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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND  
WALES**

**The National Health Service (General Dental Services)  
Amendment Regulations 1990**

*Made* - - - - - *10th December 1990*  
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*Coming into force* - *1st January 1991*

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 35(1) and (4), 36(1) and 126(4) 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 1990 and shall come into force on 1st January 1991.

**Amendment of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973**

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

(2) In regulation 26D (amount and time of payments in consequence of suspension):-

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a)(i) for “£2,243” there is substituted “£2,478”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(a)(ii) for “£1,121” there is substituted “£1,239”;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(b)(i) for “£1,121” there is substituted “£1,239”;
- (d) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) for “£2,243” there is substituted “£2,478”; and
- (e) in paragraph (2) for “£117,689” in both places where it occurs there is substituted “£126,755”.

(3) In paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 1 (terms of service for dentists) for head (j) there is substituted the following head:-

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- (a) 1977 c.49; in section 128(1) see the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”. Section 35(1) was substituted by S.I. 1985/39, article 7(9). Section 35(4) was added by section 15(a) of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41). For amendments to section 35(3), see paragraph 8 of Schedule 5 to the Dentists Act 1984 (c.24). Section 36(1) was amended by S.I. 1981/432, article 3(3), the Health and Social Security Act 1984 (c.48), section 5(4) and Schedule 3, paragraph 5, S.I. 1985/39, article 7(10), the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c.49), section 25(1) and Schedule 2, paragraph 4 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19), section 24 (see S.I. 1990/1329).
  - (b) S.I. 1973/1468; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1987/736 and 1512, 1989/613, 1990/1638 and 1938. By section 2(1) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19), the references in the Regulations to a Family Practitioner Committee are to be construed as references to a Family Health Services Authority.

“(j) palliative treatment that is immediately necessary (including the treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine, the stoning and smoothing of the surface of a tooth, or the provision of a temporary crown);”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

10th December 1990

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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, which provide for the arrangements under which dentists provide general dental services under the National Health Service in England and Wales.

Regulation 2(2) increases the amounts of, and amounts used in calculating, payments to dentists during periods when their registration under the Dentists Act 1984 is suspended by an interim suspension order or by a direction or order of the Health Committee of the General Dental Council.

Regulation 2(3) makes a minor adjustment to the list of items of treatment which a dentist can provide as occasional treatment.

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