

2008 No. 90

HEALTH SERVICES CHARGES

**The Recovery of Health Services Charges (Amounts)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

Made - - - - - *6th March 2008*

Coming into operation *1st April 2008*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety makes the following regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 2, 5(2) and (5) and 19(3) of the Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(a).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Recovery of Health Services Charges (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2008.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Recovery of Health Services Charges (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(b).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the principal Regulations (amount of health services charges)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for “£159” substitute “£165”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b)(i) for “£505” substitute “£547”;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) for “£620” substitute “672”; and
- (d) in paragraph (4) for “£37,100” substitute “£40,179”.

Saving

3. Notwithstanding regulation 2, the principal Regulations shall continue to have effect in respect of a certificate relating to an incident which occurred before 1st April 2008 as if the amendments made by these Regulations had not been made.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 6th March 2008.

(L.S.)

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(a) S.I. 2006/1944 (N.I. 13) Article 2 is cited for the definition of “prescribed”
(b) S.R. 2006 No. 507

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 provides for a scheme for the recovery of charges in cases where an injured person who receives a compensation payment in respect of his injury has received health services hospital treatment or ambulance services. The charges are specified in certificates issued by the Department for Social Development and are payable by persons who pay compensation to the injured person. The charges in each case are calculated by reference to a tariff of charges provided for by the Recovery of Health Services Charges (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (“the principal Regulations”).

Amendments made to the principal Regulations by regulation 2 increase the charges in respect of injuries which occur on or after 1st April 2008. Where the injured person is provided with health services ambulance services, the charge is increased from £159 to £165 for each occasion. Where the injured person receives health services treatment, but is not admitted to hospital, the charge is increased from £505 to £547. The daily charge for health services in-patient treatment is increased from £620 to £672. The maximum charge in respect of an injury is increased from £37,100 to £40,179.

Regulation 3 is a saving provision which maintains the current charges for incidents occurring before 1st April 2008.

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