

# Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 3477

## **The National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005**

Schedule 1: Regulation 4(1)

### **Band 1 Charges – Diagnosis, treatment planning and maintenance**

- (a) clinical examination, case assessment and report
- (b) orthodontic case assessment and report
- (c) advice, dental charting, diagnosis and treatment planning
- (d) radiographic examination, including panoramic and lateral headplates, and radiological report
- (e) study casts including in association with occlusal analysis
- (f) colour photographs
- (g) instruction in the prevention of dental and oral disease including dietary advice and dental hygiene instruction
- (h) surface application as primary preventive measures of sealants and topical fluoride preparations
- (i) scaling, polishing and marginal correction of fillings
- (j) taking material for pathological examination
- (k) adjustments to and easing of dentures or orthodontic appliances
- (l) treatment of sensitive cementum

- a) non-surgical periodontal treatment including root-planing, deep scaling, irrigation of periodontal pockets and subgingival curettage and all necessary scaling and polishing
- (b) surgical periodontal treatment, including gingivectomy, gingivoplasty or removal of an operculum
- (c) surgical periodontal treatment, including raising and replacement of a mucoperiosteal flap, curettage, root planing and bone resection
- (d) free gingival grafts
- (e) permanent fillings in amalgam, composite resin, synthetic resin, glass ionomer, compomers, silicate or silico-phosphate, including acid etch retention
- (f) sealant restorations
- (g) endodontic treatment of permanent or retained deciduous teeth
- (h) pulpotomy
- (i) apicectomy
- (j) extraction of teeth
- (k) transplantation of teeth
- (l) oral surgery including surgical removal of cyst, buried root, unerupted tooth, impacted tooth or exostosed tooth and alveolectomy
- (m) soft tissue surgery in relation to the buccal cavity and lips
- (n) frenectomy, frenoplasty and frenotomy
- (o) relining and rebasing dentures including soft linings
- (p) addition of tooth, clasp, labial or buccal flange to dentures
- (q) splints (other than laboratory fabricated splints) in relation to periodontally compromised teeth and in connection with external trauma
- (r) bite raising appliances (other than laboratory fabricated appliances)

**Amendments to the GDS and PDS Regulations**

Wef 1 April 2007, amended by adding in Schedule 2 a further dental activity in respect of conservation treatment of deciduous teeth in a patient who is aged under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment. The effect of this change is to clarify that conservation treatment of deciduous teeth in patients who are aged under 18 years at the beginning of a course of treatment attracts 3.0 units of dental activity, i.e. a Band 2 course of treatment. The regulations were previously silent on how this treatment should be categorised, because it is appropriate only for children and therefore not mentioned in the charging bands listed in Schedules 1 to 4 to the Dental Charges Regulations.

Schedule 3: Regulation 4(3) and (4) **Band 3 Charges – Provision of Appliances**

(a) porcelain, composite or acrylic masticque veneers, including acid etch retention

(b) inlays, pinlays, onlays and palatal veneers, in alloys containing 60% or more fine gold, porcelain, composite resin and ceramics

**Crowns including any pin or post aids to retention**

(c) full or three quarter crown cast in alloys containing not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % fine gold or platinum or palladium

(d) full or jacket crown cast in alloys containing stainless steel or cobalt chromium or nickel chromium

(e) crown in porcelain, synthetic resin and other non-metallic crowns

(f) full or jacket crowns in alloys containing not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % fine gold or platinum or palladium, or alloys containing stainless steel or cobalt chromium or nickel chromium, with thermally bonded porcelain

(g) jacket crown thermally bonded to wrought platinum coping

(h) prefabricated full or jacket crown, including any pin or post retention

(i) crowns in other materials

**Bridges including any pin or post aids to retention**

(j) bridges in alloys containing 60% or more fine gold with or without thermally bonded facings

(k) bridges cast in alloys containing stainless steel, cobalt chromium or nickel chromium, with or without thermally bonded facings

(l) acid etch retained bridges

(m) bridges in other materials

(n) provision of full (complete) or partial dentures, overdentures and obturators in synthetic resin or metal or both synthetic resin and metal, including any cast or wrought metal components or aids to retention

(o) orthodontic treatment and appliances

(p) other custom made appliances excluding sports guards

N.B. In April 2007 the Regulations were amended as follows - restorations using pre-formed stainless steel crowns are NOT Band 3 treatment. Please see Schedule 2 comment.

Schedule 4: Regulation 4(5) **Urgent Treatment under Band 1 Charge**

- (a) examination, assessment and advice
- (b) radiographic examination and radiological report
- (c) dressing of teeth and palliative treatment
- (d) pulpectomy or vital pulpotomy
- (e) re-implantation of a luxated or subluxated permanent tooth following trauma including any necessary endodontic treatment
- (f) repair and refixing of inlays and crowns
- (g) refixing a bridge
- (h) temporary bridges
- (i) extraction of not more than 2 teeth
- (j) provision of post-operative care including treatment of infected sockets
- (k) adjustment and alteration of dentures or orthodontic appliances
- (l) urgent treatment for acute conditions of the gingivae or oral mucosa, including treatment for pericoronitis or for ulcers and herpetic lesions, and any necessary oral hygiene instruction in connection with such treatment
- (m) treatment of sensitive cementum or dentine
- (n) incising an abscess
- (o) other treatment immediately necessary as a result of trauma
- (p) not more than 1 permanent filling in amalgam, composite resin, synthetic resin, glass ionomer, compomers, silicate or silico-phosphate including acid etch retention