
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The National Health Service (General Dental Services)
Amendment Regulations 1980**

<i>Made - - - - -</i>	14th July 1980
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st October 1980

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 35, 36, 78, 79 and 81 of, and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12 to, the National Health Service Act 1977^(a) and 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 (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1980.

Amendment to Regulations

2. The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973^(b) shall be further amended as follows:-

- (1) In regulation 4 (Dental list) the words "the Secretary of State," shall be omitted from sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) and after the words "a copy of the dental list to" in sub-paragraph (b) of that paragraph there shall be inserted the words "the Secretary of State,".
- (2) In regulation 8 (Arrangements to complete treatment) in paragraph (2) for the words "specified in the provisions set out in regulation 19(1)" there shall be substituted the words "pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977".
- (3) In Regulation 20 (Additional charges for more expensive treatment)—
 - (a) In paragraph (2) for the words "under the provisions of regulation 19(1)" in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted the words "pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977".
 - (b) In the proviso to sub-paragraph (b)(i) of paragraph (2) for the words "in regulations made under the provisions set out in regulation 19(1)" there shall be substituted the words "pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12 to the said Act".

(a) 1977 c.49.

(b) S.I. 1973/1468; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1974/53.

(4) In regulation 23 (Statement of Dental Remuneration) in paragraph (1), Column 2, after the words "items of dental treatment" there shall be inserted the words "and other services".

(5) In Schedule 1, Part I, paragraph 9 (Provision and prior approval of treatment) for sub-paragraph (5) there shall be substituted—

“(5) Where a dentist—

- (a) has been notified that a patient has been requested to submit himself for examination by a dental officer, and
- (b) has not been notified that the examination has been carried out or cancelled,

he shall not provide any treatment other than emergency treatment to that patient and shall take all reasonable steps to facilitate the said examination.

(6) Where a dentist—

- (a) has been notified that the dental service committee or denture conciliation committee^(a) will investigate a complaint or reference relating to the provision by him to a patient of general dental services, and
- (b) has not been notified—
 - (i) that the investigation has been completed, or
 - (ii) that the committee has no objections,

he shall not provide any treatment other than emergency treatment to that patient and shall take all reasonable steps to facilitate the said investigation.”

(6) In Schedule 1, Part I, paragraph 10 (Occasional treatment)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for the words "item of treatment" there shall be substituted the words "of the items of treatment or other services";
- (b) for sub-paragraph (2) there shall be substituted—

“(2) The items of treatment and other services to which this paragraph applies are—

- (a) (i) repairs to dentures not requiring the prior approval of the Board;
- (ii) adjusting a denture (including any easing or polishing thereof), other than a denture provided, relined or rebased by the dentist within the preceding six months;
- (b) the following items of treatment if provided as emergency treatment—
 - (i) clinical examination of and advice to a patient in respect of trauma;
 - (ii) not more than two extractions;
 - (iii) dressing of teeth;
 - (iv) arrest of abnormal haemorrhage;
 - (v) treatment of infected sockets;
 - (vi) incising an abscess;

(a) See S.I. 1974/455, as amended by S.I. 1974/907.

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- (vii) opening one or more root canals for drainage;
 - (viii) pulp extirpation, and dressing to seal the cavity;
 - (ix) treatment for acute conditions of the gingivae or oral mucosa (including treatment for pericoronitis or for ulcers and herpetic lesions) and any necessary oral hygiene instruction in connection with such treatment;
 - (x) removal of sutures;
 - (xi) recementing an inlay, a crown or a bridge;
 - (xii) administration of a general anaesthetic in connection with the items of treatment specified in (ii), (vi), (vii) and (viii);
 - (xiii) a single radiological examination involving one film (other than a panoramic film or a lateral headplate in conjunction with a cephalometric technique) in connection with the items of treatment specified in (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (x) and (xi).
- (c) the following other services provided in order to undertake any treatment specified in sub-paragraph(b)—
- (i) domiciliary visits;
 - (ii) exceptional attendance at the surgery.”
- (c) sub-paragraph (3) shall be omitted, and the existing sub-paragraph (4) shall be re-numbered as sub-paragraph (3).

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

14th July 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973 (as amended). They make minor amendments to provisions relating to the lists of dentists undertaking to provide general dental services, to the Statement of Dental Remuneration and to the treatment and other services which may be provided, and correct some cross references which are no longer appropriate.

