

1992 No. 143

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Attendance Allowance) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992**

Made 19th March 1992

Coming into operation 6th April 1992

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 35(4A) and (6) and 85(1)(b) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1992.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(b).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 4 (entitlement before the date of claim in renewal cases) for the words from “that person may be entitled to an attendance allowance” to the end there shall be substituted “that person shall be entitled to an attendance allowance for a period starting on the day after the date on which the period referred to in paragraph (b) has ended and ending with the date of claim if the claimant has satisfied the condition mentioned in paragraph (a) of section 35(1) or the condition mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection or both of those conditions throughout that period.”.

(3) In regulation 7(2) (persons in certain accommodation other than hospitals) at the beginning there shall be inserted “Paragraph (1)(b), in so far as it relates to enactments relating to persons under disability not referred to in paragraph (1)(a), and”.

(4) In regulation 8 (exemption from regulations 6 and 7) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

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- (a) 1975 c. 15; section 35(4A) was inserted by paragraph 8 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)) and amended by paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 8 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1342 (N.I. 13)) and paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2 to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1712 (N.I. 17)). Section 35(6) was amended by Schedule 4 to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance (Northern Ireland) Order 1991
- (b) S.R. 1992 No. 20

“(1) Subject to paragraph (3), regulation 6 or, as the case may be, regulation 7 shall not apply to a person in respect of the first 28 days of any period throughout which he—

- (a) is undergoing medical or other treatment in a hospital or similar institution in any of the circumstances mentioned in regulation 6; or
- (b) would, but for this regulation, be prevented from receiving an attendance allowance by reason of regulation 7(1).”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 19th March 1992.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations, which come into operation on 6th April 1992, amend the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 (“the principal regulations”). They make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Regulation 2(2) amends regulation 4 of the principal regulations so as to clarify the period for which there can be entitlement to an attendance allowance for a period before the date of claim in renewal cases.

Regulation 2(3) amends regulation 7(2) of the principal regulations and regulation 2(4) substitutes regulation 8(1) of the principal regulations thereby extending the exceptions to the requirement that attendance allowance should not be paid to people in certain accommodation.