



# Health and Social Care Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 14

### PART 4

#### HEALTH IN PREGNANCY GRANT

##### *Northern Ireland*

#### 134 Entitlement: Northern Ireland

After Part 8 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7) insert—

#### “PART 8A

#### HEALTH IN PREGNANCY GRANT

##### **136A Entitlement**

- (1) A woman who satisfies prescribed conditions in relation to a pregnancy of hers is entitled to payment of a lump sum (to be known as “health in pregnancy grant”).
- (2) A condition prescribed under subsection (1) may, in particular, require a woman to have reached a specified stage of her pregnancy.
- (3) A woman is not entitled to health in pregnancy grant unless—
  - (a) she has received advice on matters relating to maternal health from a health professional;
  - (b) she is in Northern Ireland at the time she makes a claim for the grant in accordance with the Administration Act.
- (4) Circumstances may be prescribed in which a woman is to be treated for the purposes of subsection (3)(b) as being, or as not being, in Northern Ireland.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) In this section—
- “health professional” has such meaning as may be prescribed,
  - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations, and
  - “woman” means a female of any age.
- (6) The power to make regulations under this section is exercisable by the Treasury.

### **136B Amount**

- (1) Health in pregnancy grant is to be of an amount prescribed by regulations made by the Treasury.
- (2) Different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.”