

**2001 No. 135**

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

**General Medical Services (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2001**

*Made* . . . . . 25th March 2001

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 17th April 2001

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety<sup>(a)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 56, 106(b) and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972<sup>(b)</sup> and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of the medical profession, as required by Article 56(5) of that Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the General Medical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 17th April 2001.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the General Medical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997<sup>(c)</sup>.

*Amendment of the principal Regulations*

2. In Schedule 10 to the principal Regulations (drugs and other substances not to be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services), the following entries shall be deleted:—

- Nicabate Nicotine Transdermal Patch
- Nico Patch
- Nicodex Patch
- Niconil Transdermal Patch
- Nicorette

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(a) Department’s (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)); *See* Article 3(6)  
(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26)); the European Communities (Medical, Dental and Nursing Professions) (Linguistic Knowledge) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/432); the Health and Medicines (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24)); the Health and Personal Social Services and Public Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24)); the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)); the Medical (Professional Performance) Act 1995 c. 51 and the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1177 (N.I. 7))  
(c) S.R. 1997 No. 380 as amended by S.R. 2000 No. 217

Nicorette Nasal Spray  
Nicorette Patch  
Nicorette Plus  
Nicostop Patch  
Nicotine Patch (QHR Limited)  
Nicotinell Gum  
Nicotinell TTS Patches

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services  
and Public Safety on 28th March 2001.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the General Medical Services Regulations (“the principal Regulations”) which regulate the terms on which doctors provide general medical services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Regulation 2 deletes specified nicotine replacement therapy products from the list in Schedule 10 to the principal Regulations, which contains a list of drugs and other substances which may not be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services.

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