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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 6**

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

**The General Medical Services (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made* - - - - *7th January 2003*

*Coming into operation* *1st February 2003*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 56, 106(b) and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972<sup>(2)</sup> and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel and after consultation with such organisations as appear to the Department to be representative of the medical profession, as required by Article 56(5) of that Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the General Medical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st February 2003.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the General Medical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Amendment of Schedule 10 of the principal Regulations**

2. In Schedule 10 to the principal Regulations (drugs and other substances not to be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services), the following entries shall be omitted—

Fabrol Granules  
Fluimucil Granules  
Methylcysteine Tablets 100mg  
Mucodyne Capsules  
Mucodyne Syrup

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(1) S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1), *see* Article 3(6)

(2) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26), S.I. 1981/432, S.I. 1986/2023 (N.I. 20), S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24), S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24), S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1), 1995 c. 51 and S.I. 1997/1177(N.I. 7)

(3) S.R. 1997 No. 380; relevant amending instruments are S.R. 1999 No. 276, S.R. 2000 No. 217, S.R. 2001 No. 135, S.R. 2001 No. 374 and S.R. 2002 No. 266

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Mucodyne Forte Syrup  
Mucodyne Forte Tablets  
Mucodyne Pediatric Syrup  
Visclair Tablets.

**Amendment of Schedule 11 of the principal Regulations**

**3.** In Schedule 11 to the principal Regulations (drugs and other substances to be prescribed for supply under pharmaceutical services only in certain circumstances)—

- (a) omit “Acetylsteine Granules” in column 1 and the entries in columns 2 and 3 which relate to that entry;
- (b) omit “Carbocisteine” in column 1 and the entries in columns 2 and 3 which relate to that entry; and
- (c) after “Apomorphine Hydrochloride (Uprima)” in columns 1 and 2 respectively insert in each of those columns “, Tadalafil (Cialis)”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 7th January 2003.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the General Medical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (“the principal Regulations”) which regulate the terms on which doctors provide general medical services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

The Regulations make changes to Schedules 10 and 11 to the principal Regulations, which list drugs which may not be prescribed or may only be prescribed in certain circumstances.

Regulations 2 and 3(a) and (b) remove certain oral mucolytic drugs from Schedules 10 and 11 to the principal Regulations. This has the effect that those drugs may now be prescribed under pharmaceutical services.

Regulation 3(c) includes Cialis in Schedule 11 to the principal Regulations. This has the effect that this drug may only be prescribed under pharmaceutical services in the circumstances specified in that Schedule.