
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 182

**The Social Security (Medical Evidence) and
Statutory Sick Pay (Medical Evidence) (Amendment)
(No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

Amendment of the Statutory Sick Pay (Medical Evidence) Regulations

3.—(1) The Statutory Sick Pay (Medical Evidence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (18).

(2) In regulation 1(2)⁽²⁾, after the definition of “the Administration Act” insert—

““healthcare professional” means a person, not being the patient, who is—

- (a) a registered medical practitioner;
- (b) a registered nurse;
- (c) a registered occupational therapist;
- (d) a registered pharmacist;
- (e) a registered physiotherapist;

“occupational therapist” means a person who is registered in the part of the register maintained under Article 5 of the Health Professions Order 2001 relating to occupational therapists;

“pharmacist” means a person who is registered in the register maintained in pursuance of Articles 6 and 9 of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976;

“physiotherapist” means a person who is registered in the part of the register maintained under Article 5 of the Health Professions Order 2001 relating to physiotherapists;”.

(3) In regulation 2(1)(a)⁽³⁾, for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;

(4) Schedule 1⁽⁴⁾, Part I, rule 1—

(a) in the definition of “assessment”—

- (i) for “doctor”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”;
- (ii) after “other health” omit “care”;

(b) omit the definition of “doctor”;

(c) in the definition of “other health care professional”—

- (i) for ““other health care professional”” substitute ““other health professional””;
- (ii) for “registered medical practitioner” substitute “healthcare professional”;
- (iii) omit “a registered nurse,”;

(iv) omit “an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with a regulatory body established by an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999,”.

(1) [S.R. 1985 No. 321](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2010 No. 55](#) and [S.R. 2022 No. 120](#)

(2) Regulation 1(2) was amended by regulation 3(2) of [S.R. 2022 No. 120](#)

(3) Regulation 2(1) was substituted by regulation 3(3)(a) of [S.R. 2010 No. 55](#)

(4) Schedule 1 was substituted by regulation 3(4) of [S.R. 2010 No. 55](#) and amended by regulation 3(3) to (6) of [S.R. 2022 No. 120](#)

- (5) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 2—
 - (a) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;
 - (b) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (6) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 3—
 - (a) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;
 - (b) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (7) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 4—
 - (a) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”;
 - (b) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (8) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 5—
 - (a) for “doctor’s”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”;
 - (b) for “doctor”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (h), for “otherwise).” substitute “otherwise); and”;
 - (d) after sub-paragraph (h), insert “(i) the profession of the healthcare professional.”.
- (9) In Schedule 1, Part I, after rule 5 insert—
 - “**5A.** Where the healthcare professional’s statement is in the form set out in Part 11 of this Schedule—
 - (a) the healthcare professional’s name shall, irrespective of their profession, be recorded next to the words “doctor’s signature”;
 - (b) the healthcare professional’s address shall, irrespective of their profession, be recorded next to the words “doctor’s address”;
 - (c) the healthcare professional shall record their profession within the statement in such place as appears to them to be appropriate.”.
- (10) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 6—
 - (a) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;
 - (b) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (11) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 7, for “doctor”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (12) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 8, for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (13) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 9, for “doctor’s”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (14) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 10, for “doctor’s”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (15) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 11, for “doctor’s”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (16) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 12—
 - (a) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”;
 - (b) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (17) In Schedule 1, Part I, rule 13—
 - (a) for “doctor”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”;
 - (b) for “doctor’s”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.

(18) In the following places, for the reference to “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”—

- (a) the heading of Schedule 1, Part II;
- (b) the heading of Schedule 1, Part IIA.