

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).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 17th day of August, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*Dehra Parker,*  
Minister of Health and Local Government  
for Northern Ireland.

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

(L.S.)

*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.

2. The Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 2 after the definition of "medical card" there shall be inserted the following definition:—

"prescribed charge" means a charge made in accordance with the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952(b);"

(2) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 9 the words "paragraph (1) of" shall be inserted before the word "this".

(3) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (2) of Regulation 11:—

"(2) On the death of a practitioner, or his removal or withdrawal from the medical list the Board shall, as soon as may be practicable, give to the persons whose names are on the list of such practitioner notice of their right to apply to another practitioner for acceptance and may inform such persons of the names and addresses of any other practitioners:—

- (a) who were providing general medical services in partnership with or as assistants to such practitioner and who are entitled under these Regulations to accept further persons for inclusion in their lists;
- (b) whom the Board have admitted to the medical list, upon the removal from the medical list of the name of such practitioner, to provide general medical services in the area;
- (c) with whom the Board have made temporary deputising arrangements under Regulation 12 of these Regulations."

(4) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 12 the words "three months" shall be substituted for the words "one month".

(5) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (3) of Regulation 13A:—

"(3) Where the Board, after due enquiry, are satisfied that a person whose name is included in the list of a practitioner providing general medical services has been an inmate for two years or more of a mental hospital or an institution for persons requiring special care, or has been an inmate for one year or more of a prison or a Borstal institution, they may forthwith remove the name of that person from the practitioner's list."

(6) After paragraph (4) of Regulation 20 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(5) Where the Board have required a medical practitioner to supply all requisite drugs and appliances to a person on his list it shall be the duty of the practitioner to recover from him any charges which are payable in accordance

(a) S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1948, No. 147.

(b) S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1952, No. 85.

with Regulation 4 of the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, and, unless he has elected to be paid entirely on the basis of the Drug Tariff, to remit all such charges to the Board, in such form as the Board may require, within ten days from the end of the month in which they are collected."

(7) Regulation 20A shall be deleted.

(8) In paragraph 1 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations there shall be inserted after the words "Rural Practitioners' Fund" the words " "quarter" means a period of three months ending on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September or the 31st December".

(9) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 2 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations:—

*"Incorporation of Provisions of Regulations, etc.*

2. Any provisions of the Act, the Regulations, the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a), and the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, affecting the rights, duties and obligations of medical practitioners shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service."

(10) In sub-paragraph (2)(a) of paragraph 5 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations the words "as part of Pharmaceutical Services" shall be substituted for the words "free of cost".

(11) In sub-paragraph (2)(b) of paragraph 5 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations the words from "The Board shall also refund" to the end of the paragraph shall be deleted and the following words substituted therefor:—

"The Board shall also refund any payment made by him to a chemist in respect of drugs or prescribed appliances which he would, if he had presented a prescription on one of the order forms provided by the Board, have been entitled to obtain on payment of the prescribed charge;

Provided that the amount so refunded shall not exceed the amount, reduced in accordance with the terms of Regulation 5 of the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, which would have been payable by the Board for such drugs or appliances on the basis of the Drug Tariff, if they had been ordered on a form provided by the Board."

(12) In sub-paragraph (2)(a) of paragraph 14 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations the words "and any decision to grant such an application for the first time shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry" shall be deleted.

(13) The following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 18 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations:—

"(2) Where claims are received by the Board from more than one practitioner in the same area in respect of treatment rendered to the same temporary resident during a period of three months commencing from the date of the first treatment, the fee of seventeen shillings or five shillings, as the case may be, shall be paid only to the practitioner on whose list the patient was placed as a temporary resident in respect of the treatment first rendered."

(14) For proviso (ii) to sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 20 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations there shall be substituted the following proviso:—

“(ii) where a practitioner claims that hardship or difficulty would be involved if payment were not made until the end of the quarter, the Board may make such monthly advances on account, payable at the end of each of the first two months of the quarter, as they may consider appropriate.”

(15) In Part I of the Second Schedule to the Regulations after the words “Hypodermic needles” and after the words “Hypodermic syringes” there shall be substituted for the words “when required for self-administration of insulin or adrenaline” the words “when required for self-administration of a drug.”

(16) In Part II of the Second Schedule to the Regulations “Diagnostic Nitroprusside Tablets” shall be added to the list of Chemical Reagents.

(17) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 2 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Regulations:—

“*Incorporation of Provisions of Regulations, etc.*”

2. Any provisions of the Act, the Regulations, the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, affecting the rights, duties and obligations of chemists and the provisions of any scheme made under the Regulations shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service.”

(18) The words “Upon payment of the prescribed charge” shall be inserted at the beginning of sub-paragraph (1)(a) of paragraph 3 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Regulations.

(19) The following words shall be added at the end of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Regulations:—

“and in the case of trusses, elastic hosiery, suprapubic belts and colostomy belts it shall, unless measurements have been specified by the prescriber, be the duty of the contractor to supply a properly fitting appliance.”

(20) The following sub-paragraphs shall be added to paragraph 4 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Regulations:—

“(3) A chemist shall maintain at his place or places of business proper and sufficient equipment and accommodation for the purpose of dispensing medicines and supplying appliances.

(4) A chemist shall, at any time during which his place of business is open or otherwise accessible for the provision of pharmaceutical services, admit any representative of the Board, being a pharmaceutical chemist, for the purpose of inspecting the dispensing equipment and accommodation and the drugs, medicines and appliances held on the premises.”

(21) In paragraph 7 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Regulations the words “any charge except the prescribed charge” shall be substituted for the word “charge”.

(22) The following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 8 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Regulations:—

“(4) Payment shall be made for drugs and prescribed appliances mentioned in the Drug Tariff at the prices specified therein and for drugs or prescribed appliances not mentioned in the Tariff in the manner set forth therein, subject, however, in either case to any adjustment, as may be required, of the sums payable to chemists consequent upon the prescribed charges collected or due to be collected from persons to whom drugs or appliances have been supplied. The payment to be made for containers and in respect of the hire of oxygen equipment and dispensing fees shall be calculated in the manner set forth in the Tariff.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this sixteenth day of March, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*John A. Oliver,*  
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this sixteenth day of March, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*D. C. B. Holden,*  
Assistant Secretary.

### Services Committee

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1955. No. 157

[C]

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 5, 6, 11, 12, 22 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Services Committee) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1955.

(2) The Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a) and these Regulations may be cited together as the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 to 1955.

2. For Regulations 2 to 11 inclusive of the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a) there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

(a) S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1948, No. 164.