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2016 CHAPTER 18

PART 4

INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ADVOCATES

PROSPECTIVE

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- 96.—**(1) The Department may by regulations—
- (a) expand the role of independent mental capacity advocates in relation to persons who are 16 or over and lack capacity;
 - (b) adjust the obligation to make arrangements imposed by section 86.
- (2) The regulations may in particular—
- (a) prescribe circumstances in which an independent mental capacity advocate must be instructed by a person of a prescribed description to represent and provide support to a person who lacks capacity;
 - (b) prescribe circumstances in which an independent mental capacity advocate may be so instructed;
 - (c) contain provision about the making of requests for independent mental capacity advocates to be instructed in prescribed circumstances;
 - (d) contain provision about the functions of independent mental capacity advocates instructed in prescribed circumstances.

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(3) The regulations may make provision in any way that the Department considers appropriate and may in particular—

- (a) apply, or make provision corresponding to, any provision within subsection (4) (with or without modifications);
- (b) amend any provision of this Part.

(4) The provisions are—

- (a) any provision of this Part;
- (b) any provision of regulations made under this Part;
- (c) any provision that could be made by regulations under this Part.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 285(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 285(2)(a)(b) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 77\(b\)](#)