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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989***Made* 22nd March 1989*Coming into operation* 1st April 1989

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) 1989, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1989.

(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)(aa), 3(1)(b), 3(3), 5(1)(b), 7(1)(b), 7(2)(b) and 7(3) for “£2·60” there shall be substituted “£2·80”;
- (2) in regulation 6(4) for “£13·50” there shall be substituted “£14·50” and for “£37·50” there shall be substituted “£40·00”;
- (3) in regulation 16(3) the words “, but the period shall in no case be less than one month from the date on which the charge was paid.” are omitted;
- (4) in Schedule 1 for “£2·60” there shall be substituted “£2·80” and for “£5·20” there shall be substituted “£5·60”;
- (5) in Schedule 1A for “£5·20” there shall be substituted “£5·60”;
- (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. 76, S.R. 1984 No. 66, S.R. 1987 No. 108, S.R. 1988 No. 79 and S.R. 1988 No. 396

"SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 10

Charges for Wigs and Fabric Supports

(1)	(2)
<i>Description</i>	<i>Charges</i>
Surgical Brassiere	£12·00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£16·00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£24·00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£62·00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£97·00"

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 1989;
- (b) insofar as they amend Schedule 2 of the principal regulations, where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1989;
- (c) in any other case, where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1989.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 22nd March 1989.

(L.S.)

J. Scott

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 22nd March 1989.

(L.S.)

R. A. H. Miller

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 principal 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.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £2·60 to £2·80 and the costs of pre-payment certificates are increased from £13·50 to £14·50 for a 4-month certificate and £37·50 to £40·00 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for elastic hosiery is increased from £2·60 to £2·80 (£5·60 per pair) and for tights from £5·20 to £5·60 (per pair).

The charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £90·00 to £97·00, for a partial human hair wig from £58·00 to £62·00, and for a stock modacrylic wig from £22·00 to £24·00. The charge for a surgical brassiere is increased from £11·00 to £12·00 and for an abdominal or spinal support from £15·00 to £16·00.

In addition there is no minimum period within which a claim for repayment in accordance with regulation 16 of the principal regulations of a charge already paid has to be made.