
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 699

**The National Health Service (Amendments
Relating to Prescribing by Nurses and
Pharmacists etc.) (England) Regulations 2003**

Amendment of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2000

4.—(1) The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2000⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) insert each of the following definitions at the appropriate alphabetical place—

““Drug Tariff” means the statement compiled, published and amended from time to time by the Secretary of State pursuant to regulation 18 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1992 (standards of, and payments for, drugs and appliances);”;

““independent nurse prescriber” means—

(a) a person whose name is registered—

- (i) in Part 1 or 12 of the nurses and midwives' professional register and has a district nurse qualification additionally recorded in the nurses and midwives' professional register pursuant to rule 11 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Rules 1983, or
- (ii) in Part 11 of the nurses and midwives' professional register as a health visitor,

and against whose name is recorded in the nurses and midwives' professional register an annotation signifying that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances from the Nurse Prescribers' Formulary for District Nurses and Health Visitors in Part XVIIIB(i) of the Drug Tariff; or

(b) a person—

- (i) whose name is registered in Parts 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 of the nurses and midwives' professional register, and
- (ii) against whose name is recorded in the nurses and midwives' professional register an annotation signifying that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances from the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary in Part XVIIIB(ii) of the Drug Tariff;”;

““nurses and midwives' professional registers” means the register maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Council pursuant to paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001;”;

““supplementary prescriber” means a person whose name is registered in—

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2000/620; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2000/3189, 2001/2887, and 2002/548 and 2352.

- (a) Parts 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 of the nurses and midwives' professional register;
- (b) the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists maintained in pursuance of section 2(1) of the Pharmacy Act 1954; or
- (c) the register maintained in pursuance of Articles 6 and 9 of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976,

and against whose name is recorded in the relevant register an annotation signifying that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as a supplementary prescriber;”;

- (b) in the definition of “prescription form”, for “dentist or nurse prescriber” substitute “dentist, supplementary prescriber or independent nurse prescriber”; and
 - (c) the definition of “nurse prescriber” is omitted.
- (3) In regulation 6(1) (supply of drugs and appliances at Walk-in-Centres), for “doctor or nurse prescriber” substitute “doctor, supplementary prescriber or independent nurse prescriber”.