

1992 No. 154

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1992

Made 24th March 1992

Coming into operation 1st April 1992

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

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1992.

(2) In these regulations, “the principal regulations” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) the definitions of “oxygen concentrator” and “oxygen concentrator services” shall be omitted.

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 3 (supply of drugs and appliances by chemists)—

(a) paragraph (1)(aa) shall be omitted;

(b) at the end of regulation 3(1) the words from “or, where a chemist provides ...” to the end of the paragraph shall be omitted.

Amendment of the amounts specified in the principal regulations

4. The principal regulations shall be further amended in accordance with the following paragraphs—

(1) In regulations 3(1)(b), 3(3), 5(1)(b), 7(1)(b), 7(2)(b) and 7(3) for “£3·40” there shall be substituted “£3·75”.

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 419; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1980 No. 76, S.R. 1984 No. 66, S.R. 1988 No. 396, S.R. 1989 No. 99, S.R. 1990 No. 100 and S.R. 1991 No. 114

(2) In regulation 6(4) for “£17·60” there shall be substituted “£19·40” and for “£48·50” there shall be substituted “£53·50”.

(3) In Schedule 1 for “£3·40” there shall be substituted “£3·75” and for “£6·80” there shall be substituted “£7·50”.

(4) In Schedule 1A for “£6·80” there shall be substituted “£7·50”.

(5) For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 10

Charges for Wigs and Fabric Supports

(1) <i>Description</i>	(2) <i>Charges</i>
Surgical Brassiere	£ 16·00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£ 21·00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£ 32·00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£ 82·00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£119·00”.

Application

5. These regulations shall apply—

- (a) insofar as they amend regulation 6(4) of the principal regulations, where the application referred to in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 6 is received on or after 1st April 1992;
- (b) insofar as they amend Schedule 2 to the principal regulations, where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1992;
- (c) in any other case, where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1992.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 24th March 1992.

(L.S.)

J. Scott

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 24th March 1992.

(L.S.)

R. Miller

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 ("the principal regulations") which provide for the making and recovery of charges for drugs and appliances supplied by doctors and chemists providing pharmaceutical services.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £3·40 to £3·75. The sums prescribed for the grant of prepayment certificates of exemption from prescription charges are increased from £17·60 to £19·40 for a 4-month certificate and from £48·50 to £53·50 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for elastic hosiery is increased from £3·40 to £3·75 for each item (from £6·80 to £7·50 per pair) and for tights from £6·80 to £7·50.

The charge for a partial human hair wig is increased from £74·50 to £82·00, and for a stock modacrylic wig from £29·00 to £32·00. The charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £108·00 to £119·00. The charge for a surgical brassiere is increased from £14·50 to £16·00 and for an abdominal or spinal support from £19·00 to £21·00.

These regulations remove the provision in the principal regulations for a charge to be made by chemists in respect of an oxygen concentrator and also remove the definitions of "oxygen concentrator" and "oxygen concentrator services".