

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 24th day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

Terence O'Neill,
Minister of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase the charges payable by patients for the provision of dentures and, consequently, the maximum charge payable for the provision of treatment including dentures. They also exempt children under sixteen years of age or receiving full-time school education, expectant mothers and mothers who have borne a child within the previous twelve months from charges in respect of the supply or relining of dentures or the addition of teeth, bands or wires to dentures.

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HEALTH SERVICES

Hospital and Specialist 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 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:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1961, 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 1st June, 1961.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

“Authority” means the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority;

(a) 1948. c. 3.

*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.

“Statement of Fees and Charges” means the Statement of Fees and Charges prepared under Regulation 3 of the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a);

“glasses” includes spectacles and lenses for spectacles;

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

2. The Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954(c), and the Health Services (Remission of Charges for Dentures) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952(d), are hereby revoked.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Authority shall make and recover a charge in accordance with the scale of charges set out in the Schedule in respect of the supply of dentures or glasses by the Authority.

(2) The replacement of dentures or glasses which are required solely by reason of the loss or destruction of, or damage sustained by, dentures or glasses previously possessed by the patient and supplied to him under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, shall be deemed not to constitute the supply of dentures or glasses within the meaning of these Regulations.

(3) No charge shall be made under these Regulations in respect of the supply of a denture where the person for whom the denture has been supplied is, on the date of the examination or first examination leading to the supply of the denture:

(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 approved by the Ministry.

(4) These Regulations shall not apply to the supply of children's glasses where the standard type of children's frames as described in the Statement of Fees and Charges is used, or, glasses issued to children (as described in that Statement) for which frames other than the said standard type of children's frames are used solely on account of clinical reasons.

(5) No charge shall be made under these Regulations for the supply of lenses if:—

(a) the person for whom the glasses are supplied was, at the time of the testing of sight leading to the supply of glasses, or the first such testing of sight, of the age of ten or more and either under sixteen years of age or receiving full-time school education; and

(b) the frames of the glasses are of any description specified in the statement of fees and charges.

(6) The Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(e), shall have effect subject to the provisions of these Regulations and any payment required to be made under these Regulations shall be additional to any payment required to be made by or on behalf of a patient under those Regulations.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 166.

(b) 1947. c. 3.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 14.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 184.

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 310.

(7) These Regulations shall not apply to the supply of dentures or glasses to a patient for the time being resident in a hospital.

4. The charges imposed by these Regulations shall be remitted so far as they relate to dentures provided at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Belfast, being dentures provided as part of a course of clinical dental teaching, carried on at the said hospitals by the Queen's University of Belfast.

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W. J. Morgan,
Minister of Health and Local Government.

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SCHEDULE

PART I

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 under these Regulations shall in no case exceed £5 0s. 0d.

PART II

Charges payable for Glasses, etc.

Lenses:—

per single vision lens	12s. 6d. per lens
per bifocal or multifocal lens	20s. 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 this 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;