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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 172**

**The Income-Related Benefits (Local Welfare Provision Disregard) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

**Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations**

2.—(1) The Income Support (General Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987<sup>(1)</sup>) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 2(1) interpretation after the definition of “liable relative” insert—

““local welfare provision” means occasional financial or other assistance given by a Northern Ireland Department, or a person authorised to exercise any function of, or provide a service to, it, to or in respect of individuals for the purpose of—

- (a) meeting, or helping to meet, an immediate short term need—
  - (i) arising out of an exceptional event, or exceptional circumstances; and
  - (ii) that requires to be met in order to avoid a risk to the well-being of an individual; or
- (b) enabling individuals to establish or maintain a settled home, where those individuals have been or, without the assistance, might otherwise be—
  - (i) in prison, hospital, a residential care establishment or other institution; or
  - (ii) homeless or otherwise living an unsettled way of life;”.

(3) In Schedule 9 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 31<sup>(2)</sup> insert—

“**31A.** Any local welfare provision.”.

(4) In Schedule 10 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 18<sup>(3)</sup> insert—

“**18A.** Any local welfare provision.”.

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(1) S.R. 1987 No. No. 459; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 147 and S.R. 2008 No. 498  
(2) Paragraph 31 was substituted by regulation 13(a) of S.R. 1992 No. 147 and amended by regulation 2(6)(f) of S.R. 2008 No. 498  
(3) Paragraph 18 was substituted by regulation 14(a) of S.R. 1992 No. 147 and amended by regulation 2(7)(a) of S.R. 2008 No. 498