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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST OCTOBER 1970, 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.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

(2) In these regulations

"the principal regulations" means the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**); and

"regulation 18" means regulation 18 of the principal regulations as amended by regulation 2(2) of the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**c**) (which provided for a new scale of fees for treatment).

2. The principal regulations shall be further amended as follows—

(1) In paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 1 Part I (which deals with "emergency treatment") for the amount of £2 0s 0d. there shall be substituted the amount of £2 4s. 0d.

(2) For Parts I to VI of Schedule 6 (scale of fees for treatment) there shall be substituted the following—

"SCHEDULE 6

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

(In this Schedule decimal equivalents are shown in brackets and italics)

PART I. DIAGNOSIS

1. *Clinical examination and report* 12s 0d. (*£0·60*)

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,

(a) 1948. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 76 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 176.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 76.

(*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	9s 0d (*£0·45*)	
2 films	11s 0d (*£0·55*)	
*3 films	13s 0d (*£0·65*)	
*each additional film	3s 0d (*£0·15*)	up to a maximum of £2 0s 0d (*£2·00*)
(*b*) Extra-oral films:		
1 film	14s 0d (*£0·70*)	
*each additional film	8s 0d (*£0·40*)	up to a maximum of £1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)

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,* 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, for persons aged 16 or over at the beginning of a course of treatment—

(*a*) Scaling and gum treatment (except cases under (*b*))	19s 0d (*£0·95*)
*(*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 16s 0d (*£0·80*)

*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(*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, unless the prior approval of the Committee has been obtained.

4. *Treatment urgently required* for acute infective conditions of the gingivae/oral mucosa: Fee per course of treatment— 10s 0d (*£0·50*)

†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.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*5. *Other periodontal treatment* including where necessary protracted scaling and gingivectomy (estimates to include an outline of proposed treatment):	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £5 10s 0d (*£5·50*) (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

Provided that where gingivectomy and associated aftercare is involved an additional fee shall be allowed—

Per treatment relating to the first 2 adjacent teeth in one jaw	£1 6s 0d (*£1·30*)
Per treatment relating to additional teeth, per tooth	6s 0d (*£0·30*)

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.	16s 0d (*£0·80*) with a maximum of 16s 0d (*£0·80*) for 2 or more such fillings in any one surface of a tooth and a maximum of £1 2s 0d (*£1·10*) 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 18s 0d (*£1·90*)
(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 7s 0d (*£1·35*) with a maximum for a combination of such fillings of £1 18s 0d (*£1·90*) per tooth.
(iv) a compound cavity other than a cavity covered by (ii) or (iii) above.	£1 2s 0d (*£1·10*) with a maximum of £1 9s 0d (*£1·45*) for 2 or more such fillings per tooth.
(*b*) silicate, silico-phosphate or synthetic resin filling:	£1 1s 0d (*£1·05*) with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)

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 13s 0d (*£1·65*)
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 1 of (*a*)(iv)	£1 6s 0d (*£1·30*)
1 or more of (*a*)(i) with 2 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 13s 0d (*£1·65*)
1 of (*a*)(iii) with 1 or more of (*a*)(iv)	£1 13s 0d (*£1·65*)
(*b*) no fee in excess of £2 4s 0d (*£2·20*) 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:

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*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	£2 6s 0d (*£2·30*)
Fee per multi-rooted or septic tooth	£4 10s 0d (*£4·50*)

(*b*) vital pulpotomy consisting of removal of the coronal portion of the pulp, including any necessary dressings—

Fee per tooth	£2 0s 0d (*£2·00*)

(*c*) apicectomy, fee per tooth £4 0s 0d (*£4·00*)

*8. *Gold fillings* (other than inlays) £4 0s 0d (*£4·00*) per filling with a maximum for 2 or more such fillings per tooth of £5 10s 0d (*£5·50*)

9. *Inlays* (including any dressings):

	A Alloys containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold	B Any other alloys
*(*a*) metal inlay		
(i) a single surface cavity	£5 10s 0d (*£5·50*)	£4 12s 0d (*£4·60*)
(ii) a compound cavity	£7 10s 0d (*£7·50*)	£6 6s 0d (*£6·30*)
(iii) a compound cavity involving the incisal angle	£7 6s 0d (*£7·30*)	£6 6s 0d (*£6·30*)
(iv) a confluent compound cavity	£11 0s 0d (*£11·00*)	£9 0s 0d (*£9·00*)
*(*b*) fused porcelain inlay	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £6 0s 0d (*£6·00*) to £10 0s 0d (*£10·00*)	
*(*c*) provision or renewal of a facing of silicate or synthetic resin	18s 0d (*£0·90*) per inlay	
(*d*) refixing or recementing an inlay	18s 0d (*£0·90*) 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 cast crown (on a vital or non-vital tooth):	
(i) gold	£12 10s 0d (*£12·50*)
(ii) gold with facing of silicate or synthetic resin	£13 10s 0d (*£13·50*)
*(*b*) Three-quarter crown gold, cast	£11 0s 0d (*£11·00*)
*(*c*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) synthetic resin on a vital tooth	£7 0s 0d (*£7·00*)
(ii) synthetic resin on a non-vital tooth	£6 0s 0d (*£6·00*)
(iii) synthetic resin constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£9 0s 0d (*£9·00*)
*(*d*) Full veneer or jacket crown:	
(i) porcelain on a vital tooth	£11 0s 0d (*£11·00*)
(ii) porcelain on a non-vital tooth	£9 0s 0d (*£9·00*)
(iii) porcelain constructed on a cast gold core or thimble on a vital tooth	£13 0s 0d (*£13·00*)

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*(e) (i) Synthetic resin veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post	£10 0s 0d (*£10·00*)
(ii) Porcelain veneer or jacket constructed on a cast gold core and post	£13 0s 0d (*£13·00*)
*(f) Synthetic resin post or dowel crown:	
(i) without diaphragm	£5 10s 0d (*£5·50*)
(ii) with gold post and diaphragm	£8 0s 0d (*£8·00*)
(iii) with gold post, diaphragm and backing	£10 0s 0d (*£10·00*)
*(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 £13 10s 0d (*£13·50*)
(h) Refixing or recementing a crown	18s 0d (*£0·90*) 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)	£4 0s 0d (*£4·00*)
(ii) other repair of a crown	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding 70% 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 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 £6 0s 0d (*£6·00*).

Part III. Surgical Treatment

*11. *Extractions:*

Fee per course of treatment—

1 tooth	18s 0d (*£0·90*)	With an additional fee of 2s 0d (*£0·10*) for each quadrant of the mouth involved other than the first.
2 teeth	£1 0s 0d (*£1·00*)	
3, 4 or 5 teeth	£1 2s 0d (*£1·10*)	
6, 7 or 8 teeth	£1 6s 0d (*£1·30*)	
9, 10 or 11 teeth	£1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)	
12, 13 or 14 teeth	£1 14s 0d (*£1·70*)	
15, 16 or 17 teeth	£1 18s 0d (*£1·90*)	
18, 19 or 20 teeth	£2 2s 0d (*£2·10*)	
Over 20 teeth	£2 6s 0d (*£2·30*)	

Provided that where an exceptional number of visits is necessary because of the abnormal medical condition of the patient the Board may allow an additional fee not exceeding £2 10s 0d (*£2·50*) per course.

*12. (*a*) Alveolectomy, in either upper or lower jaw.	Such fee as the Committee may approve up to a maximum of £4 10s 0d (*£4·50*) (or such higher fee as they may in special circumstances approve).

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

(*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 £10 0s 0d (*£10·00*) (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 £2 0s 0d (*£2·00*) (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	£1 0s 0d (*£1·00*)
4 to 11 teeth extracted	£1 10s 0d (*£1·50*)
12 to 19 teeth extracted	£2 0s 0d (*£2·00*)
20 teeth or over extracted	£2 10s 0d (*£2·50*)

(ii) where the anaesthetic is administered by the dentist carrying out the extraction:

Fee per patient per course of treatment	8s 0d (*£0·40*)

(iii) where the Committee are satisfied that the anaesthetist would be faced with special difficulties owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is to be administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction: Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £5 10s 0d (£5·50*) per course of treatment.

Provided that no fee exceeding £2 10s 0d (*£2·50*) per course of treatment shall be payable under (i) or under (i) and (ii) combined, and no fee exceeding £6 10s 0d (*£6·50*) 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 10s 0d (*£2·50*)

Provided that in cases presenting special clinical difficulty the fee will be such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £5 10s 0d (*£5·50*).

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	£14 0s 0d (*£14·00*)
(*b*) denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£6 10s 0d (*£6·50*)
denture bearing 4 to 8 teeth	£7 10s 0d (*£7·50*)
denture bearing 9 to 14 teeth	£8 10s 0d (*£8·50*)

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

Provided that no fee for upper and lower dentures shall exceed £14 0s 0d (*£14·00*).

(*c*) additional fee for lingual or palatal bar—

(i) stainless steel	£1 5s 0d (*£1·25*)
(ii) gold or other approved material	Such fee as the Committee may approve not exceeding £3 10s 0d (*£3·50*).

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	£3 0s 0d (*£3·00*) per denture.
*(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 £3 0s 0d (*£3·00*) 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 £3 0s 0d (*£3·00*) 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 (iii) refixing a clasp, or providing and fixing a replacement for a missing clasp (including any gum associated therewith), or (iv) covering exposed pins: One repair under (*a*)	18s 0d (*£0·90*)
(*b*) each additional repair under (*a*)(i)-(iv)	6s 0d (*£0·30*)
(*c*) renewal of gum not associated with repair under (*a*)	18s 0d (*£0·90*) per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £2 4s 0d (*£2·20*) per denture shall be payable under Item 16.

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).	£2 4s 0d (*£2·20*)
(*b*) addition of new gum not associated with addition under Item 17(*a*).	£2 4s 0d (*£2·20*) per denture.

Provided that no fee in excess of £3 0s 0d (*£3·00*) per denture shall be payable under Item 17 or for any combination of treatment under Items 16 and 17.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*18. *Backing 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	18s 0d (*£0·90*)
(ii) chrome cobalt or a precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold	£1 8s 0d (*£1·40*)
(iii) precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold	£2 6s 0d (*£2·30*)

*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 Stainless Steel	B Chrome Cobalt
(i) Base metal alloys:		
partial denture bearing 1, 2 or 3 teeth	£12 0s 0d (*£12·00*)	£14 0s 0d (*£14·00*)
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£13 0s 0d (*£13·00*)	£15 0s 0d (*£15·00*)
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£14 0s 0d (*£14·00*)	£16 0s 0d (*£16·00*)
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£14 0s 0d (*£14·00*)	£17 0s 0d (*£17·00*)
Full denture	£12 5s 0d (*£12·25*)	£15 0s 0d (*£15·00*)
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	£1 3s 0d (*£1·15*) per tooth up to a maximum of £4 12s 0d (*£4·60*) per denture	£1 0s 0d (*£1·00*) per tooth up to a maximum of £4 0s 0d (*£4·00*) per denture

	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	£15 0s 0d (*£15·00*)	Such fee as the Committee may approve.
partial denture bearing 4, 5 or 6 teeth	£16 10s 0d (*£16·50*)	
partial denture bearing 7, 8 or 9 teeth	£17 12s 0d (*£17·60*)	
partial denture bearing 10 or more teeth	£18 5s 0d (*£18·25*)	
Full denture	£16 0s 0d (*£16·00*)	
Additional fee where teeth are backed in any metal	£1 5s 0d (*£1·25*) per tooth up to a maximum of £5 0s 0d (*£5·00*) 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.

*See Schedule 2 for treatment requiring prior approval.

*21. (*a*) *Obturators,* fee per case in addition to appropriate denture fee.	Such fee as the Committee may approve within a range of £4 4s 0d (*£4·20*) to £7 4s 0d (*£7·20*) 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	14s 0d (*£0·70*)
(ii) any other cavity, per filling	19s 0d (*£0·95*)

(*b*) by conservation of a molar with a preformed metal cap: £1 6s 0d (*£1·30*) per tooth

Provided that no fee in excess of £1 6s 0d (*£1·30*) 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 (*£0·40*)
maximum per patient	£1 0s 0d (*£1·00*)

*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 (*£0·40*)

*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 any necessary dressing, per tooth 14s 0d (*£0·70*)

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: 8s 0d (*£0·40*)

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*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.

*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.	19s 0d (*£0·95*)
(*c*) Removal of stain including any necessary polishing.	8s 0d (*£0·40*)
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 has been 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	10s 0d (*£0·50*)
Fee for two or more teeth	14s 0d (*£0·70*)
26. *Domicillary visits where a patient's condition so requires:*	
Fee per visit to one or more patients at one address	£1 5s 0d (*£1·25*)
27. *Treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine:*	
Fee per course	7s 0d (*£0·35*)

*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.

28. *Taking of material for pathological or bacteriological examinaton, etc.:*
Fee per course 10s 0d (*£0·50*)

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 aftercare: £1 4s 0d (*£1·20*)

Provided that—

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

(ii) where the treatment consists solely of the removal of plugs and/or stitches the fee shall be only 12s 0d (*£0·60*);

(iii) the maximum fee per course of treatment shall be £3 0s 0d (*£3·00*) 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."

3.—(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 October 1970 and such services shall continue to be subject to the provisions of the regulations in force immediately before that date. Other than the provisions thereof revoked or ceasing to have effect by virtue of regulations 4 and 5 hereof.

(2) In respect of an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated during the period beginning with 1st April 1970 and ending with 30th September 1970, the Board shall pay to a practitioner an additional sum equal to 10·6 per cent. of the amounts authorised for payment.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st October 1970 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st April 1969 and before 1st October 1970 the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 a sum equal to 20·5 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

(4) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st October 1970 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made on or after 1st July 1966 and before 1st April 1969, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 a sum equal to 23·6 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

(5) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st October 1970 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st July 1966 the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 a sum equal to 36·5 per cent. of the amount of these fees.

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*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.

4. Regulations 3 and 4 of the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**d**) shall cease to have effect.

5. The Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**e**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services this 1st day of October 1970.

(L.S.) *S. H. O'Fee,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 1st day of October 1970.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 by providing for a new scale of fees and for certain additional payments for practitioners, other than salaried practitioners, providing general dental services and take into account the forthcoming decimalisation of the coinage.

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 76. (**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 176.

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