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Regulations.

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Supersession
of Existing
Orders.

9. These Regulations shall, as from the date of the commencement thereof, supersede all orders (permanent or temporary) made by local authorities extending the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to ophthalmia neonatorum.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of October, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-nine.

(L.S.)

D. L. Clarke,
Assistant Secretary.

NOTE.—The Public Health Act, 1896, provides by sub-section (3) of Section 1 that if any person wilfully neglects or refuses to obey or carry out or obstructs the execution of any regulations made under any of the enactments mentioned in that Act he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty not exceeding £50 for every day during which the offence continues.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (NOTIFICATION OF PUERPERAL PYREXIA) (NORTHERN IRELAND), REGULATIONS, 1929, DATED 21ST OCTOBER, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1929. No. 103.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, (a) the Public Health Act, 1896, (b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Short Title
and com-
mencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Notification of Puerperal Pyrexia) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1929, and shall come into operation on the First day of January, 1930.

Inter-
pretation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears :—

“ Local authority ” means the council of a county borough,

(a) 41 & 42 Vic., c. 52.
(b) 59 & 60 Vic., c. 19.

the council of a municipal borough or other urban district or the council of a rural district.

“Medical officer of health” means medical officer of health of a local authority.

“Medical practitioner” means any person for the time being registered under the Medical Acts.

“The Ministry” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

“District” means the district subject to the jurisdiction of a local authority for the purposes of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

(2) The expression “puerperal pyrexia” means any febrile condition (other than a condition which is required to be notified as puerperal fever under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, (a)) occurring in a woman within 21 days after child-birth or miscarriage, in which a temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit (38° Centigrade) or more has been sustained during a period of 24 hours or has recurred during that period.

Definition of
Puerperal
Pyrexia.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, (b) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations every medical practitioner, on first becoming aware that a woman upon whom he is in professional attendance is suffering from puerperal pyrexia, shall forthwith make and sign in duplicate a notification of the case in the form prescribed for the purpose of certificates under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, and shall transmit both copies of the notification to the medical officer of health of the district within which he is attending such woman at the date of notification.

Notification
by Medical
Practi-
tioners.

4. A notification to be transmitted to the medical officer of health in pursuance of these Regulations shall be addressed to that officer and may be transmitted by being delivered to him or by being delivered at his office or residence, or may be sent by prepaid letter post addressed to him at his office or his residence. The notification shall either be enclosed in a sealed envelope or shall be folded in such manner that during its transmission the particulars of the notification cannot be observed.

Transmission
of
Notifications

5.—(1) The local authority shall pay to every medical practitioner a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each notification duly made, signed and transmitted by him under these Regulations if the case occurs in his private practice and of one shilling if the case occurs in his practice as medical officer of any public body or of any institution.

Fees for
Notification

(a) 52 & 53 Vic., c. 72.

(b) 52 & 53 Vic., c. 63.

(2) Every fee shall be paid as soon as practicable after the end of the quarter during which the notification was sent, and the local authority shall not require before payment an account of fees claimed under these Regulations.

(3) The said fees shall in each case be deemed to cover all expenses, including the cost of transmission.

Medical
Officer of
Health to
inform
Medical
Supervisor
of Midwives.
Notification
not required
in certain
cases

6. Immediately on receipt of a notification the medical officer of health shall transmit a copy to the Medical Supervisor of Midwives appointed by the County Council, or if no such officer has been appointed, to the Secretary of the County Council.

7. Where a woman is an inmate of any building, ship, vessel, boat, tent, van, shed or similar structure belonging to His Majesty the King, nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as requiring a notification to be transmitted to a medical officer of health in respect of that woman in any case not falling within the provisions of paragraph (b) of Section 5 of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, (a), (as made permanent by the Expiring Laws Act, 1925, (b) and as applied to the Royal Air Force by the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 2) Order, 1918 (c)).

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(a). 6 & 7 Geo. 5, c. 12.

(b) 15 & 16 Geo. 5, c. 76.

(c) S. R. & O. 1918. No. 548.