

## 1966. No. 229

[NC]

**GAME****Hen Pheasants**

ORDER, DATED 29TH SEPTEMBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 7C AND 7F OF THE GAME PRESERVATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1928 AS INSERTED BY SECTION 3 OF THE GAME LAW AMENDMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1951.

This Order, prohibiting the killing, and the sale or purchase of hen pheasants for consumption during the period 1st November 1966 to 31st October 1967, being of temporary effect, is not printed at length in this volume.

## 1966. No. 230

This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.

## 1966. No. 231

[C]

**HEALTH SERVICES****General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services**

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 6 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(a) and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 and except in relation to Regulation 3(8) shall come into operation on the 1st October 1966.

(2) Regulation 3(8) shall come into operation on the 1st January 1967.

2. The Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(b) shall be amended as follows:—

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(a) 1948. c. 3.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 150.

(1) After the definition of "relevant service" in Regulation 2(1) add "and Section 2 of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Act 1964"<sup>(a)</sup>.

(2) In Regulation 4(3) there shall be inserted "(e) particulars of days and hours during which he sees patients by appointment".

(3) At the end of Regulation 9(3) there shall be inserted the words "Provided that:

(a) where following the death or retirement of a partner, or the cessation of employment of an assistant, the practitioner has more than the permitted maximum number of patients on his list and actively seeks a new partner or assistant the Board may on his undertaking not to accept further patients other than the children of existing patients, permit him to retain during the remainder of the quarter in which the event occurred and in the next ensuing quarter, not more than the number of patients on his list at the date of the event;

(b) when following the creation of a partnership of which he is a member a practitioner has more than the permitted maximum number of patients on his list, the Board may permit him to retain, for such period not exceeding nine months after the date of commencement of the partnership as they may determine, not more than the numbers of patients on his list at such date."

(4) In Regulation 11(4) the words at the end of the paragraph "and that for a period of 12 months no capitation payment or loading will be payable to him in respect of such persons" shall be deleted.

(5) After regulation 15(3) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(4) A person who—

(a) normally resides in a school but is temporarily residing at home, or

(b) normally resides at home but is temporarily residing in any institution,

and who is on the list of a practitioner providing general medical services in the district of his temporary residence may, if requiring treatment when temporarily residing at home or in any institution, apply to another practitioner in that district to be accepted by him as a temporary resident. For the purposes of this provision temporary residence extending beyond 3 months shall cease to be regarded as temporary and the person shall thereupon be removed from the list of the first-named practitioner."

(6) For Regulations 17 and 18 the following regulation shall be substituted:—

"17. The Ministry, after consultation with such organisation as may be recognised by the Ministry as representing the medical profession, and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may from time to time determine the rates of payments and conditions attaching thereto, to be made to general medical practitioners in contract with the Board and any other arrangements for practice expenses or practice improvement so as to secure compliance with the Social Services (Agreement) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949<sup>(b)</sup>, and in particular may make provision for the following matters:—

(a) 1964. c. 11.

(b) 1949. c. 3.

- (a) basic and supplementary practice allowances, and additional allowances for group practice, vocational training, seniority and employment of assistants;
- (b) standard and supplementary capitation fees and capitation fees for elderly patients;
- (c) fees for items of service and temporary residents;
- (d) fees and allowances for the supply of drugs and appliances and also for rural practice;
- (e) allowances for post graduate training, for training practitioners and for initial practice;
- (f) allowances for practice expenses and for improvement of premises;
- (g) group practice loans;
- (h) such other payments or arrangements in respect of practice expenses or practice improvements as may be determined by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance."

(7) Regulation 20 shall be deleted.

3. Part 1 of the First Schedule shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph 6(2) the words "to carry out vaccination against smallpox" shall be deleted.

(2) Paragraph 11(1)(c) shall be deleted.

(3) For paragraph 14(1) there shall be substituted:—

"14(1) A practitioner shall give treatment personally but if reasonable steps are taken to ensure continuity of treatment the practitioner shall be under no obligation to give treatment personally and such treatment may be given by a partner or assistant; by a deputy; or if it is treatment which it is reasonable in the circumstances to delegate to a member of his staff, being a person who is competent to carry out such treatment, by such member."

(4) For paragraph 14(2) there shall be substituted:—

"A practitioner shall make all necessary arrangements for securing the treatment of his patients. He shall inform the Board of any standing deputising arrangements and likewise when he proposes to be absent from his practice for more than a week, of the names of the practitioner or practitioners responsible for his practice during his absence."

(5) Paragraph 14(8) shall be deleted.

(6) In paragraph 14(9) after the word "assistant" there shall be inserted the words "or of any other member of his staff".

(7) For paragraph 15(2) there shall be substituted:—

"15(2)(a) A practitioner shall attend and treat at his residence or such other place or places as may be agreed between him and the Board and on the days and at the hours to be arranged to the satisfaction of the Board, any patient who attends there for that purpose, and he may not, without the consent of the Board

- (i) change the place or places of his attendance; or
- (ii) reduce or add to the number of such places; or
- (iii) change the days or hours of his attendance; or
- (iv) alter his area of practice; or
- (v) reside beyond reasonable access to his area of practice.

Provided that where a patient attends when an appointment system is in operation and has not previously made, and is not given, an appointment to see the practitioner at that time, the practitioner may decline to attend and treat the patient during that surgery period if the patient's health would not thereby be jeopardised and the patient is offered an appointment within a reasonable time having regard to all the circumstances. The practitioner shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a consultation is not so deferred without his knowledge.

(b) Where the Board has given the consent referred to above, the practitioner shall take such steps as the Board consider necessary to bring the alteration to the notice of his patients.

(c) A practitioner shall inform the Board of his intention to operate an appointment system. Where a practitioner has been operating such a system immediately before 1st October 1966 or he succeeds to a practice where such a system is in force or joins a partnership operating such a system he shall only be required to notify the Board in writing of that fact."

(8) Paragraph 16(1)(i) shall be deleted and paragraph 16(1)(j) shall be renumbered paragraph 16(1)(i) and there shall be added at the end of that sub-paragraph:—

“(j) for either the prescribing of a contraceptive drug or the prescribing and fitting of a contraceptive appliance, when the drug or appliance is not necessary to preserve the patient's physical or mental health, so however that no remuneration shall be demanded or accepted for an examination or advice connected with such prescribing and fitting;

(k) for attending and examining (but not otherwise treating) a patient at his request at a police station in connection with proceedings which the police are in mind to bring against him;

(l) for treatment consisting of an immunisation in connection with travel abroad for which no remuneration is payable by the Board;

(m) for circumcising a patient for whom such an operation is requested on religious grounds and is not needed on any medical grounds.”

(9) The following paragraphs shall be deleted: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 40.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 30th day of September 1966.

(L.S.)

*Lancelot Browne,*  
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 30th day of September 1966.

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*R. H. Kidd,*  
Assistant Secretary.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations provide for certain amendments in the terms and conditions of service under which doctors agree to provide general medical services. The amendments are in the main necessary to enable a new remuneration system to be put into operation from 1st October 1966. At the same time certain changes are being made to enable doctors to provide for the introduction of appointment systems, for the delegation of treatment to a member of the doctor's staff who is competent to carry it out and, provided that reasonable steps are taken to ensure continuity of treatment, to enable a doctor to arrange for services to be given by a deputy as well as his partner or assistant without being under any obligation to provide treatment himself.

The Regulations also provide that a doctor may—

- (a) with the permission of the General Health Services Board retain, in certain cases, a larger list than permitted under the principal regulations;
- (b) accept as temporary residents certain persons already on the lists of other doctors in the same area; and
- (c) from 1st January 1967 accept fees from patients for certain items of service.

**1966. No. 232****FACTORIES****Employment of Women in Bakehouses**

ORDER, DATED 3RD OCTOBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 115 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

As this Order, being of a temporary character, has been exempted from printing by virtue of Reg. 5(1)(b) of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 195, made under the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, it is not printed at length in this volume.