### 1980 No. 366

## HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) (No. 2) **Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980** 

Made	•	•	•	•	•	•	23rd October 1980
Coming	into	operat	tion		•	•	1st December 1980

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of and in conjunction with the Department(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

#### Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1980.

#### Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) shall be further amended as follows:

- (a) in regulation 2(1) (Interpretation) for the definition "the Supplementary Benefits Act" there shall be substituted ""the Supplementary Benefits Order" means the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(d)";
- (b) in regulations 3(1)(b), 3(3), 5(1)(b), 7(1)(b), 7(2)(b) and 7(3) for "£0.70" there shall be substituted "£1.00";
- (c) in regulation 6(4) for "£4.50" there shall be substituted "£5.50" and for "£12.00" there shall be substituted "£15.00";
- (d) in regulations 15(1)(f)(i) and 16(1)(b) for the reference to "the Supplementary Benefits Act' and in regulations 10(2)(b) and 15(9)(a)(ii) for the reference to "the Supplementary Benefits &c Act (Northern Ireland) 1966" there shall be substituted "the Supplementary Benefits Order";
- (e) for regulation 15(1)(f)(ii) there shall be substituted:
  - "(ii) on the ground that he has attained the age of 16 years and his requirements exceed his resources when calculated or estimated by the Department in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Order-
  - (A) as if Articles 7 (power to require registration for employment), 9 (exclusion of certain employed persons and pupils), 12 (persons affected by trade disputes) and 14 (modification of rights to supplementary allowance in certain cases) of and paragraphs 2(5) and 3(2)(b) of Schedule 1 to that Order did not apply; and

<sup>(</sup>a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8
(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

<sup>(</sup>c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 419 (II, p. 2512) as amended by S.R. 1975 No. 317 (II, p. 1490)

<sup>(</sup>d) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27) as amended by the Social Security (N.I.) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)

- (B) as if his requirements included—
  - (i) the charges under these regulations;
- (ii) the sum of  $\pounds 1.50$ ;
- (iii) such amount in respect of repayments of mortgage capital as is reasonable in the circumstances;
- (iv) such amount in respect of life insurance premiums payable by and in respect of a policy on the life of that person as is reasonable in the circumstances, and
- (v) such amount in respect of hire purchase payments under a hire purchase agreement for such essential items as would be provided pursuant to the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980(e) as if the person were in receipt of a supplementary pension or allowance under the Supplementary Benefits Order and as if paragraph 15(d) of Schedule 3 to the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Regulations 1980(f) did not apply, or"
- (f) for Schedule 1 there shall be substituted:

# "SCHEDULE 1

#### Regulations 3, 5 and 7

#### **Charges for Elastic Hosiery**

#### (1) Description

#### (2) Charge

Above-knee stocking, below-knee stocking or thigh stocking £1.60 each (i.e., £3.20 per pair)"

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 23rd October 1980.

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 23rd October 1980:

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(e) S.R. 1980 No. 363 (f) S.R. 1980 No. 347

# EXPLANATORY NOTE

# (This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973. The amendments increase the charges specified for the supply of drugs and certain appliances under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, increase the sum prescribed for the prepayment certificates of exemption and increase the allowance for exemption from those charges on grounds of low income.