

## 1986 No. 68

## HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

**Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1986**

*Made* . . . . . 11th March 1986

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st April 1986

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) 1986, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1986.

*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 “£2·00” there shall be substituted “£2·20”;
- (2) in regulation 6(4) for “£11·00” there shall be substituted “£12·00” and for “£30·50” there shall be substituted “£33·50”;
- (3) in Schedule 1 for “£2·00” there shall be substituted “£2·20” and for “£4·00” there shall be substituted “£4·40”;
- (4) in Schedule 1A for “£4·00” there shall be substituted “£4·40”;
- (5) in Schedule 2 for “£40·00” there shall be substituted “£55·00” and for “£64·00” there shall be substituted “£86·00”.

*Application*

3. These regulations shall apply only where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1986, except that—

- (a) insofar as they amend regulation 6(4) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, where the application referred to in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 6 is received after 31st March 1986;
- (b) regulation 2(5) shall apply where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1986.

(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, S.R. 1984 No. 66 and S.R. 1985 No. 47

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 11th March 1986.

(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 11th March 1986.

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*R. G. Smartt*

Assistant Secretary

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#### 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;
- increasing the sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from prescription charges.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £2·00 to £2·20 and the costs of pre-payment certificates are increased from £11·00 to £12·00 for a 4-month certificate and £30·50 to £33·50 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £64·00 to £86·00 and for a partial human hair wig from £40·00 to £55·00. The charge for elastic hosiery is increased from £2·00 to £2·20 (£4·40 per pair) and for tights from £4·00 to £4·40 (per pair).