



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (DENTAL BENEFITS) REGULATIONS
1960, AMENDMENT NO. 7**

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 29th day of October
1973

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. N. E. KIRK PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1960, Amendment No. 7, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1960* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

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

2. Persons entitled to be enrolled—(1) Regulation 6 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) the word “; or”.

(2) The said regulation 6 (1) is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:

“(c) If, in the case of an application for enrolment by or on behalf of a person who has been previously enrolled, a claim has been made under regulation 19 of these regulations in respect of treatment afforded to that person within the period of 6 months immediately preceding the lodging of the application.”

*S.R. 1960/125

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1962/34

Amendment No. 2: (Revoked by S.R. 1970/144)

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1970/144

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1971/130

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1971/234

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1972/263

3. Duties of enrolled patients—Regulation 15 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclauses:

“(2) If an age group has been appointed in respect of any class of patient pursuant to regulation 5 (3) (b) of these regulations, every enrolled patient who wishes to continue to receive dental benefits by virtue of belonging to that class shall, on or before the first occasion following the expiry of 6 months after—

“(a) The date of his enrolment; or

“(b) If he has re-enrolled, the date of his last enrolment—
on which he seeks treatment or examination as a member of that class, and thereafter at intervals of not more than 6 months, properly complete a form provided by the Department for that purpose and submit the completed form to the contracting dentist or contracting authority with whom or with which he is enrolled.

“(3) If any enrolled patient—

“(a) Fails for any period of 12 months to attend for treatment or examination; or

“(b) Fails to complete and submit the form as required by subclause (2) of this regulation—

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.”

4. Claims—(1) Regulation 19 (3) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “enrolled”, the words “or provided for the class to which the patient belongs”.

(2) The said regulation 19 is hereby further amended by adding the following subclause:

“(5) Every claim in respect of a patient who has been enrolled with the contracting dentist or contracting authority for a continuous period exceeding 6 months, and who is entitled to continue to receive dental benefits by virtue of belonging to a class in respect of which an age group has been appointed pursuant to regulation 5 (3) (b) of these regulations, shall be accompanied by a form completed by the patient pursuant to regulation 15 (2) of these regulations:

“Provided that, if a claim accompanied by such a form has already been made, this subclause shall not apply in respect of a claim relating to treatment, undergone by the same patient within a period of 6 months following the date of the treatment or examination which was the subject of the first-mentioned claim, and comprised in the same course of treatment or resulting from that examination.”

5. Effect of failure to complete form—Regulation 21 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(4) Subclauses (1) to (3) of this regulation shall not apply in respect of dental services provided on any occasion on or before which—

“(a) The patient is required by regulation 15 (2) of these regulations to complete a form; and

- “(b) The contracting dentist or contracting authority uses his or its best endeavours to persuade the patient to complete the form, if he has not already done so, and to submit the form to the contracting dentist or contracting authority; and
- “(c) The form is not properly completed, or, if it is properly completed, is not submitted to the contracting dentist or contracting authority.”

P. G. MILLEN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 2 provides for the re-enrolment of a person previously enrolled, without proof of adequate dental and oral health, if a dental benefit has been paid in respect of treatment afforded to him within 6 months before the application for re-enrolment.

Regulation 3 provides for an enrolled patient who wishes to continue to receive dental benefits by virtue of belonging to a class of persons in an appointed age group (at present persons between 16 years and 18 years in respect of whom a family benefit is paid) to complete, at intervals of 6 months, a form provided by the Department of Health and submit the form to the contracting dentist or authority. In addition, any person who fails to complete and submit the form may have his name removed from the roll of patients.

Regulation 4 provides for claims by contracting dentists and authorities to be accompanied by the form referred to in regulation 3.

Regulation 5 provides that the provision prohibiting a contracting dentist or authority from recovering any fee from an enrolled patient shall not apply if the form referred to in regulation 3 has not been properly completed and submitted to the dentist or authority.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.