

1983 No. 34

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1983***Made* 4th March 1983*Coming into operation* 1st April 1983

The Department 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(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

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) in regulations 3(1)(b), 3(3), 5(1)(b), 7(1)(b), 7(2)(b) and 7(3) for “£1.30” there shall be substituted “£1.40”;
- (2) in regulation 6(4) for “£7.00” there shall be substituted “£7.50” and for “£20.00” there shall be substituted “£21.50”;
- (3) in regulation 15(1)(d)(i), after the word “colostomy” there shall be inserted the word “laryngostomy”;
- (4) for Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 10

Charges for Wigs and Fabric Supports

(1) <i>Description</i>	(2) <i>Charges</i>
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£49.00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£30.50
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£15.00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£11.00
Surgical Brassiere	£7.00”

Application

3. Regulation 2(4) above shall apply only where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1983.

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

(b) Formerly Department of Finance; see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 419; The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1980 No. 366, S.R. 1981 No. 137 and S.R. 1982 No. 62

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 4th March 1983.

(L.S.)

J. A. Wylie

Assistant Secretary

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 4th March 1983.

(L.S.)

J. M. Dowdall

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 by increasing the charges specified for the supply of drugs and certain appliances under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, and increasing the sums prescribed for the grant of prepayment certificates of exemption from those charges.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £1.30 to £1.40; the charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £45.00 to £49.00, for a partial human hair wig from £28.00 to £30.50, and that for a stock modacrylic wig from £14.00 to £15.00. The costs of prepayment certificates are increased from £7.00 to £7.50 for a 4-month certificate and from £20.00 to £21.50 for a 12-month certificate.

The regulations also add laryngostomy to the examples of permanent fistula in the list of conditions by reference to which is ascertained whether a person to whom an exemption certificate has been issued is exempt from charges.