## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2022 No. 630

The Social Security (Medical Evidence) and Statutory Sick Pay (Medical Evidence) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022

## **Amendment of the 1985 Regulations**

- **3.**—(1) The 1985 Regulations are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 1(2), after the definition of the "1992 Act", insert—
  ""healthcare professional" means a person, not being the patient, who is—
  - (a) a registered medical practitioner;
  - (b) a registered nurse;
  - (c) a registered occupational therapist or registered physiotherapist;
  - (d) a registered pharmacist within the meaning of article 3 of the Pharmacy Order 2010;".
- (3) In regulation 2(1)(a), for "doctor" substitute "healthcare professional".
- (4) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 1—
  - (a) in the definition of "assessment"—
    - (i) for "doctor", in each place where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional";
    - (ii) after "other health" omit "care";
  - (b) omit the definition of "doctor";
  - (c) in the definition of "other health care professional"—
    - (i) for "other health care professional" substitute "other health professional";
    - (ii) for "registered medical practitioner" substitute "healthcare professional";
    - (iii) omit "a registered nurse,";
    - (iv) omit "an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with a regulatory body established by an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999,".
- (5) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 2—
  - (a) for "doctor" substitute "healthcare professional";
  - (b) for "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (6) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 3—
  - (a) for "doctor" substitute "healthcare professional";
  - (b) for "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (7) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 4—
  - (a) for "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's";
  - (b) for "doctor" substitute "healthcare professional".
- (8) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 5—
  - (a) for "doctor's", in each place where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional's";

- (b) for "doctor", in each place where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional";
- (c) in sub-paragraph (h), for "otherwise)." substitute "otherwise); and";
- (d) after sub-paragraph (h), insert "(i) the profession of the healthcare professional.".
- (9) In Schedule 1, Part 1, after rule 5 insert the following—
  - "5A. Where the healthcare professional's statement is in the form set out in Part 2 of this Schedule—
    - (a) the healthcare professional's name shall, irrespective of their profession, be recorded next to the words "doctor's signature";
    - (b) the healthcare professional's address shall, irrespective of their profession, be recorded next to the words "doctor's address"; and
    - (c) the healthcare professional shall record their profession within the statement in such place as appears to them to be appropriate.".
- (10) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 6—
  - (a) for "doctor" substitute "healthcare professional";
  - (b) for "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (11) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 7, for "doctor", in both places where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional".
  - (12) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 8, for "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (13) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 9, for "doctor's", in both places where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (14) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 10, for "doctor's", in each place where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (15) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 11, for "doctor's", in both places where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional's".
  - (16) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 12—
    - (a) for "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's";
    - (b) for "doctor" substitute "healthcare professional".
  - (17) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 13—
    - (a) for "doctor", in both places where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional";
    - (b) for "doctor's", in both places where it occurs, substitute "healthcare professional's".
- (18) In the following places, for the reference to "doctor's" substitute "healthcare professional's"—
  - (a) the heading of Schedule 1, Part 2;
  - (b) the heading of Schedule 1, Part 2A.