

1981 No. 382

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment No. 3) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1981**

Made 1st December 1981

Coming into operation 1st January 1982

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) For regulation 15(1)(c) there shall be substituted:

“(c) a woman to whom the Agency has issued an exemption certificate on the ground that she is an expectant mother or has within the last twelve months given birth to a live child or a child registrable as still-born under the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(d);”.

(2) For regulation 15(5)(a) there shall be substituted:

“(a) in the case of an expectant mother until the end of her pregnancy and, where she gives birth to a live child or a child registrable as still-born under the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, until the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the expected date of confinement;”.

(3) For regulation 15(5)(b) there shall be substituted:

“(b) in the case of a mother who has given birth to a child until the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the date of birth of that child.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 1st December 1981.

(L.S.)

S. W. McDowell

Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 419

(d) S.I. 1976/1041 (N.I. 14)

The Department of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 1st December 1981.

(L.S.)

Desmond Cole

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Under the provisions of the Health and Personal Social Services (Charge for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 expectant mothers and mothers with a child aged less than one year are entitled to a certificate of exemption from prescription charges for the period up to the child's first birthday. The entitlement ceases however when a still-birth occurs or a child dies within the first 12 months of life.

These Regulations amend the 1973 Regulations to provide that mothers whose babies are still-born or die during the first year of life are entitled to a certificate of exemption for a period of one year from the expected date of confinement or date of birth of the child as the case may be.