

## 1994 No. 124

## HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . 29th March 1994

Coming into operation . . . . . 1st April 1994

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 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, 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) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1994.

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

*Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations*

2. In regulation 3 (supply of drugs and appliances by chemists) in paragraphs (1)(b) and (3) for “£4.25” there shall be substituted “£4.75”.

*Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations*

3. In regulation 5(1)(b) (supply of drugs and appliances by doctors) for “£4.25” there shall be substituted “£4.75”.

*Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations*

4. In regulation 6(4) (prepayment certificates) for “£22.00” there shall be substituted “£24.60”, and for “£60.60” there shall be substituted “£67.70”.

*Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations*

5. In regulation 7 (supply of drugs and certain appliances to out-patients by hospitals)—

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(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14): the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24) Article 14, S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) Article 7 and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5  
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 419: the last amending regulations are S.R. 1993 No. 140

- (a) in paragraph (1)(b) for “£4.25” there shall be substituted “£4.75”;  
 (b) in paragraphs (2)(b) and (3) for “£4.25” there shall be substituted “£4.75”.

*Amendment of Schedules to the principal regulations*

6.—(1) In Schedule 1 for “£4.25” there shall be substituted “£4.75” and for “£8.50” there shall be substituted “£9.50”.

(2) In Schedule 1A for “£8.50” there shall be substituted “£9.50”.

(3) For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 10

**Charges for Wigs and Fabric Supports**

(1) <i>Description</i>	(2) <i>Charges</i>
Surgical Brassiere .....	£ 18.50
Abdominal or Spinal Support .....	£ 24.50
Stock Modacrylic Wig .....	£ 40.00
Partial Human Hair Wig .....	£104.00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig .....	£151.00”

*Transitional provisions*

7. Where on or after 1st April 1994—

- (a) any appliance specified in Schedule 2 to the principal regulations is supplied pursuant to an order given before that date; or  
 (b) any pre-payment certificate is granted under regulation 6 of the principal regulations pursuant to an application under that regulation which was received before that date, the principal regulations shall have effect in relation to that supply or, as the case may be, that grant as if regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of these regulations had not come into force.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 29th March 1994.

(l.s.)

*Joan Dixon*

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 29th March 1994.

(l.s.)

*F. G. McConnell*

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') which provide for the making and recovery of charges for drugs and appliances supplied by doctors and chemists providing pharmaceutical services, and by hospitals and HSS trusts to out-patients.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £4.25 to £4.75. The sums prescribed for the grant of prepayment certificates of exemption from prescription charges are increased from £22.00 to £24.60 for a 4-month certificate and from £60.60 to £67.70 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for elastic stockings is increased from £4.25 to £4.75 for each item (from £8.50 to £9.50 per pair) and for tights from £8.50 to £9.50.

The charge for a partial human hair wig is increased from £93.00 to £104.00, and for a stock modacrylic wig from £36.00 to £40.00. The charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £135.00 to £151.00. The charge for a surgical brassiere is increased from £18.00 to £18.50 and for an abdominal or spinal support from £24.00 to £24.50.

Transitional arrangements are made in respect of pre-payment certificates and appliances ordered, before the coming into force of these regulations (Regulation 7).