STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 334

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of powers conferred upor them by section 6(4) of, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to, the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1976.
- (2) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of regulations

- 2. The National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1973(c) shall be amended as follows:—
 - (a) for regulation 3(1) there shall be substituted the following:—
 - "Term of office of members appointed by an authority or by a local representative body
 - 3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations the term of office of members appointed by an Authority or by a local representative body shall be four years expiring on 31st July in any year.".
 - (b) for regulation 3(2) there shall be substituted the following:—
 - "(2) Where a Committee is established in England before 1st April 1977 those original members who were appointed by the relevant Authority or by any local representative body shall hold office for a period ending on 31st July 1977 and one half of the members appointed by the relevant Authority or by each local representative body whose appointments take effect from 1st August 1977 shall be

a) 1973 c. 32.

⁽b) 1889 c. 63.

appointed for a period ending on 31st July 1979 and the remainder of such members shall be appointed for a period ending on 31st July 1981.".

- (c) for regulation 3(3) there shall be substituted the following:—
 - "(3) Where a Committee is established in Wales before 1st April 1974 one half of the original members appointed by the relevant Authority or by each local representative body shall hold office for a period ending on 31st July 1976 and the remainder of such members shall hold office for a period ending on 31st July 1978.".
- (d) for regulation 3(4) there shall be substituted the following:—
 - "(4) Where a Committee is established in Wales after 31st March 1974 and in England after 31st March 1977 one half of the original members appointed by the relevant Authority or by each local representative body shall hold office for such a period, not exceeding two years and four months expiring on 31st July in any year as the relevant Authority shall, in the case of such Committee, determine (and such determination may be made after the date of appointment) and the remainder of such members shall be appointed for a period two years greater than the period of office of the first half of such original members."
- (e) for regulation 5(1) there shall be substituted the following:—
 - "Variation of membership of Committees
 - 5.—(1) Where the Secretary of State has by Order provided that paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1973 should apply with such modifications as are specified in the Order to a Committee established in accordance with that paragraph or where he makes an Order revoking or varying such Order as aforesaid, he may terminate the appointment of any member of the Committee as established before the date of coming into operation of the Order, and the term of office of any original member appointed in accordance with provisions taking effect upon that date shall be for such a period, not exceeding four years and four months expiring on 31st July in any year as the relevant Authority shall, in each case, determine.".

1st March 1976.

Barbara Castle,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales,

2nd March 1976.

Barry Jones,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Welsh Office.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1973 by altering the date of terminations of office of certain members of Family Practitioner Committees from 31st March to 31st July and by adjusting appropriately the terms of office of the original members.



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