

Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees.

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1930, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1930.

1930. No. 175.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 52 and Section 53 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, as amended and applied by the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PART 1.

General.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930, and shall be deemed to have had effect from the first day of October, 1930.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :—

“ The Ministry ” means the Ministry of Labour.

“ Practitioner ” means a duly qualified medical practitioner who is on the list of medical practitioners published by the Ministry.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Any question arising as to the validity of, or otherwise in connection with, any appointment under these Regulations shall be determined by the Ministry.

4. A Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee and a Local Pharmaceutical Committee shall be constituted for each of the areas set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

PART 2.

Appointment of Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee.

5. Every practitioner whose name is upon the list published by the Ministry shall be entitled to take part in the appointment of the Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee for the area in which he is resident.

6. A meeting of practitioners residing in each area shall be called in such manner as the Ministry may approve but so

as to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to bring to the notice of practitioners the time and place of meeting and the purpose of the meeting, and the practitioners attending at such meeting shall appoint six practitioners from among the practitioners on the list for the area and resident in the area to be the Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee :

Provided that where in any case the practitioners in any area fail to appoint any or all of the said six members the appointment of the necessary number of persons to fill the vacancy or vacancies caused thereby shall be made by the Ministry.

7. The Ministry shall accept as sufficient notification of the said appointments a statement signed by a practitioner who was present at the meeting and entitled to take part in the proceedings..

8. Any expenses incurred in connection with the appointment of a Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee shall be deemed to be part of the administration expenses of such Committee.

PART 3.

Appointment of Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee.

9. Each Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee shall appoint two of its members to be members of the Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee and shall notify the Ministry of such appointment.

Provided that in the case of the Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee for the County Borough of Belfast the number of members to be appointed under this Article shall be four.

10. The Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee may co-opt other duly qualified medical practitioners (not being insurance practitioners and not exceeding three in number) to be members of the said Committee and shall notify the Ministry where any person is so co-opted.

PART 4.

Appointment of Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

11. The provisions of Part 2 of these Regulations shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to the appointment of Local Pharmaceutical Committees.

Provided that the Local Pharmaceutical Committee in whose appointment a person supplying drugs and appliances whose name is on the list published by the Ministry, shall be entitled to take part, shall be the Committee for that area in which his principal place of business is situated.

PART 5.

Quorum, Term of Office, Casual Vacancies, and Procedure.

12. The quorum of a Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee, of a Local Pharmaceutical Committee, and of the Central Insur-

ance Practitioners' Committee shall be three, three and six, respectively.

13. Members of the Committees appointed under Parts 2, 3 or 4 of these Regulations shall go out of office on 30th September, 1931.

14.—(1) If a member of a Committee is declared bankrupt or compounds by deed with his creditors or makes an arrangement or composition with his creditors by deed or otherwise, he shall thereupon immediately become disqualified and shall cease to be a member of the Committee and his seat shall become vacant.

(2) Where a person becomes so disqualified by being declared bankrupt or compounding, or making an arrangement or composition as aforesaid the disqualification, as regards subsequent appointment, shall, in the case of bankruptcy, cease on his obtaining his order of discharge, and shall, in case of a compounding or composition as aforesaid, cease on payment of his debts in full and shall, in case of an arrangement as aforesaid, cease on his obtaining his certificate of discharge.

15. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation or disqualification of any member of a Committee the remaining members of the Committee shall appoint a person having the same qualifications as the member vacating the seat to fill the vacancy.

16. A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office during the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place he is appointed.

17. The procedure of a Committee shall be such as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, this 31st day of December, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and thirty.

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Labour.

SCHEDULE.

County Borough of Belfast.

County of Antrim.

County of Armagh

County of Down.

Counties of Fermanagh and Tyrone.

County and County Borough of Londonderry.