

1985 No. 47

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES****Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1985***Made* . . . . . 8th March 1985*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st April 1985

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) 1985, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

*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 "£1.60" there shall be substituted "£2.00";
- (2) in regulation 6(4) for "£8.50" there shall be substituted "£11.00" and for "£24.00" there shall be substituted "£30.50";
- (3) in regulation 6, the following paragraphs shall be inserted after paragraph (6)—
 

“(7) Where payment of a prescribed sum has been made under this regulation and, not more than one month after the date on which his certificate became valid, the person in respect of whom payment was made either becomes a person to whom any of the provisions of regulation 15(1) applies, or dies, a claim for repayment of the sum may be made, by or on behalf of that person or his estate, in accordance with paragraph (8).

“(8) A claim under paragraph (7) shall be accompanied by the appropriate certificate (where issued) and a declaration in support of the claim, and the claim and any repayment shall be made in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Department may determine.”;
- (4) in Schedule 1 for "£1.70" there shall be substituted "£2.00" and for "£3.40" there shall be substituted "£4.00";
- (5) in Schedule 1A for "£3.40" there shall be substituted "£4.00";
- (6) for Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

(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, S.R. 1982 No. 62, S.R. 1983 No. 34 and S.R. 1984 No. 66

## "SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 10

**Charges for Wigs and Fabric Supports**

(1)	(2)
<i>Description</i>	<i>Charges</i>
Surgical Brassiere	£10·00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£14·00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£21·00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£40·00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£64·00"

*Application*

3. These regulations shall apply only where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1985, except that—

- (a) regulation 2(3) shall apply where the payment being reclaimed is made after 31st March 1985;
- (b) regulation 2(6) shall apply where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1985..

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 8th March 1985.

(L.S.)

*R. W. McQuiston*

Assistant Secretary

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 8th March 1985.

(L.S.)

*D. W. Alexander*

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 ("the 1973 Regulations") by:—

- increasing the charges specified for the supply of drugs and certain appliances under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;
- increasing the sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from prescription charges; and
- introducing provision for repayment of the sum paid for a pre-payment certificate where, within a month after the certificate becomes valid, the person to whom the certificate relates either dies or falls within one of the categories of exempted persons set out in regulation 15(1) of the 1973 Regulations.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £1·60 to £2·00 and the costs of pre-payment certificates are increased from £8·50 to £11·00 for a 4-month certificate and £24·00 to £30·50 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £51·00 to £64·00, for a partial human hair wig from £32·00 to £40·00 and for a stock modacrylic wig from £16·00 to £21·00. The charge for a surgical brassiere is increased from £7·35 to £10·00 and for an abdominal or spinal support from £11·55 to £14·00. The charge for elastic hosiery is increased from £1·70 to £2·00 (£4·00 per pair) and for tights from £3·40 to £4·00 (per pair).