



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (DENTAL BENEFITS) REGULATIONS
1983, AMENDMENT NO. 6**

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 12th day of March 1990

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 116 and 132 of 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, commencement, and application—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1983, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1983* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) Except as provided in subclause (3) of these regulations, these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1990.

(3) Regulation 3 of, and the Schedule to, these regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of August 1983, and shall apply to dental benefits provided on or after that date. In respect of dental benefits provided before that date, the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if regulation 3 of these regulations had not been made.

*S.R. 1983/151

Amendment No. 1: (Revoked by S.R. 1986/76)

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1985/221

Amendment No. 3: (Revoked by S.R. 1986/273)

Amendment No. 4: (Revoked by S.R. 1987/247)

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1987/247

2. Claims for payment of fees—Regulation 12 (2) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking paragraph (b), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) More than 1 claim is made in any period of 12 months ending with the 31st day of December:

“Provided that claims at 6-monthly intervals may be approved for payment by the Principal Dental Officer in respect of any patient who requires extra dental services.”

3. Dental benefits fees increased on and after 1 August 1988—

(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1983, Amendment No. 5), and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Social Security (Dental Benefits) Regulations 1983, Amendment No. 5 are hereby consequentially revoked.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 3 (1)

NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

(Effective on and after 1 August 1988)

“SCHEDULE

Regs. 3 (a), 11 (1), 12 (2)

DENTAL BENEFITS AND FEES

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1. Consultation—	
(a) With examination and prophylaxis (once in respect of each complete treatment period and including bitewing X-rays when required for diagnostic purposes)	29.40
(b) Once in respect of initial examinations of school dental clinic patients enrolled for special dental benefits	13.50
2. X-rays—	
Periapical film (each film)	6.15
3. Fillings—	
(a) Non-metallic fillings—	
(i) Simple fillings in anterior teeth and buccal surfaces of pre-molars	24.50
(ii) More than 1 surface in anterior teeth, per tooth	36.70
(b) Amalgam—	
(i) One surface (including 2 fillings on occlusal surface of upper molars and including all buccal, palatal, and lingual fissure extensions)	18.40
(ii) Two surface (approximo-occlusal)	26.90
(iii) Three surface (mesio-occlusal-distal)	33.05
(iv) Restoration (including restoration of one or more cusps)	49.10
4. Pulp and root canal treatment—	
(a) Partial pulpectomy	47.10
(b) Pulp removal and root filling	73.50

SCHEDULE—*continued*

NEW SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS—*continued*

“SCHEDULE—*continued*

DENTAL BENEFITS AND FEES—*continued*

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(c) Septic root canal treatment and root filling, permanent teeth	91.85
5. Emergency dressing	17.45
6. Extractions (excluding extractions for orthodontic purposes)—	
(a) First permanent tooth or deciduous quadrant—	
(i) With local anaesthetic	30.65
(ii) With general anaesthetic	46.10
(b) Each succeeding permanent tooth (maximum 4 teeth) or deciduous quadrant	15.35
NOTE: The fees for extraction of deciduous teeth are irrespective of the number of teeth extracted from any quadrant.	
7. The fees payable to Area Health Boards and the University of Otago shall be the fees specified above, less 25 percent.”	

MARIE SHROFF,
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 of these regulations, which comes into force on 1 April 1990, reduces from 2 to 1 the number of claims that may be made in a 12-month period in respect of any patient for the dental services specified in clause 1 (a) of the Schedule to the principal regulations. However, the Principal Dental Officer may approve claims at 6-monthly intervals in respect of any patient who requires extra dental services.

Regulation 3 of these regulations increases, by 5.77 percent, the fees payable to contracting dentists and contracting authorities for dental benefits provided on and after 1 August 1988.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.