

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH AUGUST, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1949. No. 143

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections six, twelve, and thirteen of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that it to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, and shall be construed as one with the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (a), (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations) and the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, (b).

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations :—

“(1) The number of persons whose names may be placed on the list of a practitioner shall be limited as follows :—

- (a) in the case of a practitioner carrying on a practice otherwise than in partnership, the number of persons shall not exceed 4,000 ;
- (b) in the case of two or more practitioners carrying on practice in partnership, the number on the list of any one of such practitioners shall not exceed 5,000, and the average of the numbers on the lists of both or all the partners shall not exceed 4,000 ;
- (c) where a practitioner or a partnership of practitioners is authorised under these Regulations to employ one, or more than one, permanent assistant the additional number of persons for whose treatment the practitioner or practitioners may be responsible shall not exceed 2,400 in respect of each such assistant ;
- (d) where a practitioner employs an assistant who is also included in the Board's list as an independent practitioner, the total number on the combined lists shall not

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 147.

(b) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 260.

exceed 6,400, and, where two or more such assistants are employed, the total number on the combined lists shall not exceed an additional 2,400 in respect of each such additional assistant :

Provided that —

- (i) where notification is received by the Board under paragraph 8 (3) of Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations of intention to employ a permanent assistant, and the circumstances of the employment are, in the opinion of the Board, such as to warrant some restriction of the maximum numbers which would otherwise be permissible upon the list of the practitioner or practitioners concerned, the Board, after consultation with the Central Medical Committee, may determine a lesser number as the appropriate maximum addition in respect of that assistant, having regard to the circumstances of the practice ;
- (ii) the imposition of a limit of numbers shall not restrict a practitioner from accepting persons who apply to him as temporary residents or who are assigned to him as a temporary arrangement under Regulation 12, or exempt him from any liability to give treatment immediately required to any person who applies for acceptance, or to give emergency treatment under Regulation 8."

3. The following Regulation shall be substituted for Regulation 20 of the Principal Regulations :—

" 20.—(1) Where the Board have required a medical practitioner to supply all requisite drugs and prescribed appliances to a person on his list, the practitioner may elect to be paid either on the basis of the Drug Tariff for all such drugs and appliances actually supplied, or

- (a) by capitation fee in respect of each person to whom he is required to supply drugs and prescribed appliances, such capitation fee to be determined by the Ministry after consultation with such organisation as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the medical profession, and
- (b) on the basis of the Drug Tariff for such drugs and appliances only as may be scheduled in a special list drawn up by the Board in consultation with the Ministry, and payment shall be made by the Board accordingly :

Provided that in the case of payment on the basis of the Drug Tariff the Board may require the practitioner to submit to them prescriptions on the official form in such manner and at such times as they may direct.

(2) For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the practitioner must adopt the same method in respect of all persons to whom he is required to supply drugs and prescribed appliances.

(3) Where a practitioner elects to be paid on the basis of the Drug Tariff a container allowance or dispensing fee shall not be payable in respect of drugs administered in person, and a dispensing fee shall not be payable in respect of other drugs and appliances supplied by him which would otherwise normally be supplied under the arrangements referred to in paragraph 7 (9) (iii) of Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations.

(4) The arrangement to be made by a Health Authority with medical practitioners in accordance with Section 38 (2) (b) of the Act may include the supply of medicines to patients receiving maternity medical services and the arrangements may incorporate such provision for payment for the supply of these medicines as are in accordance with the terms of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) and of paragraph (3) of this Regulation."

4. The following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (9) of paragraph 7 of the First Schedule to the Principal Regulations :—

- " (9) (i) A practitioner is required to supply to a patient such drugs and appliances as are required for immediate administration or application, or for use before a supply can be obtained otherwise under the Regulations.
- (ii) A practitioner may supply any other drug which is administered by him in person or any of the pessaries included in Part I of the Second Schedule.
- (iii) A practitioner shall comply with any arrangements made by the Board, with the approval of the Ministry, under which he may obtain and have available for supply such drugs and appliances.
- (iv) A practitioner shall supply all requisite drugs and prescribed appliances which, under the Regulations, he is required by the Board to supply to a patient.
- (v) A drug supplied by a practitioner, unless administered in person, shall be supplied in a suitable container, properly labelled with the patient's name, the dose and frequency of dosage."

5. For Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following part :—

PART I

LIST OF APPLIANCES

- Animal wool
Atomisers, hand operated
- Bandages :
calico
crepe
domette
elastic adhesive
elastic web
flannel
indiarubber
many-tailed
muslin
open weave
plaster of Paris
suspensory, cotton
triangular
zinc paste
- Breast relievers
Brushes, when required for the proper administration of any drug forming part of general medical services.
- Catheters : urethral, gum-elastic or soft rubber, and lubricant for use therewith.
- Cellulose tissue
Cellulose wadding
Chiropody felt
Colostomy belts and parts thereof : for repairs and replacements only
Corn and bunion plasters and rings
Cotton wool :
absorbent
grey
medicated
- Douches, with rectal and vaginal fittings
Dressings :
standard dressings B.P.C. Nos. 1—6
boil dressing, as described in the Drug Tariff
elastic adhesive strip dressing, as described in the Drug Tariff
- Droppers, when required for the proper administration of any drug forming part of general medical services
- Elastic anklets
Elastic knee leggings
Elastic knee stockings
Elastic kneecaps
Elastic leggings
Elastic stockings
Elastic thigh kneecaps
Elastic thigh leggings
Elastic thigh pieces
Elastic thigh stockings
Eye baths
- Eye ointment rods
Eye shades
Finger Stalls
Gauzes :
medicated
unmedicated
Gauze and cotton wool tissue :
medicated
unmedicated
- Hypodermic needles : when required for self-administration of Insulin or Adrenaline
Hypodermic syringes : when required for self-administration of Insulin or Adrenaline
- Ice bags :
check sheeting
indiarubber
Inhalers :
earthenware (Nelson)
Burney Yeo
Insufflators
- Irrigators :
eye (undine)
nasal
- Lints :
medicated
unmedicated
- Nipple shields
- Pessaries :
ring
fluid ring
Hodge's
stem
- Plaster :
adhesive, spread or on spool
elastic adhesive
- Protectives :
battiste
gutta percha tissue
jaconet
oiled cambric
oiled silk, including oiled artificial silk
- Rubber tubing
- Splints : including Gooch and Kramer splinting and poro-plastic but excluding walking caliper splints, surgical boots, foot supports worn with boots and shoes, elbow and knee splints and Howard Marsh knee splints

Sputum flasks	Trusses :
Suprapubic belts and parts thereof : for repairs and replacements only	femoral
Syringes :	inguinal
glass	scrotal
rubber	umbilical
Tampons	
Test tubes	Vaccination shields and pads
Tows :	Vaporisers, as specified in the Drug Tariff
carbolised	
unmedicated	

6. The following sub-paragraph shall be added to paragraph 8 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Principal Regulations :—

“ (6) If the Ministry, after consultation with such organisation as may be recognised by the Minister as representing the pharmaceutical profession and with the Drug Pricing Committee constituted in accordance with Section 14 of the Act, is satisfied at any time that the method of payment hereinbefore provided for in this paragraph is such that undue delay in payment may be caused thereby it may direct that the amounts to be payable to a chemist shall be calculated by such other method, whether by averaging the amounts payable to a chemist or otherwise, as may appear designed to secure that —

(a) payment may be made within a reasonable time, and

(b) that payments to a chemist shall, as nearly as may be, remain the same as if the payments had been calculated in accordance with the first mentioned method of payment,

and payments calculated by any such other method shall be deemed for all purposes to be payments made in accordance with these Regulations.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this seventeenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine in the presence of

(L.S.)

Ronald Green,

Assistant Secretary.

Northern Ireland General Health Services Board—Constitution

ORDER, DATED 9TH MARCH, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION FOUR OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1949. No. 40

WHEREAS by Section 4 (1) of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (in this Order referred to as “the Act”), it is