*d*) of the said Regulation, the fees which would have been payable in accordance with the scale set out in Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations for such corresponding normal treatment, if any, as the Dental Estimates Committee consider necessary to secure dental fitness ;

and shall inform the dentist of their determination.

Fees for treatment completed.

4. On receipt of a dental estimate form (or where arrangements for the submission of a modified estimate have been made under sub-paragraph (7) of paragraph 7 of the First Schedule to the Principal Regulations, on receipt of the modified estimate) in respect of treatment completed in accordance with these and the Principal Regulations the Dental Estimates Committee shall, in accordance with the scale set out in the Schedule to these Regulations and subject to and in accordance with any previous determination under the last foregoing Regulation in respect of that treatment, determine the fees payable to the dentist by the Board.

5. The conditions set out in Part III of the Schedule to these Regulations shall have effect as if they were contained in the First Schedule to the Principal Regulations. Conditions.

6. The fees payable by the Board to a dentist in respect of drugs supplied by him, either in pursuance of Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations, or in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 9 of the First Schedule to the Principal Regulations for use before a supply can be obtained otherwise under the Regulations, except in so far as the drugs supplied under that sub-paragraph have been obtained by the dentist in accordance with any arrangements made under the Proviso to the said paragraph 9, shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Drug Tariff referred to in Regulation 28 of the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948. Drugs.

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

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

SCHEDULE

Scale of Fees

Part I

1. Clinical Examination and Report	10s. 0d. — but not chargeable :— (*a*) where the dentist has been paid or is entitled to payment of a similar fee for an examination within the preceding six months in the case of a patient 21 years of age or over or four months in the case of a patient under 21 years of age ; (*b*) in respect of repairs of dentures for edentulous patients ; (*c*) where, under special arrangements covering certain classes of cases the dental estimate form is not completed or not fully completed.
2. Normal Scaling and Gum Treatment — per individual	16s. 6d.,—but not chargeable where the estimate includes subsequent extraction of the teeth charted for scaling unless the Dental Estimates Committee approve.
3. Fillings — per filling :—	
(i) Amalgam	
(*a*) Involving *one* surface	£1 0s. 0d., with a maximum fee of £1 10s. 0d. per tooth.
(*b*) Involving more than one surface	£1 10s. 0d.
(ii) Silicates	£1 5s. 0d., with a maximum fee of £1 17s. 6d. per tooth.

4.	Conservation of deciduous teeth Fee per tooth	10s 6d.
5.	Root treatment (per tooth)	
	(*a*) Single rooted (non-septic) ...	£2 0s. 0d.
	(*b*) Multi-rooted and all septic teeth	£3 0s. 0d.
6.	* Extractions	
	1 or 2 teeth	10s. 0d.
	3, 4 or 5 teeth	15s. 0d.
	6, 7 or 8 teeth	£1 0s. 0d.
	9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 5s. 0d.
	12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 10s. 0d.
	15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 15s. 0d.
	18, 19 or 20 teeth	£2 0s. 0d.
	over 20	£2 7s. 6d.
7.	Administration of General Anaesthetic; fee per visit in connection with the extraction of :—	
	1 — 3 teeth	10s. 0d.
	4 — 11 teeth	£1 0s. 0d.
	12 — 19 teeth	£1 10s. 0d.
	20 teeth or over ... —	£2 0s. 0d.
	Provided that no fee in excess of 10s. 0d. shall be payable unless a doctor or dentist, other than the dentist carrying out the extraction, administers the anaesthetic and no fee shall exceed £2 0s. 0d. per individual case.	
8.	* Dentures —	
	(i) Full upper and full lower	£10 10s. 0d.
	(ii) Per denture —.	
	1, 2 or 3 teeth	£4 17s. 6d.
	4 to 8 teeth	£5 15s. 0d.
	9 to 14 teeth	£6 1s. 6d.
	Provided that no fee for both upper and lower denture shall exceed £10 10s. 0d.	
	(iii) Lingual bar	Such additional fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.
9.	Relining of dentures — per denture	£2 5s. 0d.
10.	Repairs —	
	(i) vulcanite or plastic denture :—	
	(*a*) cracks or fractures of a denture	18s. 0d.
	(*b*) Replacing of a loosened tooth, or loosened band or wire	18s. 0d.
	(*c*) Addition of teeth or bands or wires	£1 8s. 0d.
	Maximum fee for each denture	£2 0s. 0d.
	(ii) orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints, radium applicators.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.

11. * Apicectomy — per tooth (including root treatment)	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £4 0s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d.
12. * Gingivectomy (including any scaling)	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £1 17s. 6d. to £15 0s. 0d. Based upon a minimum of up to 4 teeth (£1 17s. 6d.) and rising by successive units of 4 teeth.
13. * Prolonged Gum Treatment (including deep scaling, correction of traumatic occlusion and oral hygiene instruction, etc.)	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £2 0s. 0d. to £4 0s. 0d. or such other fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
14 * Alveolectomy — for upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to a maximum of £4 0s. 0d. or such other fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
15. Radiological Examination —	
(*a*) Intra-oral films :	
First film	10s. 0d.
Each additional film ...	7s. 6d.
	* up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d.
(*b*) Extra-oral films :	
Each film	£1 1s. 0d.
	* up to a maximum of £5 5s. 0d.
16. * Obturators —	
Fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve within a range of £3 7s. 6d. to £5 15s. 0d. or such additional fee as they may in special circumstances, approve.
17. * Orthodontic Treatment	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.
18. * Treatment involving a special applicance, radium applicators, splints.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.
19. * Removal of Cysts, Buried Roots, Impacted Teeth.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve up to a maximum of £7/15s. 0d. together with a special anaesthetic fee, where necessary, up to £2 0s. 0d., or such higher anaesthetic fee as they may, in special circumstances, approve.
20. * Backing and Tagging —	
Fee per tooth in addition to appropriate fee for non-metallic base denture —	
(*a*) Gold	£1 4s. 0d.
(*b*) White Gold	16s. 0d.
(*c*) Stainless Steel	12s. 0d.

21. Fee per case for the treatment of sensitive cementum, the taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination etc. ...	10s. 0d.
22. Fee per case for arrest of bleeding	£1 0s. 0d.
23. Domiciliary visits — per journey to one or more patients	10s. 0d.
24. * Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale which is clinically necessary and is not special treatment provided or supplied under Part V of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may approve.

PART II

25. * Fee for special treatment such as is mentioned in Regulation 13 (1) of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 provided or supplied at a patient's request under Part V of those Regulations not being treatment which in the opinion of the Dental Estimates Committee is required by the patient owing solely to his clinical condition.	The appropriate fee for the corresponding normal treatment together with such additional charge, payable by the patient, as may be agreed upon between the dentist and the patient.
26. * Fee for special treatment provided or supplied under Part V of the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, which, in the opinion of the Dental Estimates 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.	Such fee as the Dental Estimates Committee may determine in accordance with a scale approved by the Ministry.

* Treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required, except that —
(*a*) extractions not necessitating the supply of dentures ;
(*b*) treatment for relief of pain or other urgent symptoms ;
(*c*) radiological examination up to a fee of £2 2s. 0d. ; and
(*d*) repairs to metal dentures at a cost not exceeding £2 0s. 0d., may be carried out without prior approval.

PART III

CONDITIONS

I. — CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS OF THE SCALE OF FEES

ITEM 2—*Normal Scaling and Gum Treatment*

The fee is to cover the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums,

ITEM 3—*Fillings*

Fillings to which this fee applies are to be permanent in character.

ITEM 4—*Conservation of Deciduous Teeth*

Treatment to which this fee applies is to include silver nitrate applications as well as fillings appropriate to deciduous teeth.

ITEM 5—*Root Treatment*

Root treatment includes the filling of each root of the tooth, but does not include the insertion of any filling in the tooth itself.

ITEMS 8, 9, 25 and 26—*Dentures*

An estimate for the provision of a metal denture is to specify the materials to be used.

All necessary adjustments of dentures within a reasonable time after completion are to be made without additional charge.

All necessary bands, wires and fastenings are to be supplied without extra charge.

ITEMS 25 and 26—*Crowning and Inlays*

The nature of the material to be used is to be indicated on the estimate.

II. — CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

(1) All filling materials shall be of first-grade quality and suitable for each individual cavity. Except in special circumstances (which must be stated to the Committee) cements, guttapercha and copper amalgam are not to be regarded as permanent filling materials, though they may be used without reference to the Committee for the conservation of deciduous teeth. Translucent silicate cements may be used in anterior teeth but are not to be used for fillings in teeth posterior to the canines except in buccal cavities. For the purposes of this paragraph cements are to be taken to include all filling materials which consist of powders in combination with liquids other than mercury.

(2) Where pin teeth are used for vulcanite or other plastic base dentures, all pins shall be of platinum, or nickel cased with gold or other precious metal, or nickel alloy cased with gold or other precious metal. Pins sheathed with gold or platinum anchored within the porcelain are within this specification. The teeth, whether porcelain or acrylic shall be of first-grade quality.

(3) Diatoric teeth may only be used for the anterior teeth in vulcanite base dentures when artificial gum is necessary.

(4) Metal strengtheners shall be compatible with vulcanite or other base material used and not liable to corrode in the mouth.

(5) All materials used in dentures shall be of first-grade quality. A plastic base material other than vulcanite shall be used only if it is an approved acrylic resin (that is, a brand of acrylic resin approved for the time being by the Ministry for use in the making of dentures).

(6) Bands and clasps shall be of either —

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 40 per cent. of gold, platinum or palladium (including not less than 15 per cent. of gold, and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal), or

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other material as may be approved by the Ministry.

Bands shall be not less than No. 7 gauge in thickness.

(7) In cases of close bite where porcelain teeth cannot be used, cusps of —

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal, or

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other material as may be approved by the Ministry,

may be used.

(8) Metal used, after approval by the Committee of an estimate for denture plates, linqual or palatal bars, backings and tags, spiral springs, bolts and swivels, shall be—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of gold, platinum or palladium and not more than 20 per cent. of base metal, or

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other material as may be approved by the Ministry,

and shall be of adequate strength.

Supplementary Eye Services

Regulations dated 25th June, 1948, made by the Ministry of Health and Local Government under sections twenty-two, seventy-four, eighty and eighty-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

1948. No. 166

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections twenty-two, seventy-four, eighty and eighty-six 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 (Supplementary Eye Services) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Interpretation

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

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

" Authority " means the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority ;

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

" Committee " means the Eye Services Committee, appointed under the provisions of section thirty-six of the Act ;

" Dispensing Optician " means a person, firm or company qualified as a Dispensing Optician in accordance with the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" glasses " includes any optical appliance which may be supplied under section twenty-two of the Act ;