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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

**The National Health Service (Free Prescriptions
and Charges for Drugs and Appliances)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>10th May 2018</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	- - - -	<i>14th May 2018</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>27th June 2018</i>

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 69(1) and 105(7) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(1), and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 and come into force on 27th June 2018.

Amendment of the National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 2011

2.—(1) The National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 2011(2) are amended in accordance with this regulation.

(2) In regulation 3(2) (Supply of drugs and appliances), in each place where it occurs, for “1st April 2017” substitute “1st April 2018”.

(1) 1978 c.29. Section 105(7) was amended by paragraph 5(1) of schedule 6 and schedule 7 of the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), paragraph 24 of part 1 of schedule 9 of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41) and paragraph 60 of schedule 4 of the Health Act 1999 (c.8). Section 108(1) contains definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” relevant to the exercise of the statutory power under which these Regulations are made. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(2) S.S.I. 2011/55, as amended by S.S.I. 2015/160 and S.S.I. 2017/231.

Revocation of the National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017

3. The National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017(3) are revoked.

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
10th May 2018

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 ([S.I. 2011/55](#)) (“the 2011 Regulations”). The 2011 Regulations provide that where a pharmacist provides pharmaceutical services to a patient who presents an English prescription form, that pharmacist must make and recover from the patient the charges specified in the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015 ([S.I. 2015/570](#)) (“the 2015 Regulations”) as at a specified date, unless certain exemptions apply.

Regulation 2 amends the 2011 Regulations so that the charge to be made and recovered reflects the rate applicable under the 2015 Regulations as at 1st April 2018. The 2015 Regulations were amended by the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 ([S.I. 2018/201](#)) to make the following charges applicable from 1st April 2018:

- £8.80 per item, or £17.60 per pair, in relation to the supply of elastic hosiery;
- £8.80 in relation to the supply of any other appliance; and
- £8.80 in relation to the supply of each quantity of a drug.

Regulation 3 revokes the National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 ([S.I. 2017/231](#)).