

earlier than that on which the notice was given, notice shall be deemed to have been given within the prescribed time only as respects the period up to the last date for which benefit is or would be so payable, and the incapacity for work by reason of any disease or disablement in respect of which notice is so deemed to have been given within the prescribed time shall be deemed to have been proved within the prescribed time.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 24th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

(L.S.)

*Kenneth Curtis,*  
Acting Secretary to the National  
Health Insurance Joint Committee.

### Economy.

ORDER IN COUNCIL MADE UNDER THE ECONOMY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931, WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

1931. No. 152.

BY THE GOVERNOR AND PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

(SIGNED) ABERCORN.

WHEREAS by the Economy Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, it is enacted that the Governor of Northern Ireland may, in respect of certain services, including National Health Insurance, make such Orders in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland as appear to the said Governor to be expedient for the purposes of effecting economies in the expenditure falling to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament, or out of any fund established by the enactments relating to any of the said services, and of effecting improvements in the arrangements for meeting such expenditure :

And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that such Orders may (among other things) make provision—

for altering the respective proportions in which expenditure in respect of any such service is to be defrayed out of any fund so established as aforesaid and out of moneys provided by Parliament, and for making transfers and adjustments between any such funds or between any such fund and any other statutory fund ; and

for the modification or termination of statutory or contractual rights, obligations and restrictions subsisting at the date when the provisions of the Order take effect :

And whereas it is expedient for the purposes aforesaid that the provisions hereinafter contained shall have effect :

Now, therefore, I, James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, by virtue of the enactments hereinbefore recited and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows :—

*Emergency Economies in case of Medical Benefit to ensure to benefit of Exchequer.*

1.—(1) The Ministry shall from time to time, at such dates and in respect of such periods as the Ministry of Finance may direct, ascertain by what amount the sums which would otherwise have been required to meet expenditure properly incurred by the Ministry in connection with medical benefit under the Acts have been curtailed by measures taken to meet the present emergency, and an amount equal to the amount so ascertained in respect of each such period shall be paid out of the Medical Benefit Account and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding paragraphs.

(2) Any amount so paid out of the Medical Benefit Account as aforesaid shall (subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph) be applied, in such manner as the Ministry of Finance may direct, as appropriations in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for the expenses incurred by the Ministry in the administration of the Acts and shall, for the purposes of section four of the Act of 1924, be treated as part of the expenses of the administration of benefits.

(3) The Ministry shall ascertain, as nearly as may be, what portion of the amounts paid out of the Medical Benefit Account in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article relates to the cost of providing medical benefit for the persons to whom sub-section (4) of section twelve of the Act of 1924 applies, and that portion, instead of being dealt with as provided in paragraph (2) of this Article, shall be repaid by the Ministry to the Minister of Pensions.

*Provisions as to Subsisting Agreements.*

2. If and in so far as any measures which the Minister may, in view of the present emergency, deem it necessary to take with respect to the remuneration of insurance practitioners, or persons supplying drugs or appliances for the purposes of medical benefit, are inconsistent with the terms of any agreement subsisting at the

date when the provisions of this Order take effect, that agreement shall be deemed to be modified so far as may be necessary to enable those measures to be put into operation.

*Transfer from Pensions Account to Central Fund of portion of Contributions paid in respect of Employed Persons over Sixty-five.*

3. The Ministry shall, so soon as may be, in respect of the period from the 2nd day of January, 1928, to the 6th day of July, 1930, and the period from the 7th day of July, 1930, to the 31st day of December, 1931, and thereafter in respect of each half-year, ascertain the number of contributions represented by the sums collected on account of contributions under paragraph (ii) of sub-section (1) of section nine of the Act of 1925 (which relates to employed persons who have attained the age of sixty-five); and there shall be transferred from the Pensions Account to the Central Fund the following sums :—

- (a) in respect of the period from the 2nd day of January, 1928, to the 6th day of July, 1930, a sum equivalent to threepence halfpenny multiplied by the number so ascertained in respect of that period; and
- (b) in respect of the period from the 7th day of July, 1930, to the 31st day of December, 1931, and thereafter in respect of each half-year, a sum equivalent to fourpence halfpenny multiplied by the number so ascertained in respect of each such period.

*Discontinuance of Exchequer Grant to Central Fund.*

4. So much of sub-section (1) of section sixty-eight of the Act of 1924 as provides that in respect of each year there shall be paid to the Central Fund a contribution out of moneys provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall cease to have effect.

*Short Title, Commencement, and Interpretation.*

5.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Economy (National Health Insurance) Order (Northern Ireland), 1931, and shall have effect as from the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

(2) In this Order—

“the Ministry” means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland:

“the Minister” means the Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland:

“ The Acts ” means the Acts relating to National Health Insurance as they apply in Northern Ireland :

“ the Act of 1924 ” means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, as it applies in Northern Ireland :

“ the Act of 1925 ” means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 :

“ the Medical Benefit Account ” means the Medical Benefit Account established under section ten of the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1930 :

“ the Central Fund ” means the Central Fund established under section sixty-seven of the Act of 1924 :

“ the Pensions Account ” means the Pensions Account (Northern Ireland), established under section eleven of the Act of 1925.

(3) This Order and the Acts shall be construed together, and any reference in any Act or other document to the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 to 1931, or to the enactments relating to national health insurance in Northern Ireland, shall be deemed to include a reference to this Order.

Given at the Council Chamber, Belfast, this 29th day of October, 1931.

*Craigavon.*

*R. Dawson Bates.*

*J. M. Andrews.*

*J. Milne Barbour.*

*A. B. Babington.*

### **Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees.**

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH OCTOBER, 1931, MADE BY THE  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER  
THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN  
IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.

1931. No. 127.

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 :—