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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges)
Amendment Regulations 1982**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd March 1982</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st April 1982</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by 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 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1982.

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 2(1) the definition “special dental treatment” shall be omitted;
- (b) for regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“Charges for dental treatment

4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) and regulation 6 the amount of the charge authorised by subsection (1) of section 79 of the Act for the provision as part of general dental services—

- (a) of any one or more of the treatments specified in paragraph (2) shall be either—
 - (i) where such treatment to any tooth involves the use of an alloy containing 45% or more fine gold, £48 for the restoration of that

^(a) 1977 c. 49.

^(b) S.I. 1978/950; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1979/677, 1980/352, 987 and 1981/307.

tooth or the current authorised fee (a) for such treatment to that tooth whichever is the less; or

(ii) in all other cases £24 for any tooth restored by such treatment or the current authorised fee for such treatment to that tooth whichever is the less; or

(b) of any item of service other than is specified in paragraph (1)(a) which is subject to a charge under section 79(1) of the Act shall be £13 or the current authorised fee for that item of service, whichever is the less.

(2) The treatments referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are—

(a) crowns, inlays, pinlays or gold fillings, and

(b) fillings, other than root fillings, of any material in a tooth for which a treatment mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above is provided as part of the same course of treatment.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) the amount of the current authorised fee where it is such amount as the Dental Estimates Board may in its discretion approve, whether or not subject to a maximum, is—

(a) if the Board has approved a fee, the amount of the fee so approved notwithstanding any subsequent variation of that amount on appeal (b);

(b) if the Board has refused to approve a fee, the amount of any fee authorised for it on appeal (b).

(4) No charge shall be payable—

(a) for the exceptional attendance by a dentist at his surgery in order to provide emergency treatment;

(b) in respect of a visit to a patient by a practitioner.”;

(c) Regulation 5 shall be omitted;

(d) for regulation 6 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“Maximum charges

6. The amount of the charge which may be made and recovered pursuant to the provisions of regulations 3 and 4 in respect of any contract or arrangement for the provision of general dental services, shall not exceed—

(a) in respect of the services to which regulation 4(1)(b) applies, £13;

(b) subject to paragraph (a), in any case or combination of cases, £90.”;

(e) for paragraph (1) of regulation 7 there shall be substituted the following new paragraph—

“7.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), the amount of the charge in respect of the supply of any lens (not forming part of children’s glasses)(c)—

(a) described in column (1) of Part I of Schedule 2, shall subject to sub-

(a) See paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977.

(b) See S.I. 1974/455, regulation 21.

(c) See paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 12 to the National Health Service Act 1977.

- paragraph (d) be the amount set out in column (2), (3) or (4) of that Part as the case may require according to the variation of that description given at the head of the said column (2), (3) or (4);
- (b) described in column (1) of Part II of Schedule 2 shall subject to subparagraph (d) be the amount set out in column (2) or (3) of that Part as the case may require according to the variation of that description at the head of the said column (2) or (3);
- (c) described in column (1) of Part III of Schedule 2 shall subject to subparagraph (d) be the amount set out in column (2) of that Part in respect of such lens;
- (d) described in column (1) of Part IV of Schedule 2 shall be increased by the amount set out in column (2) or (3) in respect thereof according to the variation of that description given at the head of the said column (2) or (3) as the case may require.”;
- (f) in regulation 7(2) for the amount “75p” there shall be substituted the amount “80p”;
- (g) after paragraph (3) of regulation 7 there shall be added the following paragraph—
 “(4) The maximum amount of the charge in respect of the supply of any lens pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be £15.”;
- (h) for Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3

DENTAL APPLIANCES

<i>Description of Appliance</i>	(1)	(2) Charge
1. A metal or porcelain based denture		
having 1 to 3 teeth		£37.00
having 4 to 8 teeth		£39.00
having more than 8 teeth.		£41.00
2. More than one metal or porcelain based denture.		£74.00
3. A denture based in material other than metal or porcelain		
having 1 to 3 teeth		£20.00
having 4 to 8 teeth		£21.00
having more than 8 teeth.		£22.00
4. More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain.		£35.00

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

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

(i) for Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

"SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 7

OPTICAL APPLIANCES

PART I

Single-Vision Glass Lenses (Curved or Flat)

(1) Spherical Power (plus or minus)	(2) Spherical	(3) Cylindrical or Sphero-cylindrical Cylindrical Power (plus or minus) 0.25 to 2.00	(4) Sphero-cylindrical Cylindrical Power (plus or minus) 2.25 or more
Plano to 2.00	£3.70	£4.15	£4.85
2.25 to 4.00	£3.85	£4.35	£5.25
4.25 to 6.00	£4.05	£4.95	£5.65
6.25 to 8.00	£6.05	£7.00	£7.85
8.25 or more	£6.80	£8.60	£9.25

PART II

Solid Glass Bifocal Lenses

(1) Segment Size	(2) Spherical	(3) Astigmatic
38mm	£10.15	£11.10
45mm	£12.35	£13.30
22mm	£13.65	£14.60

PART III

Other Lenses

(1) Description of Lens	(2) Amount of Charge
Single-Vision Plastic, lenticular, frosted or chavasse lens	£4.15
Fused glass spherical bifocal lens	£8.40
Fused glass astigmatic bifocal lens	£9.15
Lens of any other description	£7.90

PART IV

Additional Charges

(1) Description of Lens	(2) Incorporation of Worked Prism	(3) Incorporation of Tint
Single-vision lens up to 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	£2.35	£2.00
over 6.00 spherical or 4.00 cylindrical	£1.45	
Bifocal lens	£1.00	£4.00.

Application

3. These regulations shall apply only 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 31st March 1982;
- (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 takes place after that date.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

3rd March 1982.

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 for the provision of dental treatment under the National Health Service Act 1977. They revoke regulation 5 of those regulations (which made provision for special dental treatment) and provide for all treatment to be included in the general charging provision of regulation 4. Consequential amendments are made to regulations 2 and 6.

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