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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

<i>Made</i>	<i>1st May 1981</i>
<i>Coming into operation</i>	<i>1st June 1981</i>

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 37(1)(c) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(b) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1981.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Substitution of regulation 6 of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 6 of the principal regulations (prescribed relationships between severely disabled persons and persons engaged in caring for them) there shall be substituted the following regulation:

“Severely disabled persons prescribed for the purposes of section 37(1)(c) of the Act

6. For the purposes of section 37(1)(c) of the Act (condition of entitlement to an invalid care allowance that the severely disabled person is either such relative of the person caring for him as may be prescribed or a person of any such other description as may be prescribed) where a severely disabled person is being cared for by another person, that disabled person shall be a prescribed person for the purposes of that section, whether he is related to the person caring for him or not.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 1st May 1981.

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(a) 1975 c. 15; section 37(3) was amended by Article 18(2) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11))

(b) 1980 c. 30

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 99; to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and prescribe that section 37(1)(c) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 ("the 1975 Act") shall apply to any severely disabled person who is being cared for by another person, whether he is related to the person caring for him or not. The regulations have the effect of extending entitlement to invalid care allowance to all persons caring for a severely disabled person apart from those excluded by section 37(3) of the 1975 Act (persons under 16 or receiving full-time education, married women and any woman living with a man as his wife but not married to him).