

1988 No. 79

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988**

Made 16th March 1988

Coming into operation 1st April 1988

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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1988.

(2) In these regulations, “the principal regulations” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c).

Amendment of regulations

2. The principal regulations 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 “£2·40” there shall be substituted “£2·60”;
- (2) in regulation 6(4) for “£12·50” there shall be substituted “£13·50” and for “£35·00” there shall be substituted “£37·50”;
- (3) in regulation 15(1) after sub-paragraph (a) is added the following sub-paragraph—

“(aa) a person who has not attained the age of 19 years and is receiving qualifying full-time education within the meaning of regulation 2.”;
- (4) in Schedule 1 for “£2·40” there shall be substituted “£2·60” and for “£4·80” there shall be substituted “£5·20”;
- (5) in Schedule 1A for “£4·80” there shall be substituted “£5·20”.

(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. 1974 No. 58, S.R. 1980 No. 366, S.R. 1981 No. 63, S.R. 1981 No. 137, S.R. 1982 No. 62, S.R. 1983 No. 34, S.R. 1984 No. 66, S.R. 1985 No. 47, S.R. 1986 No. 68 and S.R. 1987 No. 108

Application

3. These regulations shall apply—

- (a) insofar as they amend regulation 6(4) of the principal regulations, where the application referred to in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 6 is received on or after 1st April 1988;
- (b) in any other case, where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1988.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 16th March 1988.

(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 16th March 1988.

(L.S.)

J. A. Mills

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;
- increasing the sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from prescription charges;
- adding those who have not yet attained the age of 19 and who are in qualifying full-time education to the list of those exempt from prescription charges.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £2.40 to £2.60 and the costs of pre-payment certificates are increased from £12.50 to £13.50 for a 4-month certificate and £35.00 to £37.50 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for elastic hosiery is increased from £2.40 to £2.60 (£5.20 per pair) and for tights from £4.80 to £5.20 (per pair).