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## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1986**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>30th August 1986</i>
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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred on him by sections 35(1) and 36 of 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 (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1986.

*Amendment of regulations*

2.—(1) The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973 (b) are amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “patient” the following definition is inserted—  
 “ ‘preventive treatment’ means such treatment as is mentioned in paragraph 10A of Part I of Schedule 1 to these regulations;”;

(b) in the definition of “treatment”—

- (i) after the words “any such treatment” the word “and” is omitted,
- (ii) after the words “in accordance with these regulations” there are added the words “and, where a dentist provides preventive treatment for a patient, that treatment.”.

(3) In Schedule 1 (terms of service)—

(a) in paragraph 2 (standard of service)—

- (i) after the words “occasional treatment” in sub-paragraph (b) there are inserted the words “or is preventive treatment,”,
- (ii) after sub-paragraph (b) the following sub-paragraph is inserted—

“(bb) where the treatment provided is preventive treatment,

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(a) 1977 c.49; section 35(1) was substituted by the Family Practitioner Committees (Consequential Modifications) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/39), Article 7(9).

(b) S.I. 1973/1468; relevant amending instruments are 1984/1424, 1985/1336.

subject to the provisions of paragraph 11 provide and complete satisfactorily such preventive treatment, to the extent that the patient is willing to undergo it;”;

- (b) In paragraph 8(1) (use of dental estimate form)—
- (i) at the beginning of sub-paragraph (c) there are inserted the words “except in respect of preventive treatment”,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (d), after the word “treatment” there are inserted the words “, other than preventive treatment,”,
  - (iii) after sub-paragraph (e) the following sub-paragraphs are inserted—
    - “(f) shall, in respect of preventive treatment, at the appropriate time complete each relevant part of the appropriate dental estimate form in accordance with instructions for the completion of such forms and shall in particular set out, if the patient is not willing to undergo the whole of that treatment, particulars of such part as the patient is willing to undergo;
    - (g) shall not, in completing the appropriate dental estimate form in respect of preventive treatment, set out treatment not necessary in his opinion to maintain dental health.”;
- (c) after paragraph 10 the following paragraph is inserted—
- “*Preventive treatment*
- 10A. A dentist may undertake the application of topical fluoride preparations to persons under the age of 16 where necessary to maintain dental health.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

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Minister of State,  
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Security.

30th August 1986.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973.

They enable dentists to provide as preventive treatment the application of topical fluoride to persons under 16. They specify the standard of service for preventive treatment and contain consequential amendments.



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