



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (DENTAL BENEFITS)
REGULATIONS 1960**

COBHAM, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 17th day of August 1960

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1938, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1960.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the seventh day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Social Security Act 1938:

“Appropriate Committee” means such Committee appointed or deemed to be appointed under section 83 of the Act as the Minister in any case determines:

“Authority” means a Hospital Board, and includes the University of Otago:

“Contracting authority” means an authority that has entered into a contract under regulation 16 of these regulations:

“Contracting dentist” means a dentist who has entered into a contract under regulation 16 of these regulations:

“Dental benefits” means the benefits more particularly defined in regulation 4 of these regulations:

“Dental district” or “district” means a dental district constituted under regulation 3 of these regulations:

“Department” means the Department of Health established under the Health Act 1956:

“Guardian”, in relation to any child, includes any person for the time being having the care or control of the child:

“Minister” means the Minister of Health:

“Principal Dental Officer” means an officer of the Department appointed as the Principal Dental Officer of a dental district:

“Registered dentist” or “dentist” means a dentist registered under the Dentists Act 1936.

3. For the purposes of these regulations, New Zealand is hereby divided into the nine dental districts named and described in the First Schedule hereto. Each of the said districts shall include all islands adjacent thereto.

Nature of Dental Benefits

4. The benefits provided for by these regulations shall comprise the dental services specified in the Second Schedule hereto, and such other dental services as may, in respect of any patient, be approved in that behalf by a Principal Dental Officer and agreed to by the contracting dentist or the contracting authority (if any), being in every case services provided—

- (a) By a registered dentist in a State dental clinic; or
- (b) By a State dental nurse in a State dental clinic; or
- (c) By a contracting dentist pursuant to a contract under these regulations; or
- (d) By a contracting authority in the dental department of a public hospital or in a dental school, pursuant to a contract under these regulations.

Application of Dental Benefits

5. (1) Dental benefits shall be available for all persons who are enrolled as patients under these regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these regulations, no person shall be enrolled as a patient unless he is under the age of 19 years and is within the appropriate age group appointed by the Minister for the purposes of these regulations, and the enrolment of every patient shall be deemed to be terminated upon his ceasing to belong to that age group.

(3) For the purposes of these regulations—

- (a) Age groups may be appointed by reference to the actual ages of patients or by reference to the school classes in which they are enrolled:
- (b) Different age groups may be appointed in respect of different localities or in respect of different classes of patients:
- (c) Any age group may from time to time be varied by the Minister.
- (4) Notice of every appointment or variation of an age group by the Minister shall be given in the *Gazette* and in such other manner, if any, as the Minister thinks fit.

6. (1) Any person (including any school pupil who is above the age group in which he would be eligible to receive treatment at a school dental clinic) shall be entitled to be enrolled for the purpose of receiving all necessary dental benefits—

- (a) If, within the three months immediately preceding the lodging of the application for his enrolment, he has been on the roll of a school dental clinic; or
- (b) If a Principal Dental Officer is satisfied that, at the time of the lodging of the application for the patient's enrolment, his dental and oral health is of adequate standard and no treatment is required by him.

(2) Any child who is under the school age and any school pupil who is in an age group in which he is eligible to receive treatment at a school dental clinic shall be entitled to be enrolled for the purpose of receiving necessary dental benefits of a kind not provided at a school dental clinic—

- (a) If he is regularly attending at a school dental clinic at the time of the lodging of the application for his enrolment; or
- (b) If a Principal Dental Officer is satisfied that, at the time of the lodging of the application for the patient's enrolment, his dental and oral health is at least equivalent to what it would be if he were regularly attending a school dental clinic.

(3) Where, in respect of any person who is not entitled to be enrolled under the foregoing provisions of this regulation, a Principal Dental Officer is satisfied that, owing to his having resided in a locality remote from dental services or owing to other special circumstances beyond his control, that person could not reasonably have been expected to have had his dental and oral health satisfactorily maintained, he shall be entitled to be enrolled for the purpose of receiving such dental benefits as the Principal Dental Officer approves in that behalf:

Provided that in any such case the Principal Dental Officer may, if he thinks fit, require that before enrolment the patient shall, at the expense of the patient or of his parent or guardian, obtain all necessary dental treatment, or such necessary dental treatment as the Principal Dental Officer specifies in that behalf.

Enrolment of Patients

7. (1) Application for enrolment as a patient shall be made in a form to be provided by the Department for the purpose, and shall be supported by such certificates, charts, and X-ray films as may be required by the Principal Dental Officer.

(2) Every such application shall be signed by the patient or (if he is under the age of 16 years) by his parent or guardian.

(3) Every such application shall be forwarded to the Principal Dental Officer of the district in which the patient resides.

8. For the purpose of satisfying himself whether a patient is entitled to be enrolled, the Principal Dental Officer may require the patient to submit to special examination, at the expense of the Fund, by a contracting dentist.

9. (1) Where the Principal Dental Officer is satisfied that a patient is entitled to be enrolled, he shall determine whether the patient is to be enrolled for treatment at a State dental clinic or for treatment by a contracting dentist or a contracting authority.

(2) If in the opinion of the Principal Dental Officer any such patient can conveniently attend for treatment at a State dental clinic, he shall enrol the patient for treatment at that clinic.

(3) If in the opinion of the Principal Dental Officer any such patient cannot conveniently attend for treatment at a State dental clinic, he shall by notice in writing advise the patient to select a contracting dentist or a contracting authority and obtain from that dentist or authority an agreement (signified in a form to be provided by the Department) to

provide dental benefits. On receipt of the form of agreement duly completed within one month after the date of the notice or within such extended period as may be approved by him in any case, the Principal Dental Officer shall enrol the patient for treatment by the contracting dentist or the contracting authority, as the case may be.

10. (1) The Principal Dental Officer, in respect of each State dental clinic and of each contracting dentist and of each contracting authority, shall keep a roll in which shall be entered the name and address of every patient enrolled for treatment at that clinic or by that dentist or by that authority, the kinds of dental benefits for which the patient is enrolled, and such other particulars as may from time to time be prescribed, or directed by the Minister.

(2) Every such roll shall be amended by the Principal Dental Officer from time to time as occasion requires.

Dental Benefits Cards

11. (1) The Principal Dental Officer shall issue to every patient who is enrolled under these regulations a dental benefits card specifying the name and address of the patient, his age and other identifying particulars, and the clinic at which or the contracting dentist or contracting authority by whom treatment is to be provided.

(2) The dental benefits card of any patient shall be produced on demand to the officer in charge of the clinic or to the contracting dentist or to the contracting authority, as the case may be.

(3) Every dental benefits card shall be deemed to be the property of the Principal Dental Officer. The holder of a dental benefits card shall produce it to the Principal Dental Officer whenever required by that officer.

(4) Where the Principal Dental Officer is satisfied that any dental benefits card has been lost or destroyed or has become dilapidated, he may issue a duplicate in its place. A fee of 1s. shall be charged for every such duplicate card, unless the Principal Dental Officer, in his discretion, having regard to the circumstances, exempts the holder from payment of the fee.

Removal from Roll

12. (1) Any contracting dentist or contracting authority desiring to discontinue providing dental benefits for any patient on his or its roll may make a request in writing to the Principal Dental Officer for the removal of the patient's name from that roll.

(2) On receipt of any such request the Principal Dental Officer shall give notice in writing to the patient or, as the case may require, to his parent or guardian, that dental benefits will not be available from that contracting dentist or contracting authority after the expiry of one month from the date of the notice.

(3) In any such notice the Principal Dental Officer shall state either—

(a) That the patient is thereafter to be enrolled on the roll of a specified state dental clinic; or

(b) That the patient may be enrolled on the roll of any other contracting dentist or contracting authority if a form of agreement duly completed by the dentist or authority is received by the Principal Dental Officer within one month after the date of the notice.

(4) On receipt of a form of agreement as aforesaid or within such extended period as may be approved by him in any case, the Principal Dental Officer shall enrol the patient on the roll of the contracting dentist or contracting authority who has completed the form.

13. (1) Any patient on the roll of a contracting dentist or contracting authority may, on application to the Principal Dental Officer made by the patient or his parent or guardian, and accompanied by the patient's dental benefits card, have his name removed from that roll.

(2) The Principal Dental Officer shall forthwith notify the contracting dentist or contracting authority of every such removal.

(3) At the time of making the application for removal, or within one month thereafter or within such extended period as may be approved by the Principal Dental Officer in any case, the patient or his parent or guardian may apply to the Principal Dental Officer for the enrolment of the patient on the roll of any other contracting dentist or contracting authority, and upon receipt of any such application and of a form of agreement duly completed by the contracting dentist or contracting authority, the Principal Dental Officer shall enrol the patient accordingly.

14. The Principal Dental Officer may at any time, in his discretion, transfer the name of any patient from the roll of a contracting dentist or contracting authority to the roll of a State dental clinic, or from the roll of one clinic to the roll of another clinic, upon giving not less than one month's notice to the patient and the contracting dentist or contracting authority (if any) and such notice as he thinks fit to the clinic or clinics concerned.

Duties of Enrolled Patients to Attend for Treatment, etc.

15. (1) It shall be the duty of every patient who is enrolled on the roll of a contracting dentist or contracting authority or clinic—

(a) To attend for treatment or examination at such times and places as may be required by the contracting dentist or contracting authority or by the officer in charge of the clinic, as the case may be:

(b) To apply to the contracting dentist or contracting authority or officer in charge for treatment whenever he becomes aware that treatment is needed:

(c) To apply for examination from time to time at the expiration of approximately six months from the date on which his previous treatment was completed, or from the date on which he was last examined and found to be dentally fit, whichever is the later, unless the Principal Dental Officer has dispensed with the requirement the examinations are to be made at those intervals under the proviso to paragraph (b) of regulation 17 of these regulations.

(d) To carry out faithfully such instructions as to oral hygiene and dental health as may be given to him by the contracting dentist or contracting authority or the officer in charge of the clinic, as the case may be.

(2) If any patient so enrolled fails for any period of 12 months to attend for treatment or examination, his name may be removed from the roll of patients by the Principal Dental Officer. Any patient whose name is so removed shall not thereafter be enrolled as a patient except on a fresh application made under regulation 7 of these regulations.

Contracts with Dentists to Provide Dental Benefits

16. (1) Any registered dentist and any authority may, by a notice in a form to be provided by the Department, or to the like effect, offer to provide dental benefits in accordance with these regulations.

(2) In making any such offer the dentist or authority may stipulate the maximum number of patients that he or it is willing to have on his or its roll.

(3) Every such notice of offer shall be delivered or sent to the Principal Dental Officer of the district in which the dentist is engaged in practice or in which the authority's office is situated.

(4) If the Minister accepts any such offer the Principal Dental Officer shall give notice of the acceptance to the dentist or authority, and the dentist or authority shall thereupon be deemed to have entered into a contract with the Minister to provide dental benefits in accordance with these regulations.

(5) Any contracting dentist or contracting authority may terminate his or its contract with the Minister by giving to the Minister not less than three months' notice in writing in that behalf:

Provided that a contract may not be terminated under this subclause, except with the leave of the Minister, while an investigation concerning the contractor or contracting authority is pending under section 84 of the Act.

17. It shall be the duty of every contracting dentist or contracting authority, in respect of every patient enrolled on his or its roll,—

(a) To provide all dental benefits for which the patient is enrolled and which come within the treatment set out in the Second Schedule hereto and such other treatment as may be approved by the Principal Dental Officer:

(b) To do all that is necessary on his or its part to ensure that the treatment required at any time is expeditiously completed, and that examinations are made at intervals of approximately six months from the date on which the patient's previous treatment was completed, or from the date on which the patient was last examined and found to be dentally fit, whichever is the later, and for those purposes to make appointments for the patient's attendance at his or its surgery at mutually satisfactory times:

Provided, however, the Principal Dental Officer at the request of a contracting dentist or contracting authority may dispense with the requirement that examinations be made at those intervals if it is shown that the patient is temporarily resident in another area:

(c) To ensure that the quality of the dental services provided is such as is necessary and proper to maintain a high standard of dental and oral health:

(d) To retain all X-rays taken at the expense of the Social Security Fund, other than the X-rays taken at the final examination of the patient, until another film or films of the same area of the mouth have been taken:

(e) To forward to the Principal Dental Officer for his examination when so requested by him, the last set of X-rays taken for the patient, at the expense of the Social Security Fund.

Payment of Contracting Dentists and Contracting Authorities for Dental Benefits

18. (1) Where any contracting dentist or contracting authority provides for any patient any dental benefits for which the patient is enrolled with that dentist or authority he or it shall be entitled to receive from the Social Security Fund—

- (a) The appropriate fee specified in the Second Schedule hereto; or
- (b) In any case where no definite fee is prescribed in the Second Schedule hereto, such fee as may be fixed or approved by the Principal Dental Officer.

(2) The right to claim payment of a fee in accordance with this regulation in respect of any dental benefits shall be subject to the condition that the contracting dentist or contracting authority has not demanded or received, and will not demand or accept, any fee from the patient or any other person in respect of the same services; and no contracting dentist or contracting authority shall demand or accept or be entitled to recover any fee from the patient or any other person in respect of any dental benefits for which any patient is enrolled on the dentist's or authority's roll.

(3) Nothing expressed or implied in these regulations shall be deemed to prohibit a contracting dentist or contracting authority from exercising any legal right he or it might otherwise possess to claim or recover a fee from a patient, or his parent or guardian, in respect of any appointment not kept by that patient.

Claims by Contracting Dentists and Contracting Authorities for Payment for Dental Benefits

19. (1) All claims by any contracting dentist or contracting authority for the payment of fees from the Social Security Fund for any dental benefits provided in accordance with these regulations shall be in a form prescribed or approved by the Department, and shall be made to the Principal Dental Officer of the district in which the dentist is engaged in practice or in which the authority's office is situated.

(2) Every such claim shall be made within two months after the date on which the dental benefits were provided. Where any claim is made after the time hereinbefore specified the amount of the fees claimed shall, unless in any case the Principal Dental Officer otherwise directs, be deemed to be reduced by 10 per cent.

(3) The claim for the final six-monthly examination submitted by a contracting dentist or a contracting authority in respect of a patient about to pass out of the highest age group in respect of which the benefits are from time to time provided in the dental district in which the patient is enrolled, and thereupon becoming ineligible for such benefits, shall be accompanied by the bite-wing X-rays taken at the final examination for that patient.

(4) The fees for examination and prophylaxis, and for bite-wing X-rays may not be claimed unless the work has been done, or the X-rays taken, at the intervals stated in paragraph (b) of regulation 17 of these regulations, or as permitted under the proviso to that paragraph. In any event, these fees may not be claimed more than twice in each year in respect of each patient.

20. (1) In relation to any such claim for fees the Principal Dental Officer may require the contracting dentist or contracting authority to furnish in writing or otherwise, a statement in explanation or substantiation of the claim.

(2) If the contracting dentist or contracting authority refuses or fails to furnish the statement within 21 days after he or it has been required to do so, or furnishes an insufficient or unsatisfactory statement, the Principal Dental Officer shall refer the matter to the Minister, and in any such case the Minister, after consultation with the appropriate Committee, may direct that the claim be disallowed either wholly or in part. If in any such case the claim has been paid, the Principal Dental Officer may recover the amount so disallowed from the contracting dentist or contracting authority as a debt due to the Crown, or set off the same against any amount which may thereafter be payable to the contracting dentist or contracting authority from the Social Security Fund in respect of any other claim or claims.

Dental Services Provided Otherwise than as Dental Benefits

21. (1) Unless the provisions of this regulation are duly complied with, where any patient is enrolled on the roll of a contracting dentist or contracting authority,—

(a) The contracting dentist or contracting authority shall not demand or accept or be entitled to recover any fee from the patient or any other person in respect of any dental services provided for the patient which are not dental benefits for which the patient is enrolled, whether the services are provided by the contracting dentist or contracting authority or by any other person engaged by him or it as a consultant, anaesthetist, or assistant:

(b) No person shall demand or accept or be entitled to recover any fee from the patient or any other person in respect of any services provided for the patient by that person as a consultant, anaesthetist, or assistant to the contracting dentist or contracting authority.

(2) Before the contracting dentist or contracting authority or other person provides for the patient any such services for which he or it proposes to demand or accept a fee as aforesaid, he or it shall—

(a) Inform the patient or some responsible person on his behalf that the patient is not entitled to the services as part of his dental benefits; and

(b) Obtain the concurrence of the patient or other person as aforesaid to his providing the services.

(3) In any case where any such services are provided, the contracting dentist or contracting authority or the consultant, anaesthetist, or assistant shall, within seven days after the demand or acceptance of a fee, notify the fact to the Principal Dental Officer in a form to be provided by the Department for the purpose.

Miscellaneous

22. (1) Every patient shall undergo such examinations as the Principal Dental Officer or any other officer authorised in that behalf by the Director-General of Health may from time to time require for the purpose of determining the extent and quality of any dental services provided for the patient by a contracting dentist or contracting authority.

(2) Every such examination shall be conducted by such registered dentist or dentists (whether or not employed by the Department of Health) as the Principal Dental Officer or such other officer as aforesaid may on each particular occasion appoint.

(3) An opportunity shall be given to the contracting dentist or a dentist employed by the contracting authority to be present at any such examination if he so desires.

23. (1) Where any patient is enrolled on the roll of any contracting dentist or contracting authority for any dental benefits the patient or his parent or guardian may make a complaint in writing to the Principal Dental Officer—

- (a) If the contracting dentist or contracting authority refuses or fails to provide any such dental benefits when required to do so; or
- (b) If, in the provision of any dental benefits, the contracting dentist or any dentist employed by the contracting authority or any assistant has displayed any culpable lack of skill or any negligence or lack of care.

(2) Unless in the opinion of the Principal Dental Officer the complaint is trivial, he shall refer it for investigation and report to the appropriate Committee.

(3) Any complaint that is regarded by the Principal Dental Officer as trivial shall nevertheless be referred by him to the Minister if the complainant so requires, and if the Minister is of opinion that the complaint is well founded and is sufficiently serious he shall refer it to the appropriate Committee.

24. (1) In the event of a dispute between the Principal Dental Officer and any contracting dentist or contracting authority in relation to dental benefits provided or to be provided by the contracting dentist or contracting authority, or in relation to any other matter arising therefrom, the dispute may, at the election of either party, be referred to the appropriate Committee.

(2) Where a dispute has been so referred the Committee shall forward its report and recommendations to the Minister, whose decision after consideration of the report shall be final.

25. In respect of dental benefits provided in a State dental clinic there shall from time to time be paid into the appropriate fund or account, out of money appropriated by Parliament for the purpose from the Social Security Fund, such amounts as the Minister from time to time determines.

Revocations

26. (1) The regulations specified in the Third Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

(2) Without limiting the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, it is hereby declared that the revocation of any provision by these regulations shall not affect any document made or any thing whatsoever done under the provision so revoked or under any corresponding former provision, and every such document or thing, so far as it is subsisting or in force at the time of the revocation and could have been made or done under these regulations, shall continue and have effect as if it had been made or done under the corresponding provision of these regulations and as if that provision had been in force when the document was made or the thing was done.

SCHEDULES

Reg. 3

FIRST SCHEDULE

NORTH AUCKLAND DENTAL DISTRICT

ALL that area comprising the Counties of Mangonui, Whangaroa, Hokianga, Bay of Islands, Whangarei, Hobson, Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, and Great Barrier Island, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties, including the Boroughs of East Coast Bays, Birkenhead, Devonport, Northcote, Glen Eden, Henderson, Takapuna, Mount Albert, and New Lynn, but only those parts of the City of Auckland and the Boroughs of Mount Eden and Mount Roskill situated generally west of a line commencing at a point on the shore of the Waitemata Harbour distant 200 links east of the middle of the northern end of Queen Street; thence proceeding southerly generally along lines parallel to and distant 200 links generally east of the middle lines of Queen Street, Karangahape Road, Symonds Street, New North Road, Dominion Road, Dominion Road Extension, and the production of the last-mentioned middle line across Waikowhai Park to the shore of the Manukau Harbour.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Manukau, Franklin, Coromandel, Thames, Hauraki Plains, Ohinemuri, and Tauranga, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties, including the Boroughs of Newmarket, One Tree Hill, Ellerslie, Onchunga, and Mount Wellington, but only those parts of the City of Auckland and the Boroughs of Mount Eden and Mount Roskill situated generally east of a line commencing at a point on the shore of the Waitemata Harbour distant 200 links east of the middle of the northern end of Queen Street; thence proceeding southerly generally along lines parallel to and distant 200 links generally east of the middle lines of Queen Street, Karangahape Road, Symonds Street, New North Road, Dominion Road, Dominion Road Extension, and the production of the last-mentioned middle line across Waikowhai Park to the shore of the Manukau Harbour.

HAMILTON DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Matamata, Otorohanga, Piako, Raglan, Rotorua, Taumarunui, Taupo, Waikato, Waipa, Waitomo, and Whakatane, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties, including the Borough of Te Aroha.

NAPIER DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Cook, Dannevirke, Hawke's Bay, Matakaoa, Opotiki, Patangata, Uawa, Waiapu, Waikohu, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Wairoa, and Woodville, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

PALMERSTON NORTH DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Clifton, Egmont, Eltham, Hawera, Horowhenua, Inglewood, Kairanga, Kiwitea, Manawatu, Oroua, Patea, Pohangina, Rangitikei, Stratford, Taranaki, Waimarino, Waitotara, Wanganui, and Waimate West, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties.

WELLINGTON DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Akitio, Chatham Islands, Eketahuna, Featherston, Hutt, Makara, Masterton, Mauriceville, Pahiatua, and Wairarapa South, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties.

NELSON DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Awatere, Buller, Golden Bay, Grey, Inangahua, Kaikoura, Marlborough, Murchison, Sounds, Waimea, and Westland, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties.

CHRISTCHURCH DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Akaroa, Amuri, Ashburton, Ashley, Cheviot, Ellesmere, Eyre, Geraldine, Halswell, Heathcote, Kowai, Levels, Mackenzie, Malvern, Mount Herbert, Oxford, Paparua, Rangiora, Selwyn, Springs, Tawera, Waimairi, Waimate, Waipara, and Wairewa, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties.

DUNEDIN DENTAL DISTRICT

All that area comprising the Counties of Bruce, Clutha, Fiord, Lake, Maniototo, Peninsula, Southland, Stewart Island, Taieri, Tuapeka, Vincent, Waitaki, Waihemo, Waikouaiti, and Wallace, and the boroughs and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of the said counties.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regs. 4, 18 (1)

DENTAL BENEFITS AND FEES

For Contracting Dentists

Examination and prophylaxis (not more than twice in each year in respect of each patient)	.....	.....	.....	.....	s.	d.
Synthetic fillings—					10	6
Each filling when done at a separate appointment	.....				17	6
NOTE—The maximum fee for any number of synthetic fillings inserted in an anterior tooth at any one period of treatment shall be 35s.						
Each of two approximal fillings on adjacent tooth surfaces when done at the same time	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	0

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Amalgam fillings—		
Each simple filling in anterior and back to and including second premolars	s.	d.
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Simple filling in molar (including two fillings in occlusal surface of upper molar, and including all buccal and lingual fissure extension)	12	6
Disto-palatal fillings in canines	15	0
Two surface approximo-occlusal fillings—		
In premolar	15	0
In molar	19	0
Mesio-occluso-distal fillings—		
In premolar	23	0
In molar	29	0
Restorations (including the restoration of one or more cusps)—		
Premolar	27	6
Molar	34	6
Maximum fee for treatment of any one premolar tooth (excluding root canal treatment)	27	6
Oxyphosphate cement fillings	7	6
NOTE—This fee is payable only in respect of anterior teeth, and only if the teeth have not fully erupted.		
Emergency temporary dressings	5	0
NOTE—This fee is payable only when it is necessary to afford urgent relief to a patient who presents himself for treatment without an appointment. In all other circumstances dressings are included in the fee for the completed operation.		
Partial pulpectomy (permanent and deciduous teeth)	21	0
Root canal treatment—		
Pulp removal and root filling	30	0
Treatment of septic root canals with subsequent root filling, but excluding X-ray: Maximum fee	42	0
Extractions—		
Extractions with local anaesthetic: deciduous teeth—		
One tooth	10	6
Two teeth	13	6
Three teeth	19	6
Four teeth or more	24	6
Extractions with nitrous oxide: deciduous teeth—		
One tooth	15	0
Two teeth	19	6
Three teeth	27	6
Four teeth or more	34	6
X-rays—		
Bite-wing, if necessary for diagnosis (two films one each side): but not more than twice in each year in respect of each patient	10	6
For root treatment (two films—one before and one after)	10	6

For Contracting Authorities

The fees specified above, less 25 per cent.

THIRD SCHEDULE
REGULATIONS REVOKED

Reg. 26 (1)

Title	Reference
The Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1946	S.R. 1946/189.
The Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 1	S.R. 1948/191.
The Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 4	S.R. 1956/180.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations consolidate and amend the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1946.

The principal amendments are as follows:

Regulation 3 sets up special districts for the purposes of these regulations.

Regulation 12 (3) (b) provides that, after a patient has been removed from the roll of a contracting dentist or authority, he shall be allowed one month in which to become enrolled with another contracting dentist or authority, if he is not to be enrolled at a State dental clinic. The time previously allowed was two months.

Regulation 13 (3) provides that, if a patient is removed from the roll of a contracting dentist or authority at his own request, he may make application for enrolment with another contracting dentist or authority within one month. The time previously allowed was two months.

Regulation 15 (1) (c) states in more detail the intervals at which a patient is required to attend for examination.

Regulation 16 (2) no longer requires a contracting dentist or authority to be prepared to take a minimum of 20 patients on his or its roll.

Regulation 16 (5) no longer allows the Minister to terminate a contract by giving three months' notice to the dentist or authority concerned.

Regulation 17 (b) states in more detail the intervals at which a contracting dentist or authority is required to examine each patient on his or its roll.

Regulations 17 (d) and (e) and 19 (3) contain new provisions relating to X-rays taken at the expense of the Social Security Fund.

Regulation 19 (4) provides that the fees for examination and prophylaxis and for bite-wing X-rays may not be claimed unless the work has been done or the X-rays taken at the required intervals. These fees may not, in any event, be claimed more than twice in each year in respect of each patient.

Regulation 20 (3) now mentions specifically the right of set-off against a contracting dentist or authority where a fee has been paid but is later disallowed.

In the Second Schedule a special fee is now allowed for disto-palatal amalgam fillings in canines.

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