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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1980 No. 352

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND  
AND WALES**
**The National Health Service (Dental and Optical  
Charges) Amendment Regulations 1980**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>5th March 1980</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>17th March 1980</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st April 1980</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under sections 78(1) and 79 of, and paragraphs 2(1) and (2) and 3(1), (2) and (3) of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Amendment Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1980.

*Amendment to regulations*

2. The National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978(b) shall be further amended as follows:—

- (1) In regulation 4 for “£7” wherever it appears there shall be substituted “£8”.
- (2) For paragraph (2) of regulation 5 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—
 

“(2) Subject to paragraph (3) and to regulation 6, the amount of the charge for the provision of special dental treatment shall be £18 for each tooth for which such treatment is provided:

Provided that, where the restoration of a tooth consists of or includes not more than one of the items of treatment specified in column 1 of Schedule 1A, the amount prescribed in column 2 of that Schedule in relation to that item shall be the charge for the special dental treatment provided for that tooth.”
- (3) In regulation 6 for “£36” wherever it occurs there shall be substituted “£54”.
- (4) In regulation 6(2)(b)(i) for “£7” there shall be substituted “£8”.
- (5) For Schedule 1 there shall be substituted—

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(a) 1977 c. 49.

(b) S.I. 1978/950; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1979/677.

## Regulation 3

## "SCHEDULE 1

## DENTAL APPLIANCES

<i>Description of Appliance</i>	(1)	(2) <i>Charge</i>
1. A metal or porcelain based denture		
having 1 to 3 teeth.. .. .		£25
having 4 to 8 teeth.. .. .		£27
having more than 8 teeth .. .. .		£29
2. More than one metal or porcelain based denture.. .. .		£50
3. A denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain—		
having 1 to 3 teeth.. .. .		£17
having 4 to 8 teeth.. .. .		£18
having more than 8 teeth .. .. .		£19
4. More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain .. .. .		£30

*Note: A bridge which takes the place of any teeth is deemed to be a denture having that number of teeth(a)."*

(6) After Schedule 1, there shall be inserted a new Schedule—

"SCHEDULE 1A Regulation 5(2)

## SPECIAL DENTAL TREATMENT

<i>Item of Treatment</i>	(1)	(2) <i>Prescribed Amount</i>
One gold filling (other than an inlay or pinlay), including any dressing, pulp capping and other preparatory treatment but excluding endodontic treatment, in the tooth in question .. .. .		£15.00
One metal inlay or pinlay in an alloy other than one containing 60 per cent or more fine gold for a single surface cavity in the tooth in question .. .. .		£16.00
One post or dowel crown of synthetic resin constructed without a diaphragm in the tooth in question .. .. .		£16.50."

*Application*

3. These regulations shall only apply in relation to—

- (a) the supply of dental appliances otherwise than under Part II of the National Health Service Act 1977 where the examination or first examination leading to such supply takes place after 31st March 1980;
- (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 is made after that date.

5th March 1980.

*Patrick Jenkin,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

(a) See paragraph 6 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These regulations further amend the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978 by increasing the charges for the supply of certain dental appliances and the provision of dental treatment under the National Health Service Act 1977.

