

## 1984 No. 64

## HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

## General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

*Made* . . . . . 7th March 1984

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st April 1984

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1984.

*Amendment of regulations*

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) in regulation 14(2) for the amount “£95·00” there shall be substituted the amount “£110·00”;

(2) for Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:

## “SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 14

**Charges Payable for Dental Appliances and Dental Treatment**

| 1. <i>Description of Appliance</i>   | <i>Charge</i> |
|--|---------------|
| (a) A metal or porcelain based denture                                     |               |
| having 1 to 3 teeth  | ... £47       |
| having 4 to 8 teeth  | ... £49       |
| having more than 8 teeth   | ... £51       |
| (b) More than one metal or porcelain based denture                         | ... £92       |
| (c) A denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain             |               |
| having 1 to 3 teeth  | ... £24       |
| having 4 to 8 teeth  | ... £26       |
| having more than 8 teeth   | ... £28       |
| (d) More than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain | ... £44       |

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 227: The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1975 No. 369, S.R. 1977 No. 81, S.R. 1979 No. 216, S.R. 1980 No. 82, S.R. 1981 No. 61, S.R. 1982 No. 60 and S.R. 1983 No. 32.

2. (a) The provision as part of general dental services of crowns, inlays, pinlays and gold fillings and the provision of one or more fillings other than root fillings in a material other than gold in a tooth for which one or more of such first mentioned treatments is provided as part of the same course of treatment, is prescribed as special dental treatment.
- (b) Subject to paragraph 4 the charge for such prescribed special dental treatment shall be as follows:—
  - (i) for each tooth restored by such treatment involving the use of an alloy containing 45 per cent or more fine gold, the current authorised fee or £59 whichever is the less;
  - (ii) for each tooth restored by such treatment involving the use of any other materials, the current authorised fee or £30 whichever is the less.
3. The amount of the charge for any dental treatment not being—
  - (a) the supply, replacement or repair of dentures or dental bridges;
  - (b) the repair of orthodontic appliances, obturators, splints, radium applicators or other special dental appliances;
  - (c) the arrest of bleeding;
  - (d) the clinical examination of a patient or any report thereon; or
  - (e) the restoration of crowns, inlays, pinlays or gold fillings

shall be the current authorised fee for all such treatment or £14.50 whichever is the less.

4. The maximum charge for services provided in pursuance of any contract or arrangement in respect of which charges are payable by virtue of paragraph 2(b) or of paragraph 2(b) and one or both of paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be £110."

#### *Application*

3. These regulations shall apply only in relation to—

- (a) the supply of a dental appliance otherwise than under Part VI of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 where the examination or first examination leading to the supply takes place after 31st March 1984;
- (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 takes place after 31st March 1984.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th March 1984.

(L.S.)

*J. A. Wylie*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 7th March 1984.

(L.S.)

*N. R. Cowling*

Assistant Secretary

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 by increasing the charges for the supply of certain dental appliances and the provision of dental treatment under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

The charge is increased for a metal or porcelain based denture having 1 to 3 teeth from £40 to £47, 4 to 8 teeth from £42 to £49 and more than 8 teeth from £44 to £51; the charge for more than one metal or porcelain based denture is increased from £80 to £92. The charge is increased for a denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain having 1 to 3 teeth from £22 to £24, 4 to 8 teeth from £23 to £26 and more than 8 teeth from £24 to £28; the charge for more than one denture based in materials other than metal or porcelain is increased from £38 to £44. The maximum charge for routine dental treatment is increased from £13.50 to £14.50 and for special dental treatment from either £26 to £30 or £50 to £59 depending on the materials used. The maximum charge for treatment and appliances is increased from £95 to £110.