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HEALTH SERVICES

Hospital and Specialist Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH AUGUST 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, 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 21, 76 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969, and shall come into operation on 11th August 1969, and shall apply to the supply of dentures or glasses where the examination or testing of sight or first examination or first testing of sight leading to the supply of the dentures or glasses takes place on or after 11th August 1969.

Amendment

2. The Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) After Regulation 4, there shall be inserted the following Regulation:—

"**5.** No charge, which would otherwise be payable under these Regulations, shall be payable in respect of the supply (including the replacement) of a dental appliance as part of hospital and specialist services to a person who has undergone operative procedures affecting the mandible, the maxilla or the soft tissues of the mouth as part of treatment for invasive tumours."

(2) For the Schedule (which prescribes the scale of charges to be made and recovered by the Authority for the supply of dentures or glasses) there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

(a) 1948 c.3 (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961 No. 120

"SCHEDULE

Part I

Charges payable for Dentures

Full upper and lower dentures	£6 5s. 0d.
Per denture:—	
1, 2 or 3 teeth	£2 16s. 0d.
4 to 8 teeth	£3 2s. 0d.
more than 8 teeth	£3 9s. 0d.

Provided that the charge under these Regulations shall in no case exceed £6 5s. 0d.

Part II

Charges payable for Glasses, etc.

Lenses:—	
per single vision lens	16s. 0d. per lens
per bifocal or multifocal lens	£1 5s. 0d. per lens
Frames	the current specified cost

Provided that the charge to be made for any lens or frame supplied by the Authority, other than a lens or frame listed in the statement of fees and charges, shall not in any case exceed one-half the cost incurred by the Authority in supplying the lens or frame as the case may be.

For the purpose of this Part of the Schedule

(i) the cost of a frame shall be deemed to be the sum specified in the statement of fees and charges and for the time being in force as the sum payable therefor, or, in the case of frames of a description for which no sum is so specified, and which are considered by the Surgeon or other person prescribing the frame to be necessary solely for clinical reasons, the cost incurred by the Authority in supplying the frame;

(ii) the cost incurred by the Authority in supplying lenses or frames shall be calculated in a manner to be determined by the Authority with the approval of the Ministry."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 8th day of August 1969.

(L.S.)

S. E. Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 8th day of August 1969.

(L.S.)

James V. Morrison,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations which amend the Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961 increase the charges for the supply of dentures and glasses to hospital out-patients. Provision is also made for the supply (or replacement) of a dental appliance free of charge to a person who has undergone operative procedures affecting the mandible, maxilla or the soft tissues of the mouth as part of treatment for invasive tumours. The Regulations come into force on 11th August 1969.