
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The National Health Service (Charges for
Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015**

Supply of drugs and appliances at walk-in centres

7.—(1) Where drugs or appliances are supplied to a patient, including during the out of hours period, for the purpose of treating that patient, by a prescriber at a walk-in centre, the NHS trust, NHS foundation trust or other person responsible for the management of the centre, must, subject to paragraphs (3) to (5), make and recover from that patient for the supply of—

- (a) an item of elastic hosiery, a charge of £8.20 or £16.40 per pair;
- (b) each other appliance, a charge of £8.20;
- (c) each quantity of a drug, a charge of £8.20.

(2) Any person paying a charge under paragraph (1), must on doing so, sign a declaration in writing that the relevant charge has been paid.

(3) No charge is to be made and recovered under this regulation for the supply of drugs administered or appliances fitted or put into service at the walk-in centre.

(4) No charge is to be made and recovered under this regulation from a patient who is exempt—

- (a) by virtue of section 173(1)(d) of the 2006 Act⁽¹⁾ (exemptions from general charging) or regulation 10(2), 11(1), 12 or 13;
- (b) by virtue of regulation 10(1); or
- (c) by reason of being entitled to remission of the charge by virtue of regulation 5 of the Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations⁽²⁾ (entitlement to full remission and payment),

and in the cases described in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), completes a declaration of entitlement to such exemption or remission and provides any other evidence of entitlement as the NHS trust, NHS foundation trust or other person responsible for the management of the walk-in centre supplying the drug or appliance may reasonably require.

(5) For the purpose of this regulation, where a drug ordered is supplied by instalments, the charge of £8.20 payable for that drug is payable on the supply of the first instalment.

(6) Where a patient requests a receipt for a charge made and recovered under paragraph (1), the person making and recovering the charge must give the patient a receipt for the amount received on the relevant approved form.

⁽¹⁾ Subsection (1) was amended by the Health Act 2009 (c. 21), Schedule 1, paragraphs 6 and 7(c).

⁽²⁾ Relevant amendments were made to regulation 5 by S.I. 2004/663 and 936, 2006/562, 2008/1697, 2009/411, 2013/475 and 2014/2667.