

2005 No. 60

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Traffic (Health Services Charges) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

Made - - - - - *2nd March 2005*

Coming into operation *1st April 2005*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 25(2) and (4), 37 and 57(1) and (3) of the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001(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 Road Traffic (Health Services Charges) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2005.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Road Traffic (Health Services Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(b).

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations

2. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (amount of health services charges – incidents on or after 2nd July 1997) shall be amended as follows –

- (a) in paragraph (2) –
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) for “£473” there shall be substituted “£483”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “£582” there shall be substituted “£593”;
- (b) in paragraph (5) for “£34,800” there shall be substituted “£35,500”.

Saving

3. Notwithstanding regulation 2, the principal Regulations shall continue to have effect in respect of a certificate relating to an incident which occurred before 1st April 2005 as if the amendments made by these Regulations had not been made.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 2nd March 2005.

(L.S.)

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(a) 2001 c. 3 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. 2001 No. 125 as amended by S.R. 2001 No. 434, S.R. 2002 Nos. 52 and 373 and S.R. 2004 No. 89

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Road Traffic (Health Services Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (“the principal Regulations”) which provide for a scheme for the recovery from insurers and certain other persons of charges in connection with the health services treatment of road traffic casualties.

Amendments made to the principal Regulations by regulation 2 increase the charges. Where a traffic casualty receives health services treatment but is not admitted to hospital in respect of an incident which occurs on or after 1st April 2005 the charge is increased from £473 to £483. The daily charge for health services in-patient treatment in respect of an incident which occurs on or after 1st April 2005 is increased from £582 to £593. The maximum charge for in-patient treatment in respect of an incident which occurs on or after 1st April 2005 is increased from £34,800 to £35,500.

Regulation 3 is a saving provision which maintains the current charges for incidents occurring before 1st April 2005.

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