
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 170

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

**The Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

Made - - - - *10th June 2014*

Coming into operation *18th July 2014*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety⁽¹⁾, in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 63(1), (2), 106(b) and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972⁽²⁾.

In accordance with Article 63(3) of that Order, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety has consulted with such organisations as appear to be representative of the pharmaceutical profession.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 18th July 2014.

(2) In these Regulations “the Pharmaceutical Regulations” means the Pharmaceutical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997⁽³⁾.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the Pharmaceutical Regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 2 of the Pharmaceutical Regulations (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) after the definition of “child” insert the following definition—

““chiroprapist or podiatrist independent prescriber” means a chiroprapist or podiatrist who is registered in Part 2 of the register maintained under Article 5 of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001⁽⁴⁾ (establishment and maintenance of register), and against whose

(1) See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)

(2) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26) Article 14; S.I. 1986/2023 (N.I. 20) Articles 5(1) and (2); S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24); S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) Article 7; S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Articles 3(1) and (2), 34 and Part II of Schedule 5; S.I. 1992/2671 (N.I. 18) Article 3; S.I. 1997/1177 (N.I. 7) Article 29; 2001 c. 3 (N.I.) section 48 and 2008 c.2 (N.I.) section 10

(3) S.R. 1997 No. 381 relevant amending instruments are S.R. 2005 No. 231 and S.R. 2009 No. 191

(4) S.I. 2002/254; Article 5 was amended by S.I. 2009/1182. The Order was so renamed by section 213(4) and (6) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 c.7

name in that register is recorded an annotation signifying that the chiropodist or podiatrist is qualified to order drugs and appliances as a chiropodist or podiatrist independent prescriber;”

(3) after the definition of “pharmacy” insert the following definition—

““physiotherapist independent prescriber” means a physiotherapist who is registered in Part 9 of the register maintained under Article 5 of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001, and against whose name in that register is recorded an annotation signifying that the physiotherapist is qualified to order drugs and appliances as a physiotherapist independent prescriber;”

(4) for the definition of “prescriber”(5) substitute—

““prescriber” means a doctor, a dentist, a chiropodist or podiatrist independent prescriber, an independent nurse prescriber, an optometrist independent prescriber, a pharmacist independent prescriber, a physiotherapist independent prescriber or a supplementary prescriber;”

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(5) This definition was inserted by [S.R. 2005 No. 231](#) and substituted by [S.R. 2009 No. 191](#)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Pharmaceutical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (“the Pharmaceutical Regulations”). The changes arise out of new arrangements for the independent prescribing of drugs and appliances by chiropodists or podiatrists and physiotherapists.

Regulation 2 amends the Pharmaceutical Regulations by inserting a new definition of “chiropodist or podiatrist independent prescriber”, inserting a new definition of “physiotherapist independent prescriber” and substituting a new definition of “prescriber”.