



Health Services Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 53

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

The General Practice Finance Corporation

17 Powers of the General Practice Finance Corporation in relation to premises and land

Section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1966 (which enables the General Practice Finance Corporation to make loans to medical practitioners providing general medical services for the provision of premises and to acquire and lease to such practitioners sites required for such services) shall be amended—

- (a) by substituting, in subsection (2), for the words " land as is mentioned in paragraph (c) of " the words " premises or other land as is mentioned in "; and
- (b) by inserting, in subsection (3), after the word " to " the words " premises or other ".

18 Increase in borrowing powers of the General Practice Finance Corporation

In section 6(3) of the National Health Service Act 1966 (which limits the aggregate amount which may be outstanding in respect of the principal of money borrowed by the General Practice Finance Corporation to £10 million or such greater amount not exceeding £25 million as the Secretary of State may by order specify) for the words " ten million pounds " and " twenty-five million pounds " there shall be substituted respectively the words " £40 million " and " £100 million ".

19 Remuneration etc. of members of the General Practice Finance Corporation

- (1) In the Schedule to the National Health Service Act 1966 there shall be substituted for paragraph 7 (which provides for the payment of remuneration and allowances

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to members of the General Practice Finance Corporation out of money provided by Parliament) the following paragraph, that is to say—

“7. The Corporation may pay to its members such remuneration and such reasonable allowances in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as it may determine subject to any directions given by the Minister and the Secretary of State acting jointly with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service.”.

- (2) The amendment made by subsection (1) above has effect in relation to the financial year of the Corporation beginning 1st April 1980 and subsequent years.

Pharmaceutical services

20 Extension of pharmaceutical services in connection with dental treatment provided by health authorities, etc.

- (1) Section 41 of the Act of 1977 (which imposes a duty on health authorities to arrange for the supply of proper and sufficient drugs and medicines ordered by medical practitioners and of listed drugs and medicines ordered by dental practitioners) shall be amended by substituting for paragraph (b) the following paragraphs, that is to say—

- “(b) proper and sufficient drugs and medicines which are ordered for those persons by a dental practitioner in pursuance of the provision by that Authority of dental services; and
 (c) listed drugs and medicines which are ordered for those persons by a dental practitioner in pursuance of the provision by him of general dental services.”.

- (2) Section 27(1) of the Scottish Act of 1978 (which imposes a corresponding duty on Health Boards) shall be amended by substituting for paragraph (b) the following paragraphs, that is to say—

- “(b) proper and sufficient drugs and medicines which are ordered for those persons by a dental practitioner in pursuance of the provision by that Board of dental services; and
 (c) listed drugs and medicines which are ordered for those persons by a dental practitioner in pursuance of the provision by him of general dental services.”.

21 Regulation of right to provide pharmaceutical services

- (1) In section 42(6) of the Act of 1977 (under which persons who so wish are entitled to be included in the list of persons undertaking to provide pharmaceutical services subject to the provisions of Part II of that Act relating to disqualification), after the words " subject to " there shall be inserted the words " any provision made by or under the regulations and to the provisions of ".
- (2) In section 43(1) and (2) of the Act of 1977 (which contains restrictions, to which regulations may provide exceptions, as to the persons who may be authorised to provide pharmaceutical services), after the words " provided by ", there shall be inserted the words " or under ".

Miscellaneous and supplementary

22 Amendment of the Act of 1977 in respect of membership of Regional Health Authorities

In Schedule 5 to the Act of 1977, Part I, paragraph 1(2) (c), after the words " medical practitioners ", there shall be inserted the words " including medical practitioners qualified in homoeopathy ".

23 Correction of meaning of " local authority " in Part IV of the National Assistance Act 1948

Section 195 of the Local Government Act 1972 (which amends existing enactments conferring social services functions, including the National Assistance Act 1948, so as to vest those functions in the authorities which are local authorities for the purposes of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970) shall have effect, and be deemed always to have had effect, as if at the end of the section there were added the following subsection—

“(7) In section 64(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948 (interpretation), in the definition of " local authority ", the words " county borough " shall be omitted and, after the word " district " , there shall be inserted the words " or London borough or the Common Council of the City of London.””

24 Expenses and receipts of the Secretary of State, etc.

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Act, and
- (b) any increase attributable to the provisions of this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided,

and any sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

25 Interpretation and minor amendments and repeals

(1) In this Act—

" the Act of 1976 " means the Health Services Act 1976 ;

" the Act of 1977 " means the National Health Service Act 1977; and

" the Scottish Act of 1978 " means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

(2) Schedule 12 to the Act of 1977 and Schedule 11 to the Scottish Act of 1978 (additional provisions as to regulations for the making and recovery of charges) shall be amended as provided in Parts I and II respectively of Schedule 5 to this Act.

(3) The minor amendments specified in Schedule 6 to this Act shall have effect.

(4) The enactments specified in Schedule 7 to this Act (which include enactments that are spent or unnecessary) are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

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26 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Health Services Act 1980.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act, namely—
 - (a) section 14 ;
 - (b) section 16 and Schedule 4 ;
 - (c) section 21 ;
 - (d) section 25(2) and Schedule 5 ; and
 - (e) in Schedule 7, the repeals in the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Act 1938, the Nursing Homes Act 1975 and the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (and section 25(4) so far as it relates to those repeals),shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument and different days may be appointed under this subsection for different provisions.
- (3) With the exception of the provisions specified in subsection (2) above, this Act shall come into force on its passing.
- (4) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.