

## 1981 No. 61

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES****General Dental Services (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981**

*Made* . . . . . 3rd March 1981

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st April 1981

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of and in conjunction with the Department(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

*Amendment of regulations*

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (c) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 2—

(a) the definition of “full-time school education” shall be deleted;

(b) after the definition of “patient” there shall be inserted the definition:

“ “qualifying full-time education” means full-time instruction at a recognised educational establishment or by other means accepted as comparable by the Department and “recognised educational establishment” means an establishment recognised by the Department as being, or as comparable to, a school, college or university;”.

(2) In regulation 14(2) for the amount “£54” there shall be substituted the amount “£60”.

(3) For regulation 14(3)(a) there shall be substituted:—

“(a) under 16 years of age or under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education; or”.

(4) In regulation 14(4) for “21” there shall be substituted “18”.

(5) For Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 227; relevant amending legislation is S.R. 1980 Nos. 82 and 285

## "SCHEDULE 3

**CHARGES PAYABLE FOR DENTAL APPLIANCES  
AND DENTAL TREATMENT**

- | 1. Description of Appliance  | Charge  |
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| (a) A metal or porcelain based denture having 1 to 3 teeth                         | ... £29 |
| having 4 to 8 teeth  | ... £31 |
| having more than 8 teeth   | ... £33 |
| (b) More than one metal or porcelain based denture                                 | ... £58 |
| (c) A denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain having 1 to 3 teeth | ... £19 |
| having 4 to 8 teeth  | ... £20 |
| having more than 8 teeth   | ... £21 |
| (d) More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain         | ... £33 |
2. (a) The provision as part of general dental services of crowns, inlays, pinlays and gold fillings and the provision of one or more fillings other than root fillings in a material other than gold in a tooth for which one or more of such first mentioned treatments is provided as part of the same course of treatment, is prescribed as special dental treatment.
- (b) Subject to paragraph 4 the charge for such prescribed special dental treatment shall be £20 for each tooth restored by such treatment.
3. 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;
- (d) the clinical examination of a patient or any report thereon; or
- (e) the restoration of crowns, inlays, pinlays or gold fillings
- shall be the current authorised fee for all such treatment or £9 whichever is the less.
4. The maximum charge for services provided in pursuance of any contract or arrangement in respect of which charges are payable by virtue of paragraph 2(b) or of paragraph 2(b) and one or both of paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be £60.
5. The charge shall in no case exceed £60."

*Application*

3. These regulations shall apply only in relation to—
- (a) the supply of a dental appliance otherwise than under Part VI of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the examination or first examination leading to the supply takes place after 31st March 1981;
- (b) the provision of general dental services where the contract or arrangement leading to the supply as part of those services of a dental appliance or to the provision other than such supply of dental services takes place after 31st March 1981.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 3rd March, 1981.

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*W. Young*

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 3rd March 1981.

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*R. McMurray*

Assistant Secretary

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 by increasing the charges for the supply of certain dental appliances and the provision of dental treatment under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and by providing that people under the age of 18 or under the age of 19 and undergoing qualifying full-time education will be exempt from charges for health service dental treatment, and that people under the age of 16 or under the age of 19 and undergoing qualifying full-time education will be exempt from the charges for health service dental appliances.