

1987 No. 322

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Attendance Allowance) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987**

Made 10th August 1987

Coming into operation 31st August 1987

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 35(2A) and (5A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 31st August 1987.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(b).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 5B (dialysis prescribed for purpose of a person’s satisfying one of the conditions for an allowance) after paragraph (2) there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(3) Persons suffering from renal failure to whom this regulation applies include any person undergoing treatment by way of renal dialysis as an out-patient in a hospital or in an institution treated as a hospital, being treatment under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(c), where the attention or supervision required in respect of that treatment is not provided by a member of the staff of that hospital or institution.”

(3) At the beginning of regulation 5C(1) (persons dialysing as health service out-patients deemed not to satisfy conditions for an allowance), for “This regulation” there shall be substituted “Except in cases to which regulation 5B(3) applies, this regulation”.

(a) 1975 c. 15; subsections (2A) and (5A) of section 35 were inserted by Article 3(3) and 3(6) respectively of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5))
 (b) S.R. 1975 No. 102; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1979 No. 102
 (c) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 10th August 1987.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

They amend the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 so that where a person undergoes renal dialysis as an out-patient at a health service hospital or institution, he may be entitled to attendance allowance on account of that treatment provided the attention he requires during the treatment is not provided by a member of the staff of that hospital or institution.