

## 1969 No. 1781

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The National Health Service (Joint Pricing Committee for  
England) Amendment Order 1969**

*Made* - - - 12th December 1969

*Coming into Operation* 29th December 1969

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under sections 31(4) and 75(4) of the National Health Service Act 1946(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the National Health Service (Joint Pricing Committee for England) Amendment Order 1969 and shall come into operation on 29th December 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The National Health Service (Joint Pricing Committee for England) Order 1948(c) as amended (d) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) For article 12(1) (Application of regulations 10 to 14 of the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations 1947(e)) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“12.—(1) The provisions of regulations 12 (Meetings), 13 (Minutes), 14 (Officers), 15 (Committees) and 16 (Power to make standing orders) of the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations 1969(f) shall apply for the purposes of this order as if for any reference therein to a council there were substituted a reference to the Committee and as if for any reference to a committee of a council there were substituted a reference to a sub-committee.”

(2) Articles 15 (Application of National Health Service (Executive Councils and Dental Estimates Board) Financial Regulations 1948(g)), 16 (Annual and Supplementary Estimates), 17 (Books and Accounts) and 18 (Audit) shall cease to have effect.

3. The provisions of Part II (Financial Arrangements and Audit of Accounts) of the National Health Service (Executive Councils and Dental Estimates Board) Financial Regulations 1969(h) shall apply to the Joint Pricing Committee for England as they apply to Executive Councils as if for any reference

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(a) 1946 c. 81.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1948/1301 (Rev. XV, p. 704; 1948 I, p. 2172).

(d) The amending orders are not relevant to the subject matter of this order.

(e) S.R. & O. 1947/889 (Rev. XV, p. 505; 1947 I, p. 1324).

(f) S.I. 1969/352 (1969 I, p. 980) (g) S.I. 1948/1239 (Rev. XV, p. 716; 1948 I, p. 2076).

(h) S.I. 1969/1581 (1969 III, p. 5047).

therein to a Council there were substituted a reference to the Committee and as if for any reference to the finance committee there were substituted a reference to the finance sub-committee.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

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Department of Health and Social Security.

12th December 1969.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends the National Health Service (Joint Pricing Committee for England) Order 1948 which established a Joint Pricing Committee for England for the purpose of exercising the functions of Executive Councils in regard to the pricing of prescriptions for drugs. This Order applies to the Joint Pricing Committee—

- (a) the provisions relating to procedure contained in the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations 1969 in place of similar provisions of the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations 1947, and
- (b) the provisions of Part II of the National Health Service (Executive Councils and Dental Estimates Board) Financial Regulations 1969 in place of some provisions of the National Health Service (Executive Councils and Dental Estimates Board) Financial Regulations 1948 (superseded by the Financial Regulations of 1969) and of the Order of 1948.