

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-seventh day of September one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five in the presence of

(L.S.)

Dehra Parker,
Minister of Health and
Local Government.

SCHEDULE

HEALTH SERVICES (ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS) ACT
(NORTHERN IRELAND), 1955. SECTION 5(2).

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I _____ to transfer to the Northern Ireland General
*do not wish
Health Services Board.

(Signed)

Date

*Delete as appropriate.

Hospital and Specialist Services

Travelling Expenses of Relatives of Patients

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH AUGUST, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES
ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948 TO 1955.

1955. No. 135

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section twenty-one of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended by section three of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1953, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Relatives) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, and shall come into operation on 1st October, 1955.

(2) In these Regulations the word "relative" means:—

- (a) the father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife or a child of the patient;
- (b) an uncle or aunt or other relative with whom the patient normally resides; or
- (c) the guardian of the patient.

2. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority (in these regulations referred to as "the Authority") may, on request by the relative, pay the whole or part of any travelling expenses incurred by a relative of a patient undergoing treatment in any hospital or other institution operated, controlled or approved by the Authority in visiting that patient.

3. Payments under these Regulations shall be made only if the following conditions are complied with:—

- (a) that the expenses necessarily incurred exceed two shillings and six pence;
- (b) that the expenses are claimed within three months from the date on which they were incurred; and
- (c) that the National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland are satisfied that in the circumstances of the case the payment of such expenses by the relative would involve hardship.

4.—(1) Payments under these Regulations shall be made only in respect of approved visits.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation, an "approved visit" means:—

- (a) a visit to a patient who has been undergoing treatment in a hospital or institution or in hospitals or institutions for a continuous period of not less than two months; or
- (b) a visit to a patient whose age does not exceed twelve years and who has been undergoing treatment in a hospital or institution or in hospitals or institutions for a continuous period of not less than one month; or
- (c) a visit to a patient who has been certified by the medical officer in charge of his treatment to be dangerously ill.

(3) The maximum number of return journeys which may be paid for by the Authority under these Regulations shall be:—

- (a) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of the preceding paragraph, two per month;
- (b) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of the preceding paragraph, four per month;
- (c) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of the preceding paragraph, two per visit.

5.—(1) The amount to be paid to a relative under these Regulations shall not exceed in respect of any one journey the minimum return fare by train or omnibus, whichever is the lesser, in respect of that journey.

(2) Where the National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland determines that payment of the whole of any such travelling expenses would involve hardship, but that the relative could reasonably be required to bear part of such expenses the Board shall determine the amount to be borne by the relative and the payment by the Authority in respect of such travelling expenses shall accordingly be reduced by that amount.

6. These regulations shall not apply to the payment of travelling expenses incurred by a relative in visiting a patient undergoing treatment of tuberculosis and kindred diseases (as defined by the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946) in any case where such expenses may be payable by the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority under paragraph 19 of Part II of the First Schedule to the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

7. These Regulations are in addition to and not in derogation of the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Patients) (Hospital and Specialist Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951(a).

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 17th day of August, 1955, in the presence of

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Brian Maginess,
Minister of Finance for Northern
Ireland.

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH MARCH, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1955. No. 41

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 6, 10, 12, 13 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955.