
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 320

**Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

Amendment of regulation 2 of the Pharmaceutical Regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 2 of the Pharmaceutical Regulations (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) After “the 1997 Order” insert:

““APMS” means Alternative Provider Medical Services arrangements made under Article 56(2)(b)(1) of the Order (primary medical services) for the provision of primary medical services and “APMS contractor” shall be construed accordingly;”

(3) After “the Prescription of Drugs Regulations” insert:

““RBMS” means a Regional Board Medical Services provider under Article 56(2)(a) of the Order (primary medical services) for the provision of primary medical services and “RBMS practice” shall be construed accordingly;”

(4) After paragraph (3) insert the following paragraphs—

“(4) In these Regulations, “emergency requiring the flexible provision of pharmaceutical services” means an emergency declared by means of a direction to the Regional Board under section 6 of the 2009 Act to the effect that, as a result of the threatened damage to human welfare caused or which may be caused by the illness designated in the direction, the Regional Board must for a specified period—

(a) exercise, or

(b) where a discretion is conferred, consider exercising,

one or more of their functions under regulation 6A, 12(7A) or paragraph 4A of Schedule 2 subject to any conditions or limitations set out in the direction.

(5) Where—

(a) a direction of the type mentioned in paragraph (4) is given; and

(b) the Department issues a further direction changing the specified period of the emergency,

the duration of the emergency is to be construed in accordance with the specified period as so changed.”.