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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD JUNE, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 11 and 80 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:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services and General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, and shall come into operation on the 1st July, 1966.

2.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, these regulations shall not apply to general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st July, 1966, and such services shall continue to be subject to the provisions of the regulations in force immediately before that date.

(2) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st July, 1966 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date and relates to a fee of 6s. 6d. in respect of item 1 of the scale of fees, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 of the principal regulations a sum equal to 1s. 0d. in respect of every such fee payable under the said item 1.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st July, 1966 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under the said regulation 18 a sum equal to 10·5 per cent. of the amount of those fees.

(4) In respect of an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated during the period beginning with 1st April, 1966 and ending with 30th June, 1966, the Board shall pay to a practitioner a sum equal to 5·75 per cent. of the amounts payable under regulation 18 and Part I of Schedule 6 of the principal regulations.

3. The Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In regulation 18 paragraphs (2)(*a*) and (*b*) the words "Part I" shall be deleted.

(2) For Schedule 2 (which sets out the treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required) there shall be substituted the first schedule of these regulations.

(a) 1948. c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

(3) For Parts I to VII of Schedule 6 (which prescribe the scale of fees for treatment) there shall be substituted the second schedule to these regulations.

(4) Part VIII of Schedule 6 shall be renumbered Part VII.

(5) In Part VII of Schedule 6 (which prescribes conditions with respect to materials)

(*a*) in paragraph (10) after the word "crowns" there shall be inserted the word "bridges".

(*b*) after paragraph (12) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"(13) Self-polymerising resins shall not be used in the construction of permanent crowns."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of June, 1966.

(L.S.) *Lancelot Browne,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of June, 1966.

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

"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: (*a*) in cases of apicectomy, involving 5 or more intra-oral films; (*b*) in orthodontic cases, involving 7 or more intra-oral films, or 3 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with 3 or more extra-oral films; (*c*) in any other case, involving 4 or more intra-oral films, or 2 or more extra-oral films, or 3 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.
	5	Periodontal treatment other than treatment provided under items 3 and 4.
	8	Gold fillings.
	9	Inlays (except renewal of a facing under item 9(*c*) or refixing or recementing an inlay under item 9(*d*)).
	10	Crowning of permanent teeth (other than the initial provision under item 10(*f*)(i) or (ii) of one synthetic resin 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) or comprising part of a course of orthodontic treatment.

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A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	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.
IV. Dentures, Bridges 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*)(ii)	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.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	20(*a*)	Bridges.
	21(*a*)	Provision of obturators.
	21(*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 14s. 6d.
	21(*c*)	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 14s. 6d.
V. Treatment special to children	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.†
	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 the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 11 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	24(*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances. (See item 11.)
VI. General Items	30	Any treatment not included in items 1-29 of the scale of fees."

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SECOND SCHEDULE

"SCHEDULE 6

Scale of Fees for Dental Treatment and Conditions with respect to Materials

PART I. DIAGNOSIS

1. *Clinical examination and report:* 8s. 0d.

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	8s. 0d.
*2 films	10s. 0d.
*Each additional film	2s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d.
(*b*) Extra-oral films:	
*1 film	11s. 0d.
*Each additional film	6s. 6d. up to a maximum of £1 4s. 0d.

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

PART II. CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT

A. PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

3. *Scaling* 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

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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*)).	13s. 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 13s. 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. *Treatment urgently required* for acute infective conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa.	8s. 0d.
*5. *Other periodontal treatment* including protracted scaling and gingivectomy (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £4 10s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve):

Provided that in respect of gingivectomy and associated aftercare the fee shall be—

For treatment relating to the first 2 adjacent teeth in one jaw.	£1 2s. 0d.
For treatment relating to additional teeth, per tooth.	5s. 0d.

B. RESTORATIVE TREATMENT

6. *Fillings* (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment) 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.	13s. 6d. with a maximum of 13s. 6d. for two or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth, and a maximum of 19s. 0d. for two 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 16s. 0d.

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(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 4s. 0d. with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 16s. 0d. per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	19s. 0d. with a maximum of £1 6s. 0d. for two or more such fillings per tooth.
(*b*) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling.	19s. 0d. with a maximum for two or more such fillings per tooth of £1 9s. 0d.

Provided that

(*a*) for combinations of the types of fillings set out below in the same tooth no fee shall be payable in excess of the amount shown opposite:—

1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iii)	£1 10s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1 4s. 0d.
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 11s. 0d.
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 11s. 0d.

(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 2s. 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 15s. 0d.
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth	£3 0s. 0d.
(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of the removal of the coronal portion of the pulp including any necessary dressing, fee per tooth	£1 10s. 0d.
(*c*) apicectomy, fee per tooth	£2 0s. 0d.
*8. *Gold Fillings* (other than inlays)	£3 0s. 0d. per filling with a maximum for two or more such fillings per tooth of £4 10s. 0d.

9. *Inlays* (including any dressings):	A	B
*(*a*) metal inlay	Alloys containing 60% or more fine gold	Any other alloys
(i) a single surface cavity	£4 5s. 0d.	£4 0s. 0d.

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(ii) a compound cavity	£6 5s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£6 0s. 0d.	£5 0s. 0d.
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£8 0s. 0d.	£6 0s 0d.
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £5 0s. 0d. to £9 0s. 0d.	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin	15s. 0d. per inlay.	
(*d*) refixing or recementing inlay	15s. 0d. 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,	£6 10s. 0d.
(ii) gold, with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£7 5s. 0d.
*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast	£8 0s. 0d.
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth	£5 5s. 0d.
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£4 0s. 0d.
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£6 10s. 0d.
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth	£9 0s. 0d.
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth	£7 0s. 0d.
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth.	£10 0s. 0d.
*(*e*) (i) Synthetic resin veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post.	£5 15s. 0d.
(ii) Porcelain veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post.	£8 10s. 0d.
*(*f*) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£3 10s. 0d.
(ii) with diaphragm	£5 15s. 0d.
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing	£6 5s. 0d.

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*(*g*) Modifications to the above crowns, and other forms of crown not in the opinion of the Dental Estimates Committee included in the above items.	Such fee as the Committee may approve, not exceeding £10 0s. 0d.
(*h*) Refixing or recementing crown	15s. 0d. per crown.
*(*i*) Repair of a crown:	
(i) renewal of the coronal portion only of a post or dowel crown appropriate to item 10(*f*)(i) or 10(*f*)(ii).	£2 0s. 0d.
(ii) other 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 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.

Provided that where the Committee approve the use of a special bonding technique in connection with a porcelain crown the Committee may increase the fee by an amount not exceeding £5 0s. 0d.

Part III. Surgical Treatment

*11. *Extractions:*

Fee per course of treatment:—

1 tooth		11s.	0d.	With a total additional fee of 2s. 0d. for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first.
2 teeth		12s.	0d.	
3, 4 or 5 teeth		13s.	6d.	
6, 7 or 8 teeth		18s.	0d.	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1	2s.	6d.	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1	7s.	0d.	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1	11s.	6d.	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£1	16s.	0d.	
over 20 teeth	£2	0s.	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 £2 0s. 0d. per course.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £3 10s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

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(*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 £8 5s. 0d. (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).
(*c*) Surgery on soft tissue, other than periodontal surgery appropriate to Item 5.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £1 15s. 0d. (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	15s. 0d.
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£1 1s. 0d.
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£1 11s. 6d.
20 teeth or over extracted - -	£2 2s. 0d.

(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:
Fee per patient per course of treatment. 8s. 0d.

*(iii) where the Dental Estimates Committee are satisfied that the anaesthetist would be faced with special difficulties 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 14s. 0d. per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2 2s. 0d. per course of treatment shall be payable under (i), or (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £5 10s. 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 items 5, 7(*c*) and 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 2s. 0d.

Provided that in cases presenting special clinical difficulty the fee will be such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £4 14s. 6d.

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PART IV. DENTURES, BRIDGES AND SPECIAL APPLIANCES OTHER THAN ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

A. Dentures

Fees for the provision of dentures cover the provision of all necessary clasps, rests and strengtheners and all adjustments needed within a reasonable period of time after completion.

*14. *Dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin:*	
(*a*) full upper and full lower dentures	£11 10s. 0d.
(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£5 0s. 0d.
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth	£5 15s. 0d.
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth	£6 10s. 0d.
Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £11 10s. 0d.	
(*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 17s. 6d.
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:	
(i) not accompanied by repairs or additions	£2 5s. 0d.
*(ii) accompanied by repairs and/or additions.	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 5s. 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 5s. 0d. per denture.
16. *Repairs* (except repairs accompanying relining or rebasing which are appropriate to item 15(*a*)(ii):	
(*a*) (i) repairing a crack or fracture, (including provision of any strengthener) or	
(ii) refixing a tooth or providing and fixing a replacement for a missing tooth (including any gum associated therewith) or	

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(iii) refixing a clasp or providing and fixing replacement for a missing clasp (including any gum associated therewith) or	
(iv) covering exposed pins: One repair under (*a*)	17s. 0d.
(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*)(i)-(iv)	5s. 0d.
(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*).	17s. 0d. per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 18s. 0d. per denture shall be payable under item 16 or for any combination of treatment under items 16 and 17.

17. *Additions* (except additions accompanying relining or rebasing which are appropriate to item 15(*a*)(ii)):

(*a*) addition of a clasp or tooth (including any gum associated therewith).	£1 8s. 0d.
(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under item 17(*a*).	£1 8s. 0d. per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 18s. 0d. 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. 0d.
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.	17s. 0d.
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.	£1 10s. 0d.

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

(*a*) Fee per denture in:	A	B
(i) Base metal alloys:	Stainless Steel	Chrome Cobalt
Partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth.	£9 15s. 0d.	£12 5s. 0d.
Partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth.	£11 0s. 0d.	£13 5s. 0d.
Partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth.	£11 10s. 0d.	£14 5s. 0d.
Partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth.	£12 10s. 0d.	£15 5s. 0d.
Full denture.	£11 0s. 0d.	£13 15s. 0d.
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal.	15s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 per denture.	15s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 per denture.

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	A Containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.	B Containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
(ii) Precious metal alloys:		
Partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth.	£12 5s. 0d.	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
Partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth.	£13 5s. 0d.	
Partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth.	£14 5s. 0d.	
Partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth.	£15 5s. 0d.	
Full denture.	£13 15s. 0d.	
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal.	15s. 0d. per tooth up to a maximum of £3 0s. 0d. per denture.	
(*b*) Repairs and (*c*) Additions	Fee appropriate to similar treatment to synthetic resin or vulcanite dentures as covered by items 16 and/or 17 together with such additional fee, if any, as the Committee may approve.	

B. Bridges and Special Appliances

*20. *Bridges.*	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
*21. (*a*) Obturators, fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee.	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £3 5s. 0d. to £5 10s. 0d. or such additional fee as may be approved in special circumstances.
(*b*) Repairs to obturators.	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
(*c*) Treatment involving splints or other appliances (other than in connection with periodontal treatment).	Such fee as the Committee may approve.

PART V. TREATMENT SPECIAL TO CHILDREN

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 (including any dressings, pulp capping and other necessary preparatory treatment):	
(i) single surface cavity, per filling	11s. 6d.
(ii) any other cavity, per filling	16s. 0d.

*See second schedule for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap. 16s. 0d. per tooth.

Provided that no fee in excess of 16s. 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	8s. 0d.
maximum per patient	£1 0s. 0d.

*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 applications of obtundents and coagulants:

per patient 8s. 0d.

*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 11s. 0d.

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. 6s. 0d

*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.

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*(*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.	13s. 6d.
(*c*) Removal of stain, including any necessary polishing:	6s. 0d.

Provided that no fee shall be payable under item 23(*c*)—

*(i) where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*c*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 11 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done unless the prior approval of the Committee is obtained;

(ii) 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 VI. General Items

25. *Dressing of teeth in respect of a casual patient:*	
Fee for one tooth	9s. 0d.
Fee for two or more teeth	12s. 0d.
26. *Domiciliary visits where a patient's condition so requires:*	
Fee per visit to one or more patients at one address	15s. 0d.
27. *Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:*	
Fee per course	5s. 6d.
28. *Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examination, etc.:*	
Fee per course	8s. 0d.

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

Fee per visit for arrest of bleeding or for administration of associated after care:	17s. 6d.

Provided that:

(i) the same practitioner† who arrests bleeding may not also be paid for the administration of after care;

(ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or stitches the fee shall be only 10s. 0d.;

(iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £2 5s. 0d. or such higher sum as the Committee may in special circumstances approve.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 by providing for a new second schedule, incorporating changes to the list of items of treatment which dental practitioners may provide under the Health Service only with the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee, and by providing new fees payable to dental practitioners.

These provisions will apply in respect of courses of dental treatment provided under a contract or arrangement for general dental services entered into or made on or after 1st July, 1966.

Minor amendments are also made in the conditions with respect to materials.

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