
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES**The National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1981**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2nd March 1981</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st April 1981</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 78(1), 79 and 82 of, and paragraphs 2(1) and (2), 3(1), (2) and (3) and 5 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 and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

Amendment to the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978

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

- (a) in regulation 4 for “£8” wherever it appears there shall be substituted “£9”;
- (b) in regulation 5(2) for “£18” there shall be substituted “£20”;
- (c) for regulation 5(3)(a) there shall be substituted the following subparagraph—
 - “(a) is under 18 years of age or under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education as defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 12 to the Act(c)”;
- (d) in regulation 6 for “£54” wherever it occurs there shall be substituted “£60”;
- (e) in regulation 6(2)(b)(i) for “£8” there shall be substituted “£9”;
- (f) for Schedule 1 there shall be substituted—

(a) 1977 c.49; paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12 were amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 5, paragraphs 2 and 3 respectively.

(b) S.I. 1978/950; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1979/677, 1980/352, 987.

(c) See paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to the Health Services Act 1980.

Regulation 3

"SCHEDULE 1

DENTAL APPLIANCES

(1)	(2)
<i>Description of Appliance</i>	<i>Charge</i>
1. A metal or porcelain based denture	
having 1 to 3 teeth.....	£29
having 4 to 8 teeth.....	£31
having more than 8 teeth.....	£33
2. More than one metal or porcelain based denture.....	£58
3. 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
4. More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain.....	£33

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

(g) for Schedule 2 there shall be substituted—

Regulation 7

"SCHEDULE 2

OPTICAL APPLIANCES

(1)	(2)
<i>Description of Lens</i>	<i>Charge</i>
1. Glass single vision spherical lens with spherical power up to and including plus or minus 6 dioptries (curved)	£2.90
2. Single vision lens of a description other than that specified in item 1 (including single vision lenticular, frosted and chavasse lenses)	£3.35
3. Plastic bifocal lens (full aperture).....	£6.35
4. Fused glass bifocal lens.....	£6.85
5. Lens of any other description.....	£8.30."

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

Amendment to the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974

3. In regulation 5(1)(a) of the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974(a) for the words after “under 16 years of age or” there shall be substituted the words “under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education as defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977;”.

Application

4. These regulations apart from regulation 3 shall only apply in relation to—

(a) the supply of dental or optical appliances otherwise than under Part II of the Act where the examination or first examination or testing leading to such supply takes place after 31 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 is made after that date;

(c) the supply of optical appliances under Part II of the Act where the testing of sight leading to the supply of those appliances or the first such testing took place after that date.

Patrick Jenkin,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

2nd March 1981.

(a) S.I. 1974/1377, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations.

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 and optical appliances and the provision of dental treatment under the National Health Service Act 1977. They modify the exemption for persons receiving full-time education from charges for special dental treatment specified in regulation 5(3)(a) of those regulations.

They make a similar modification in the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974, regulation 5(1)(a) which excepts such persons from remission of the charge for certain specified optical appliances.

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