

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase the charges payable for lenses by persons supplied with glasses under the supplementary eye service. They also exempt children who are aged ten or more and either under sixteen years of age or receiving full-time school education from the payment of charges for lenses supplied in frames which are included in the Health Service range.

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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS*, DATED 23RD MAY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 11, 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:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961.

2. In these Regulations, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

“Full-time school education” means full-time instruction in a school within the meaning of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947(b), or in corresponding establishments elsewhere;

“The 1951 Regulations” means the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951(c);

“The 1952 Regulations” means the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952(d); and “dental estimate form” and “modified estimate form” shall have the meanings assigned to them in the 1952 Regulations.

3. These Regulations shall have effect with respect to the provision of general dental services where the contract or arrangement in pursuance of which the service is provided is made on or after 1st June, 1961.

(a) 1948. c. 3.
(b) 1947. c. 3.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 81.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 86.

*A draft of these Regulations was approved by resolutions of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the 23rd day of May, 1961.

4. The 1951 Regulations shall be amended as follows:—

For the Schedule thereto, there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“CHARGES PAYABLE FOR DENTURES

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

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

5. The 1952 Regulations shall be amended as follows:—

In paragraph (4) of Regulation 3, for the words “four pounds five shillings” there shall be substituted the words “five pounds”.

6. Without prejudice to any other exemptions from charges contained in the 1951 Regulations or the 1952 Regulations, no charge shall be made under the former Regulations in respect of the supply of dentures, or under the latter Regulations in respect of the relining of dentures or the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures, where the person for whom the appliance has been supplied or the work done is, on the date of the contract or arrangement for the services—

- (a) under sixteen 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 twelve months;

if (in any such case) a declaration to that effect is made by or on behalf of that person in such form and manner as may be determined by the Ministry.

7. A dental practitioner providing general dental services for a person who claims exemption under Regulation 6 shall obtain from that person, or from some other person competent to act on his behalf, a declaration in support of the claim on a form approved for the purpose by the Ministry and provided by the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board.

8. The declaration referred to in the preceding Regulation shall be sent by the dental practitioner to the Dental Estimates Committee of the Board together with the dental estimate form or modified estimate form.

9. Any provision of these Regulations affecting the rights and obligations of dental practitioners shall, so far as it is applicable, be deemed to form part of their terms of service under the arrangements made for the provision of general dental services.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

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Minister of Health and Local
Government.