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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2013 No. 302**

**Provision of Health Services to Persons not Ordinarily Resident (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

**Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal Regulations**

4.—(1) Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) For the heading “**Visitors to whom services forming part of health services shall be available**”, substitute “**Visitors exempt from charges**”.

(3) For the words “Services forming part of health services shall be available to a visitor” substitute—

“(1) No charge may be made or recovered in respect of any services forming part of health services provided to a visitor who falls within the following sub-paragraphs—”

(4) After paragraph (1) insert the following paragraphs—

“(2) A visitor shall only be exempt from charges to the extent that charges would not be payable by a person ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

(3) Where a visitor meets the residence qualification in sub-paragraph 1(c) on a date during a course of treatment for which charges could have been made prior to that date no charge shall be made in respect of services received subsequently.

(4) Where it is established that a visitor does not meet the residence qualification in sub-paragraph 1(c) and that visitor has already received services as part of a course of treatment on the basis that no charges would be made, no charges may be made for the remainder of that course of treatment.

(5) No charge shall be made in respect of any services forming part of health services provided for—

- (a) in the case where sub-paragraph (h), (i), (j), (k), (r) or (s) of paragraph (1) applies to a visitor, the spouse, civil partner or child of the visitor; or
- (b) spouse, civil partner or child of the visitor, if the spouse, civil partner or child lives on a permanent basis with the visitor in the United Kingdom.”.