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The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 11, 13, 74, 76, 80 and 81 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

PART I

GENERAL

Short title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964.

Interpretation

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

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

"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;

"current authorised fee" in relation to any service means the fee set out in Schedule 6 as the fee payable to the dental practitioner in respect of those services but does not include—

(*a*) any fee in respect of a visit to a patient by a dental practitioner, or

(*b*) any additional charge payable by the patient in pursuance of regulation 15 being a charge for treatment not clinically necessary;

"dental estimate form" means the form set out in Part II of Schedule 4;

"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 report, 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 Schedule 3, or the supply of such drugs and medicines in accordance with these regulations;

(a) 1948. c. 3.

"dentist" means a "dental practitioner";
"drugs" means such drugs and medicines as are specified in Schedule 3;
"emergency treatment" means any treatment immediately required for the relief of pain, or other urgent symptoms;
"full-time school education" means full-time instruction in a school within the meaning of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a), or in corresponding establishments elsewhere;
"health centre" means premises provided under section 17 of the Act;
"health service number" means a number allotted to a person by the Board for use in connection with the provision of health services under the Act;
"medical card" has the same meaning as that assigned to it in regulation 2(1) of the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(b);
"modified estimate form" means the form set out in Part V of Schedule 4;
"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.

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 Schedule 1.

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 Schedule 4.

(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.

(a) 1947, c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 150.

(6) The Board shall send a copy of the dental list to the Ministry, each local dental committee, each health authority, the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, and any person under contract with the Board to provide pharmaceutical services. The Board shall inform the Ministry and each local dental committee within one month of any alterations which may from time to time be made in the list, and shall inform the remaining authorities and persons at intervals of not more than 3 months of such alterations.

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. Any person ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland or Great Britain, or being a person to whom the provisions of the Health Services (Availability of Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1950(**a**) apply, requiring general dental services may apply to a dentist whose name appears on the dental list. The person shall produce to the dentist his medical card bearing his health service number and shall complete so far as is applicable Part I of the dental estimate form together with such declaration as may be required by the Board relating to eligibility for (*a*) general dental services or (*b*) general dental services without charge.

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) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 66 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 4 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 24.

(*a*) on behalf of any person under the age of 16 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 to the Act

10. The provisions set out in Schedule 5 shall apply in relation to the 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 these regulations.

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 for 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 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 as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the dental profession, who shall hear the representations of the appellant and the Committee and determine the appeal:

Provided that the dentists so appointed may, after giving an opportunity to the appellant to amplify his statement if he so desires, dispense with an oral hearing if satisfied that the appeal can properly be determined without an oral hearing.

(4) For the purposes of any oral hearing, the Ministry shall appoint one of the dentists to be chairman who, in the event of a failure to reach agreement, shall have a casting vote.

Fees

13.—(1) The Board may pay the chairman of the Committee the sum of 500 guineas per annum in respect of attendance at meetings of the Committee and for carrying out such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board.

(2) The Board may pay to each member of the Committee, other than the chairman, a fee of 8 guineas in respect of each attendance for a period of not less than two hours at a meeting of the Committee.

(3) Payment of the foregoing fees and remuneration may not be made to any member of the Committee who is a member of either House of Parliament.

PART V

CHARGES PAYABLE BY OR ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS

Charges for treatment and appliances

14.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation a dentist shall be entitled to make and recover—

(*a*) the appropriate charge specified in Schedule 7 in respect of the supply under these regulations of such dental appliances as are set out in the said Schedule; and

(*b*) the appropriate charge in respect of any other treatment specified in Schedule 7.

(2) Where any services in respect of which a charge is payable by virtue of paragraph (1)(*a*) are provided in pursuance of the same contract or arrangement for the services specified in paragraph (1)(*b*) the charges payable in respect of all the services provided in pursuance of the contract or arrangement shall not together exceed £5 0s. 0d. in the aggregate.

(3) No charge shall be made under paragraph (1)(*a*) where the person is on the date of the contract or arrangement for the services—

(*a*) under 16 years of age or receiving full-time school education; or

(*b*) an expectant mother or a mother who has borne a child within the previous 12 months,

if the appropriate declaration to that effect is made by or on behalf of that person in Part 1 of the dental estimate form or in the modified estimate form.

(4) No charge (other than that in respect of the relining of dentures or the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures) shall be made under paragraph (1)(*b*) where the person is on the date of the contract or arrangement for the provision of the services—

(*a*) under 21 years of age; or

(*b*) an expectant mother or a mother who has borne a child within the previous 12 months,

if the appropriate declaration to that effect is made by or on behalf of that person in Part 1 of the dental estimate form or in the modified estimate form.

(5) In providing general dental services for which a charge can be made or exemption granted under this regulation—

(*a*) a dentist shall secure in Part 1 of the dental estimate form an acknowledgement by the patient, or some other person competent to act on his behalf, of his obligation to pay the said charge or where appropriate the declaration mentioned in paragraphs (3) and (4);

(*b*) the Committee shall, if they approve the provision of the services under these regulations, signify their approval of the amount of the appropriate charge in Part 3 of the dental estimate form;

(*c*) the dentist shall, on receipt of any sum under this regulation, complete Part 5 of the dental estimate form for retention by the patient.

(6) Any fee which but for this regulation would be payable by the Board to a dentist in respect of the provision of any service as part of general dental services shall be reduced by the amount payable by the patient under this regulation.

(7) Any payment required to be made under this regulation shall be without prejudice to any other charges authorised by these regulations.

(8) The replacement of dentures which is required solely by reason of the loss or destruction of, or damage sustained by, dentures previously possessed by the patient and supplied to him under the Act shall be deemed not to constitute the supply of dentures within the meaning of this regulation.

(9) A bridge, whether fixed or removable, which takes the place of any teeth shall be deemed to be a denture having that number of teeth for the purposes of this regulation.

(10) The expression "repair" for the purpose of paragraph 2(*b*) of Schedule 7 does not include the relining of dentures or the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures.

Charges for expensive dental appliances and special dental treatment

15.—(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 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 Schedule 4. Before submitting the forms the dentist shall obtain the signature of the patient to the latter form and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in Schedule 2 other than emergency treatment until approval is given.

(2) Except in so far as is provided otherwise in paragraph (3), 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 regulation 16, any denture or special treatment such as is mentioned in paragraph (1) 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, subject to regulation 14, be supplied as part of the general dental services.

Charges for replacements necessitated by lack of care

16.—(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—

(*a*) 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;

(*b*) 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 regulation 15(3).

Payment of charge by patient

17. The dentist may decline to begin or proceed with treatment under regulations 15 and 16 until he has received payment from the patient for any charges which may be agreed upon between them additional to the charges which under regulations 15 and 16 are made the responsibility of the Board:

Provided that—

(*a*) no additional charge shall be made to the patient in any case to which regulation 15(3) applies, except in the case of replacement of an appliance caused by lack of care on the part of the patient;

(*b*) where the treatment provided is the supply under regulation 16 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

REMUNERATION OF DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

PROVISIONS RELATING TO DENTISTS PRACTISING ELSEWHERE THAN AT A HEALTH CENTRE

Fees for treatment approved

18.—(1) When approving treatment proposed on a dental estimate form, the Committee shall determine in accordance with the scale set out in Schedule 6 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 15, the Committee shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) thereof, 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 Schedule 6;

(*b*) where the patient is to be provided with a service under paragraph (1)(*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 Schedule 6 for such corresponding normal treatment, if any, as the Committee consider necessary to secure dental fitness;

and shall inform the dentist of their determination.

Fees for treatment completed

(3) On receipt of a dental estimate form or a modified estimate form in respect of treatment completed in accordance with the provisions of these regulations the Committee shall, in accordance with the scale set out in Schedule 6 and subject to and in accordance with any previous determination under the foregoing paragraphs in respect of that treatment, determine the fees payable to the dentist by the Board.

Drugs

(4) The fees payable by the Board to a dentist in respect of drugs supplied by him, either in pursuance of regulation 5, or in pursuance of paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 1 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 10, 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 Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(a).

PART VII

19. The regulations named in Schedule 8 are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 16th day of April, 1964.

(L.S.) *Wm. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of April, 1964.

(L.S.) *John L. O. Andrews,*
Minister of Finance.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 150.

SCHEDULE 1

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) 1964, 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 to 1955(a) 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 the regulations a dentist shall employ a proper degree of skill and attention and except where a modified estimate form is used shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 9, 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 5 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.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 164 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 157.

Records

5. In each case in which a dentist provides treatment under the regulations, he shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 8, keep a record in the form set out in Part IV of Schedule 4 to be provided by the Board, 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 or remunerative time resulting from the failure of that person without sufficient reason to keep an appointment.

Provision of Treatment

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

(*a*) enter the details required at "A" and "B" of the dental estimate form;

(*b*) obtain the patient's signature to Part 1 of the form to such extent as is applicable;

(*c*) examine the patient and complete Part 7 of the dental estimate form;

(*d*) 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 set out the particulars of such part of that treatment as the person is willing to undergo;

(*e*) complete Part 6 of the form and after detaching it, give it to the patient;

(*f*) complete Part 2 of the form.

(2) Where the extent of the treatment which the person is willing to undergo does not include treatment specified in Schedule 2, 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 specified in Schedule 2, the dentist shall as soon as may be, and in any case within 10 days after making his examination, send the dental estimate form to the Committee for approval, and shall not proceed with any treatment specified in Schedule 2 other than emergency treatment 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 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 sub-paragraph (3) 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 of or addition to such estimate is found to be necessary, and relates to an item of treatment requiring prior approval, the dentist shall without delay re-submit the estimate to the Committee for approval. The Committee may withdraw or vary their original approval

in so far as treatment has not yet been carried out in accordance with such approval, or add thereto and, until the decision of the Committee is received by the dentist, the restriction on proceeding with treatment contained in sub-paragraph (3) shall apply.

(5) A dentist shall complete treatment with reasonable expedition and shall not take longer than 6 months from the date upon which the patient is accepted by him for treatment or where prior approval is required, from the date on which such approval is received by him:

Provided that—

(*a*) the time limit shall be 12 months in the case of treatment including extractions and the consequent provision of dentures;

(*b*) treatment in so far as it relates to the provision of dentures shall not be regarded as completed unless the dentures have been delivered to and remain in the possession of the patient;

(*c*) the time limit shall not apply where any delay is due to failure by the patient 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 9 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. The dentist shall within one month of the completion of the treatment send to the Committee the dental estimate form.

(7) Upon receiving a sum in payment of the prescribed charge the dentist shall complete Part 5 of the form and after detaching it give it to the patient.

Provision of Emergency Treatment

8.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 7 a dentist, instead of making use of the dental estimate form, may, in the case of treatment consisting of such treatment as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (2), make use of a modified estimate form and in that event the provisions of paragraph 7 shall not apply and the provisions of paragraph 5 (in their application to such treatment) shall apply only to the extent to which records can be kept from the information contained in the modified estimate form.

(2) The treatment referred to in sub-paragraph (1) consists of emergency treatment being (*a*) not more than 2 extractions; (*b*) the administration of a general anaesthetic; (*c*) the dressing of teeth; (*d*) repairs of dentures at a scale cost not exceeding 35 shillings per denture; (*e*) arrest of bleeding; (*f*) domiciliary visits in connection with the treatment indicated at (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) or (*e*); (*g*) one x-ray.

(3) In accepting an application for such treatment the dentist shall, if he makes use of a modified estimate form—

(*a*) secure the completion and signature by the patient of Part 1 of the form, so far as applicable, provided the patient is entitled to free treatment;

(*b*) carry out the treatment and complete Part 2;

(*c*) obtain the signature of the patient to Part 3;

(*d*) give the patient, if requested, a receipt for any charge paid by him;

(*e*) send the form to the Committee within one month of the completion of the treatment.

Inability or unwillingness of dentist to complete treatment

9.—(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 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

10.—(1) A dentist may supply to a patient such drugs (being drugs specified in Schedule 3) as are required for immediate administration or application or for use before a supply can be obtained under paragraph 11.

(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 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).

Duty to prescribe

11. A dentist shall order, on a form to be provided by the Board for the purpose, such drugs specified in Schedule 3 (other than those supplied under paragraph 10) 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

12.—(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 31 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 3 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.

(8) For the purpose of treating a patient for the arrest of bleeding a dentist may, instead of providing this treatment personally, make arrangements with a medical practitioner to provide such treatment on his behalf.

Dental hygienists

13. A dentist may employ a dental hygienist, being an ancillary dental worker whose name appears on the Roll of Dental Hygienists kept by the General Dental Council in accordance with the provisions of regulations made or having effect under section 41 of the Dentists Act 1957(a), and such dentist shall be responsible for all acts and omissions of the dental hygienist.

Withdrawal from dental list

14. 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 3 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 or the Board resolves to make such representations 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.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 28.

SCHEDULE 2

Treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
I. Diagnosis	2(*a*) and (*b*)	Radiological examination involving four or more intra-oral films, or two or more extra-oral films, or two or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films.
II. Conservative Treatment	3	Scaling and gum treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	3(*b*)	Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment.
	4	Prolonged gum treatment.
	5	Gingivectomy.
	9	Inlays (except refixing, recementing or refacing inlays).
	10	Crowning of permanent teeth (other than the initial provision under item 10(*f*)(i) or (ii) of one synthetic resin or porcelain post or dowel crown with or without diaphragm where only a single crown is required during a course of treatment, and other than refixing or recementing a crown).
III. Surgical Treatment	11	Extractions necessitating the supply of dentures (other than the extraction of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over).
	12	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, etc.; surgery on soft tissue.
	13(*a*)(iii)	Administration of a special anaesthetic (e.g., intratracheal), in connection with treatment under item 11, where essential owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.
	13(*b*)	General anaesthetic administered in connection with item 12 of the scale of fees.

†Reference in this schedule to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
IV. Dentures and Special Appliances	14	Provision of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin (other than the initial provision of full upper and lower dentures following the extraction during the same course of treatment of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over).
	15(*a*)	Relining of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	15(*b*)	Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	15(*c*)	Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	18	Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19(*a*)(i)	Provision of dentures in stainless steel.
	19(*a*)(i)	Provision of dentures in chrome cobalt.
	19(*a*)(ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.
	19(*a*)(ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
	19(*b*)	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost of more than £1 14s. 6d.
	19(*c*)	Additions to metal dentures.
	20(*a*)	Provision of obturators.
	20(*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 14s. 6d.
	21	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 14s. 6d.
V. Treatment special to children and young persons	22(*c*)(i)	Conservation by preparation of self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner.†

†Reference in this schedule to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	22(*c*)(ii)	Conservation by topical application of obtundents and coagulents where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner.†
	23(*a*)(i)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children aged 9 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	23(*a*)(ii)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under the age of 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment.
	23(*b*)	Removal of calculus where in exceptional cases it is present to an abnormal degree.
	23(*c*)	Removal of stain where a fee for such treatment has already been paid to the same practitioner.†
	24(*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances.
VI. General Items	30	Any treatment not included in items 1-29 of the scale of fees.

†Reference in this schedule to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

SCHEDULE 3

List of prescribed drugs

Any reference to a drug includes a reference to any ingredient thereof.

Acetylsalicylic Acid
Alum
Benzoic Acid
Borax
Boric Acid
Caffeine
Calcium Gluconate
Calcium Lactate
Chloral Hydrate
Clove Oil
Magnesium Sulphate
Mercurous Chloride
Phenacetin
Phenol
Potassium Bromide
Potassium Chlorate
Potassium Dichromate
Potassium Permanganate
Quinine Sulphate
Sodium Bicarbonate
Sodium Chloride
Sodium Perborate
Sodium Sulphite
Tannic Acid
Zinc Chloride
Zinc Sulphate

Capsules
Tetracycline Capsules, B.P.

Cream
Neomycin and Hydrocortisone Cream, B.P.C.

Draught
Chloral Draught, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

Elixirs
Cascara Elixir, B.P.
Chloral Elixir for Infants, B.P.C.
Promethazine Hydrochloride Elixir, B.N.F.
Tetracycline Elixir, B.N.F.
Any elixir containing methylpentynol as sole active ingredient.

Emulsions
Chloroform Emulsion, B.P.C.
Peppermint Emulsion, B.P.C.

Gargles
Ferric Chloride Gargle, B.P.C.
Phenol Gargle, B.P.C.
Potassium Chlorate and Phenol Gargle, B.P.C.

Glycerins
Borax Glycerin, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.
Tannic Acid Glycerin, B.P.C.
Compound Thymol Glycerin, B.P.C.

Inhalations
Menthol and Benzoin Inhalation, B.P.C.
Menthol and Eucalyptus Inhalation, B.P.C.

Lozenges
Benzalkonium Lozenges, B.P.C.
Benzocaine Lozenges, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.
Compound Benzocaine Lozenges, B.P.C.
Formaldehyde Lozenges, B.P.C.
Hydrocortisone Lozenges, B.P.C.
Potassium Chlorate Lozenges, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

Mixtures
Magnesium Hydroxide Mixture, B.P.
Magnesium Sulphate Mixture, B.P.C.

Mouth-washes
Alkaline Phenol Mouth-wash, B.P.C.
Compound Sodium Chloride Mouth-wash, B.P.C.
Zinc Sulphate and Zinc Chloride Mouth-wash, B.P.C.

Ointment
Nystatin Ointment, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.

Paints
Brilliant Green and Crystal Violet Paint, B.N.F.
Compound Iodine Paint, B.P.C.

Poultice
Kaolin Poultice, B.P.

Solution-tablets
Mouth-wash Solution-tablets, B.P.C.
Sodium Chloride Solution-tablets, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.
Compound Thymol Solution-tablets, B.P.C.

Solutions

Amaranth Solution, B.P.C.
Surgical Chlorinated Soda Solution, B.P.C.
Formaldehyde Solution, B.P.
Hydrogen Peroxide Solution, B.P.
Weak Iodine Solution, B.P.

Tablets

Acetomenaphthone Tablets, B.P.
Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Compound Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.C.
Soluble Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Acetylsalicylic Acid and Phenacetin Tablets, B.P.C.
Acetylsalicylic Acid and Quinine Compound Tablets, Drug Tariff
Strong Compound Aneurine Tablets, B.P.C.
Ascorbic Acid Tablets, B.P.
Calcium Gluconate Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium Lactate Tablets, B.P.
Calcium Sodium Lactate Tablets, B.P.C.
Calcium with Vitamin D Tablets, B.P.C.
Cascara Tablets, B.P.
Compound Cascara Tablets, B.P.C.
Compound Codeine Tablets, B.P.
Codeine Phosphate Tablets, B.P.
Dichloralphenazone Tablets, B.N.F.
Erythromycin Tablets, B.P.
Meprobamate Tablets, B.P.
Mercurous Chloride Tablets, Dental Practitioners' Formulary.
Paracetamol Tablets, B.P.
Phenacetin Tablets, B.P.C.
Phenacetin and Caffeine Tablets, B.P.C.
Phenindamine Tablets, B.P.
Promethazine Hydrochloride Tablets, B.P.
Tetracycline Tablets, B.P.

Tincture

Pyrethrum Tincture, B.P.C. 1934.

Waters

Chloroform Water
Peppermint Water

Barbiturates

Tablets or capsules of any barbiturate which are included in the Dental Practitioners' Formulary for the time being.

Penicillin

Injections of Procaine Benzylpenicillin, whether or not containing Benzylpenicillin
Penicillin Injection, B.P.
Penicillin Lozenges, B.P.C.
Penicillin Tablets, B.P.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Capsules, B.P.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Mixture, B.N.F.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin Tablets, B.P.

Sulphonamides

Sulphadimidine Mixture for Infants, B.P.C.
Tablets of any sulphonamide which are included in the Dental Practitioners' Formulary for the time being.

SCHEDULE 4

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 from time to time 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)	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

I am practising in partnership with

To be completed where appropriate .....

of .....

I am acting as an assistant to

.....

of .....

Signed .....

Date .....

PART II

NORTHERN IRELAND GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

Dental Estimate Form

A	PATIENT'S NAME (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (*Block Letters*)	B	DENTIST'S NAME AND ADDRESS AT WHICH TREATMENT IS TO BE GIVEN (*Rubber Stamp or Block Letters*)
SURNAME			
MAIDEN NAME (if married after 5/7/48)			
FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES (as on Medical Card)			
ADDRESS			
HEALTH SERVICE No.	YEAR OF BIRTH	DENTIST'S CODE No.	

PART 1. To be completed by THE PATIENT.

(*a*) I desire treatment under General Dental Services and understand that it is a condition of receiving treatment that I must attend for dental examination if required to do so.

(*b*) I have been residing continuously in Great Britain/Northern Ireland since.....

To be completed as far as applicable.

(*c*) I undertake to pay the dentist the sum of £ s. d. and I understand that the dentist may require me to pay the whole or part of this sum before proceeding with my treatment.

(*d*) To be completed by persons claiming exemption from charges.

I understand that I am making the declaration which follows for the purpose of obtaining free of charge treatment for which a charge would otherwise be made, and I further understand that persons making a false declaration will be liable to a fine not exceeding £100, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both. I undertake to provide to the Board such documentary evidence as may be required to substantiate this declaration.

YOUNG PERSONS

(i) *Exemption from the charges for dentures and other treatment: Persons under 16*

I declare that the patient is aged under 16 years at last birthday and was born on..... with Health Service number as shown above.

Persons 16 or over receiving full-time school education

I declare that I am in full-time attendance at.....(school) .....(address) and my Health Service number is as shown above

(ii) *Exemption from the charge for treatment other than dentures or bridges, the relining of dentures, and the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures: Persons 16 or over and under 21*

I declare that I am aged under 21 years at last birthday, and was born on..... and my Health Service number is as shown above.

EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS

(iii) *Exemption from the charges for dentures and other treatment:*

I declare that I am—

(1) an expectant mother and expect my confinement on or about

.....

or

(2) the mother of a child born on

.....

(i.e., within twelve months of the date below) and my Health Service number is as shown above.

*Signature .....

Date .....

PART 2. To THE DENTAL ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

I have examined this patient to-day and have entered in Part 7 the clinical conditions and in Part 8 details of the treatment necessary to secure dental fitness.

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

PART 3. To THE DENTIST

Treatment as detailed in Part 8 is approved at £ s. d. which includes the payment by the patient of the sum of £ s. d.

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

PART 4. To be completed by THE PATIENT

I certify that to the best of my belief Examination/Treatment has been completed.

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

FOR OFFICIAL USE

*In the case of a child under 16 years or an invalid, the parent, guardian or other authorised person should sign for the patient.

PART 5. To be signed by the Dentist and RETAINED BY THE PATIENT

I have received £ s. d. in connection with the provision of dental treatment under General Dental Services to—

Mr., Mrs., Miss.....

of.....

Signature of Dentist..... Date..... Code No.....

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

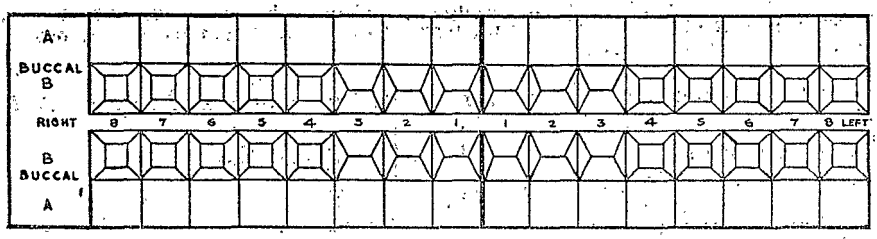
DENTIST'S CODE NO.	

I accept Mr./Mrs./Miss..... as a patient under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 for treatment as detailed by me in Part 8.

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

PART 7. To be completed by THE DENTIST

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*Use E.D.C.B.A. where appropriate. Alternatively Form HS 45/Part 7a may be used.

PART 8. **DETAILS OF TREATMENT AND FEES**

Column I	£	s.	d.	Column II	£	s.	d.
Examination and Report							
X-Ray and Report							
Scaling—Gum Treatment (date)							
Fillings							
Root Treatment							
Extractions							
General Anaesthetic							
Anaesthetist's Signature							
Crowns							
Inlays							
Dentures							
Denture repairs—Other forms of treatment							
£				£			

PART 9. I certify that Treatment as shown in Col. I—Col. II was completed on .....and that extractions necessitating dentures were completed on.....and I claim fees amounting to £ : :

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

PART 10. OBSERVATIONS

The patient is in possession of dentures

State age, condition, fit and notation.

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
Health Service 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 under 16 years or an 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. .....

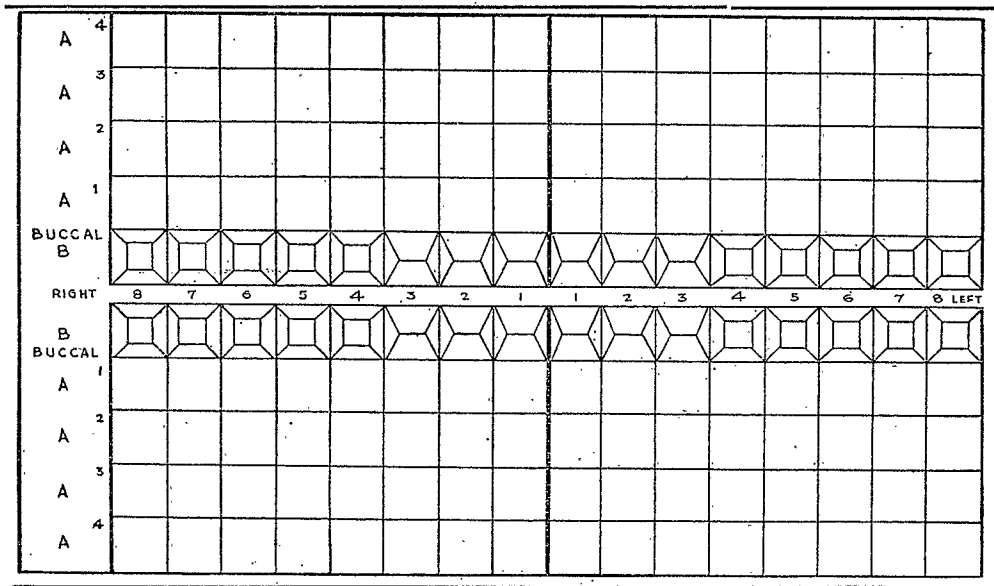
HEALTH SERVICE NUMBER .....
YEAR OF BIRTH .....

Date	*Treatment*	*Date*	*Treatment*	*Date*	*Treatment*

(To be used if desired)
DENTIST'S NAME .....

DENTIST'S CODE NO. .....

PART IV.—*Continued*



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																		

PART V

Modified Estimate Form

I. FRONT OF FORM

A PATIENT'S SURNAME (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (Block Letters)	B DENTIST'S NAME AND ADDRESS AND CODE NO. (Rubber Stamp or Block Letters)
CHRISTIAN NAMES	
ADDRESS	
HEALTH SERVICE NO. / YEAR OF BIRTH	

PART 1. To be completed by the PATIENT, so far as applicable, if the patient is entitled to free treatment.

PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS

I declare that..... was aged under 21 years at last birthday and was born on.....

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

EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS

I declare that I am—

An expectant mother, and expect my confinement on or about.....

or

The mother of a child born on..... (*i.e.*, within twelve months of the date of application).

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

Persons making a false declaration will be liable to a penalty.

PART 2 to be completed by THE DENTIST

PARTICULARS OF TREATMENT

†Extractions (*see over*)
†General anaesthetic
†Dressings
†Repairs to dentures (state particulars)
†Arrest of bleeding
†Domiciliary visits
†X-ray

†Delete as necessary.

Anaesthetist's signature .....

AMOUNT PAYABLE BY THE PATIENT £ : :

I certify that the treatment shown above has been completed and I claim fees amounting to £ : :

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

For Official Use

I certify that treatment as detailed in Part 2 has been completed and that my Health Service number is as above.

PART 3 to be completed by THE PATIENT * Signed .....

*In the case of a child under 16 years or an invalid, the parent, guardian or other authorised person should sign for the patient.

2. BACK OF FORM

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The treatment which may be the subject of this form is as follows:—

(*a*) Not more than two extractions
(*b*) General anaesthetic
(*c*) Dressings
(*d*) Repairs of dentures at a scale cost not exceeding 35s. per denture.
(*e*) Arrest of bleeding
(*f*) Domicillary visits in connection with the treatment indicated at (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) or (*e*) above
(*g*) One X-ray.

THIS FORM MUST NOT BE USED EXCEPT FOR TREATMENT OF THE KINDS SPECIFIED ABOVE.

SCHEDULE 5

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 6 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, 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.

SCHEDULE 6

Scale of fees for dental treatment and conditions with respect to materials

PART I

1. The scale of fees set out in Parts II to VII shall apply provided that each dentist who was on the list of the Board at 31st December, 1961, shall receive an additional sum amounting to 4 per cent. of the gross fees determined under regulation 18 payable to him by the Board in respect of general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made during the period from 31st October, 1962, to 31st March, 1963, and amounting to 2 per cent. of the gross fees determined under regulation 18 payable to him by the Board in respect of general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made during the period from 31st March, 1963, to 30th June, 1963.

2. In respect of general dental services provided by a dental practitioner, under a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 21st October, 1963, there shall be paid to him by the Board, in addition to the fees authorised in respect of those services under regulation 18, a sum equal to one per cent. of the amount of those fees.

PART II. DIAGNOSIS

1. *Clinical examination and report:* 6s. 6d.

Provided that—

(1) only one fee shall be payable during a course of treatment;

(2) no fee shall be payable for:—

(*a*) an examination in respect of repairs to dentures for edentulous patients,

(*b*) a group examination in schools or institutions,

(*c*) an examination of a person aged 21 years or over if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month during which a further examination is made,

(*d*) an examination of a person under 21 years of age if the same practitioner† has been paid or is entitled to be paid for an examination and report on that person made on or after the preceding 1st February, 1st June or 1st October, whichever of these dates last occurred;

(3) in the case of a woman who is, or has been, pregnant and who is not edentulous, a fee shall be payable for one examination during the period of pregnancy and 12 months thereafter, additional to the examinations for which payment may otherwise be made under this item and all such examinations may be carried out at any time during the said period.

2. *Radiological examination and report:*

Fees per course of treatment:—

(*a*) Intra-oral films:

1 film	7s. 6d.
*2 films	10s. 0d.
*Each additional film	2s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d.

(*b*) Extra-oral films:

*1 film	10s. 6d.
*Each additional film	6s. 0d. up to a maximum of £1 2s. 6d.

Provided that the Committee may require that the X-ray films or duplicates be submitted to them before payment is made.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

PART III. CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

3. *Scaling and gum treatment* for persons aged 16 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment, including the removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth, and the provision of prophylactic or other necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums:

(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*)).	12s. 6d.
*(*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 12s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 to the same practitioner† 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. *Prolonged gum treatment* including scaling which may also include correction of simple traumatic occlusion.	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £2 0s. 0d. to £4 0s. 0d.
*5. *Gingivectomy:*	
Fee for treatment relating to first 2 adjacent teeth.	£1 1s. 0d.
Fee for treatment relating to additional teeth, per tooth.	5s. 0d.

6. *Fillings* (including any dressings), except fillings in deciduous teeth of children 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.	12s. 6d. with a maximum of 12s. 6d. for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of 18s. 0d. 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.	£1 15s. 0d.
(iii) a mesial-occlusal or distal-occlusal cavity inclusive of any extension of such a cavity into the lingual or buccal surfaces or both in a molar or pre-molar tooth.	£1 2s. 6d. with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 15s. 0d. per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	18s. 0d. with a maximum of £1 5s. 0d. for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(*b*) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	18s. 0d. with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1 7s. 6d.

Provided that—

(*a*) for combinations of the types of fillings set out below in the same tooth

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

no fee shall be payable in excess of the amount shown opposite:—

1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iii)	£1 7s. 6d.
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1 3s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 10s. 0d.
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 10s. 0d.

(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 0s. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of any of the types of fillings necessary in one tooth.

7. *Root treatment of permanent teeth,* including all attention in connection therewith but not including the provision of X-rays or the insertion of any filling in the crown of the tooth:

(*a*) treatment comprising either the devitalisation of the pulp of a 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 septic root canals and the subsequent filling of each canal—	
Fee per single rooted non-septic tooth.	£1 10s. 0d
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth.	£2 5s. 0d.
(*b*) vital pulpotomy, including any necessary dressing, fee per tooth.	£1 1s. 0d.
(*c*) apicectomy, including any necessary root treatment, fee per tooth.	£3 15s. 0d.

8. *Gold Fillings* (other than inlays) £3 0s. 0d. per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £4 10s. 0d.

9. *Inlays* (including any dressings):

	A Alloys containing 60% or more fine gold.	B Any other alloys.
*(*a*) metal inlay		
(i) a single surface cavity	£3 19s. 0d.	£3 13s. 6d.
(ii) a compound cavity	£5 0s. 0d.	£4 9s. 6d.
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£5 5s. 0d.	£4 14s. 6d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£5 15s. 6d.	£5 5s. 0d.
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay.	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £4 9s. 6d. to £8 13s. 6d.	
*(*c*) provision of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin.	12s. 6d. per inlay.	
(*d*) refixing, recementing or refacing inlay.	12s. 6d. per inlay.	
*(*e*) renewal or replacement by another inlay.	Such fee as the Committee may approve, not exceeding the fee for a new inlay of the type being provided.	

10. *Crowning of permanent teeth,* including any dressings but excluding root treatment:

*(*a*) Full veneer or jacket crown (on a vital or non-vital tooth):	
(i) gold, swaged or swaged/cast	£4 15s. 0d.
(ii) gold, cast to full shoulder preparation	£5 5s. 0d.
(iii) gold, cast to full shoulder preparation with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£6 0s. 0d.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast.	£5 15s. 6d.
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth	£4 10s. 0d.
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£3 0s. 0d.
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth.	£5 5s. 0d.
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth	£8 5s. 0d.
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth	£6 0s. 0d.
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth.	£9 0s. 0d.
*(*e*) (i) Synthetic resin veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post.	£5 5s. 0d.
(ii) Porcelain veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post.	£7 0s. 0d.
*(*f*) Synthetic resin or porcelain post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£2 17s. 6d.
(ii) with diaphragm	£3 17s. 6d.
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing.	£5 7s. 6d.
*(*g*) Modifications to the above crowns, and 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 £9 0s. 0d.
(*h*) Refixing or recementing crown	12s. 6d. per crown.
*(*i*) Repair of a crown.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding two-thirds of the fee for a new crown of the type being repaired.
*(*j*) Renewal by a similar type of crown.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not normally exceeding three-quarters of the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.
*(*k*) Replacement by a different type of crown.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding the fee for a new crown of the type being provided.

PART IV. SURGICAL TREATMENT

*11. *Extractions:*

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth	8s. 6d.	
2 teeth	9s. 6d.	With a total additional fee of 2s. 0d. if teeth are extracted from more than one quadrant of the mouth.
3, 4 or 5 teeth	11s. 6d.	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	15s. 6d.	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 1s. 6d.	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 5s. 6d.	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 9s. 6d.	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£1 13s. 6d.	
over 20 teeth	£1 19s. 6d.	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal systemic condition of the patient the Committee may allow an additional fee not exceeding £1 17s. 6d. per course.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £3 3s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*b*) Removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth or grossly exostosed tooth, or other similar operation, including attention in connection therewith.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £7 10s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*c*) Surgery on soft tissues, other than gingivectomy.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £1 11s. 6d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
13. *Administration of a general anaesthetic:*	
(*a*) In connection with treatment under item 11:	
(i) where a doctor or dentist, other than the dentist carrying out the extraction, administers the anaesthetic:	
Fee per visit—	
1 to 3 teeth extracted	10s. 0d.
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£1 0s. 0d.
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£1 10s. 0d.
20 teeth or over extracted	£2 0s. 0d.
(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:	
Fee per patient per course of treatment.	7s. 6d.
*(iii) where the Committee are satisfied that a special anaesthetic (e.g., intratracheal) is essential owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £4 4s. 0d. per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per course of treatment shall be payable under (i), or (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £5 0s. 0d. 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 item 12 where a doctor or dentist, other than the dentist carrying out the treatment, administers the anaesthetic.	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £2 0s. 0d.

Provided that where in special circumstances a special anaesthetic (e.g., intratracheal) is to be administered the fee will be such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £4 4s. 0d.

Part V. Dentures 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 vulcanite or synthetic resin:*	
(*a*) full upper and full lower dentures	£9 16s. 6d.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth £4 8s. 6d.
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth £5 4s. 0d.
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth £5 12s. 0d.

Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £9 16s. 6d.

(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—
(i) stainless steel £1 2s. 0d.
(ii) gold or other approved material Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £2 12s. 0d.

15. *Relining or rebasing of dentures,* or provision of soft linings to dentures, including all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion:

(*a*) relining or rebasing dentures £2 0s. 0d. per denture.

*Provided that where relining is to be accompanied by repairs and/or additions the prior approval of the Committee is required and the fee for all items shall be such fee as the Committee may approve.

*(*b*) Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus. Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per denture.

*(*c*) Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus. Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £2 0s. 0d. per denture.

16. *Repairs:*

(*a*) (i) repairing a crack or fracture, or
(ii) refixing or replacing a tooth (including any gum associated therewith) or
(iii) refixing or replacing a clasp (including any gum associated therewith) or
(iv) covering exposed pins.
One repair under (*a*) 15s. 0d.

(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*)(i)-(iv) 5s. 0d.

(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*) 15s. 0d.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 14s. 6d. per denture shall be payable under item 16 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

17. *Additions:*

(*a*) addition of a clasp or tooth (including any gum associated therewith). £1 5s. 0d.

(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17(*a*). £1 5s. 0d.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 14s. 6d. per denture shall be payable under item 17 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

*18. *Backing or posting 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. 11s. 6d.
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold. 17s. 6d.
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold. £1 5s. 0d.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*19. *Metal dentures.* These dentures may not be provided until such period after extraction (normally not less than 3 months) as the dentist thinks fit:

(*a*) Fee per denture in:

	A	B
(i) Base metal alloys:	Stainless Steel	Chrome Cobalt
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth.	£7 17s. 6d.	£11 10s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth.	£8 13s. 6d.	£12 10s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth.	£9 9s. 0d.	£13 10s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth.	£10 5s. 0d.	£14 10s. 0d.
full denture.	£8 18s. 6d.	£13 0s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal.	10s. 6d. per tooth up to a maximum of £2 2s. per denture.	17s. 6d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 10s. per denture.
(ii) Precious metal alloys:	Containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.	Containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth.	£11 10s. 0d.	£12 0s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth.	£12 10s. 0d.	£14 0s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth.	£13 10s. 0d.	£16 0s. 0d.
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth.	£14 10s. 0d.	£18 0s. 0d.
full denture.	£13 0s. 0d.	£16 0s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal.	17s. 6d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 10s. per denture.	£1 5s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £4 12s. 6d. per denture.

(*b*) Repairs and
(*c*) Additions. — Fee appropriate to similar treatment to plastic or vulcanite dentures as covered by items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee, if any, as the Committee may approve.

B. Special Appliances

*20. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee. — Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £3 0s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d. or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.

(*b*) Repairs to obturators. — Such fee as the Committee may approve.

21. Treatment involving splints or other appliances. — Such fee as the Committee may approve.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

PART VI. TREATMENT SPECIAL TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

22. Conservative treatment of deciduous teeth of children under 16 years of age at the beginning of a course of treatment:

(*a*) by filling with amalgam, oxyphosphate cement or other similar materials:

(i) single surface cavity, per filling	10s. 0d.
(ii) any other cavity, per filling	15s. 0d.

(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap. 15s. 0d. per tooth.

Provided that no fee in excess of 15s. 0d. shall be payable for any combination of the above types of conservation necessary in one tooth.

(*c*) by conservation by other means:

(i) by preparing self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments:

per tooth	7s. 6d.
maximum per patient	£1 11s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (i) where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner† unless, in exceptional circumstances, the approval of the Committee is first obtained.

(ii) by topical application of obtundents and coagulants:

per patient	7s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under (ii) where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner† unless, in exceptional circumstances, the approval of the Committee is first obtained.

(*d*) by vital pulpotomy, including necessary dressing, per tooth 10s. 6d.

23. (*a*) Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under 16 years at the beginning of a course of treatment and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums. 5s. 6d.

*Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23(*a*):

(i) where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done;

(ii) in respect of a patient under 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment

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 children under 16 years at the beginning of a course of treatment, and the provision of necessary treatment for all ordinary or simple disorders of the gums. 12s. 6d.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

(*c*) Removal of stain including any necessary polishing.	5s. 6d.

*Provided that—

(i) no further fee shall be payable for treatment under item 23(*c*) to the same practitioner† unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained, and

(ii) no fee shall be payable during a course of treatment where a fee is paid under item 23(*a*) or (*b*).

24. *(*a*) Orthodontic treatment of children and young persons under 18 years 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 VII. GENERAL ITEMS

25. *Dressing of teeth in respect of a casual patient:*	
Fee for one tooth	8s. 6d.
Fee for 2 or more teeth	10s. 6d.
26. *Domiciliary visits where a patient's condition so requires:*	
Fee per visit to one or more patients at one address	10s. 0d.
27. *Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:*	
Fee per course	5s. 0d.
28. *Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examinations, etc.:*	
Fee per course	7s. 6d.

29. *Treatment for arrest of abnormal haemorrhage* including abnormal haemorrhage following dental treatment provided otherwise than as part of general dental services:

Fee for arrest of bleeding or for administration of associated after care (e.g., removal of a plug or stitches) per visit	15s. 0d.

Provided that the same practitioner† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after care.

*30. Fee for any other treatment not included in this scale.	Such fee as the Committee may approve.

*See schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

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

PART VIII. CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS

(1) All materials used shall conform to standards specified by the British Standards Institution where these exist.

(2) The nature of materials used or to be used shall be specified on an estimate for the provision of (*a*) a crown, (*b*) an inlay, (*c*) a filling with any material other than amalgam, and (*d*) the provision or repair of, or additions to, a metal denture.

(3) All filling materials shall be of first-grade quality and suitable for each individual cavity. Cements, synthetic resins, and copper amalgam may be used for the conservation of deciduous teeth. Silicate and silico-phosphate cements or self-polymerising synthetic resin filling materials shall be regarded as permanent filling materials for permanent teeth where they are used in anterior teeth, but shall not be so regarded, or so used, in teeth posterior to the canines (other than first and second premolars where occlusal stresses are not involved), unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained. Other cements, and copper amalgam shall not be regarded as permanent filling materials for permanent teeth, or so used, unless in special circumstances the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained. For the purposes of this paragraph cements shall be taken to include all filling materials which consist of powders in combination with liquids other than mercury.

(4) All materials used in dentures shall be of first grade quality. A plastic material other than vulcanite shall be used for the denture base or addition to the denture only if it is of a brand approved for the time being by the Ministry.

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

(6) Porcelain diatoric anterior teeth may only be used in vulcanite or plastic base dentures when artificial gum is necessary.

(7) Strengtheners shall be compatible with the denture base materials used and not liable to change in the mouth.

(8) Bands and clasps shall be of either—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 40 per cent. of fine gold, platinum or palladium, and 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 for the time being by the Ministry.

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

(9) In cases of close bite where porcelain or plastic teeth cannot be used, cusps of the following materials may be used—

(*a*) alloys containing not less than 33⅓ per cent. of fine 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 for the time being by the Ministry.

(10) Metal used for crowns, denture bases, backings, posts and tags shall be—

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

(*b*) stainless steel, or

(*c*) such other materials as may be approved for the time being by the Ministry, and

(*d*) shall be of adequate strength.

(11) Casing of gold cased lingual or palatal bars shall be of not less than 18 carat gold.

(12) Synthetic resin material shall not be used for inlays.

SCHEDULE 7

Charges payable for Dental Appliances and Dental Treatment

1. Full upper and lower dentures	£5 0 0
Per denture	
1, 2 or 3 teeth	£2 5 0
4-8 teeth	£2 10 0
more than 8 teeth	£2 15 0

2. The amount of the charge for any dental treatment not being
   (*a*) the supply, replacement or repair of dentures or dental bridges;
   (*b*) the repair of orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints, radium applicators or other special dental appliances;
   (*c*) the arrest of bleeding; or
   (*d*) the clinical examination of a patient or any report thereon;

shall be the current authorised fee for all such services or one pound whichever is the less.

3. The charge shall in no case exceed £5 0s. 0d.

SCHEDULE 8

Regulations revoked

Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**).
Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**b**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1949(**c**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951(**d**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951(**e**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951(**f**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1952(**g**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1952(**h**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1952(**i**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(**j**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**k**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**l**).
Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**m**).
Health Services (General Dental Services and General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(**n**).
Health Services (Dental Estimates Committee Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(**o**).
Health Services (General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**p**).

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 157.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 160.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 78.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 47.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 81.
(**f**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 133.
(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 17.
(**h**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 86.
(**i**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 223.
(**j**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 145.
(**k**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 134.
(**l**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 119.
(**m**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 122.
(**n**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 182.
(**o**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 250.
(**p**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 24.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations are a consolidation of the regulations relating to general dental services revoked by schedule 8, with a few amendments of a purely drafting nature.

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POISONS

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH APRIL, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 32 OF THE MEDICINES, PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1945.

I, The Right Honourable William Craig, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in me by Section 32 of the Medicines, Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1945(a), do hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Poisons (Fluoroacetamide and Fluoroacetanilide) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 and shall come into operation on 1st June, 1964.

Amendments

2.—(1) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 15 of the Poisons Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(b) hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations" (which imposes restrictions on the sale and supply of monofluoroacetic acid or any salt thereof) for the words at the beginning "It shall not be lawful to sell or supply monofluoroacetic acid or any salt thereof", there shall be substituted the words "It shall not be lawful to sell or supply any substance to which this paragraph applies".

(2) In the proviso to the said paragraph, for the words "monofluoroacetic acid or a salt thereof"—

(*a*) in the first place where those words occur and in sub-paragraph (*d*) there shall be substituted the words "a substance to which this paragraph applies",

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted the words "a substance to which this paragraph applies named in the certificate".

(3) At the end of the said paragraph there shall be added:

"This paragraph applies to monofluoroacetic acid, any salt thereof, fluoroacetamide and fluoroacetanilide.".

(4) For Schedule 14 to the principal Regulations (which sets out two forms of certificate authorising the purchase of monofluoroacetic acid or a salt thereof as a rodenticide in different circumstances) there shall be substituted the schedule set out in the schedule to these Regulations.

(a) 1945. c. 9. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 136.