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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES  
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND**

**The National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973  
(Commencement No. 4) Order 1974**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	15th July 1974
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		23rd July 1974
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		13th August 1974

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 57(3) and 58(3) of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 13th August 1974.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“the Act of 1946” means the National Health Service Act 1946(b);

“the Act of 1947” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(c);

“the Act of 1973” means the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973;

and any other expression to which a meaning is assigned by the Act of 1946 or the Act of 1947 shall have that meaning in this Order.

(2) The rules for the construction of an Act of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Appointed day*

3. Subject to the following provisions of this Order the day appointed for the coming into force of section 50 of, and the entries relating to the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966(e) in Schedule 5 to the Act of 1973 shall be the 1st November 1974.

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(a) 1973 c. 32.      (b) 1946 c. 81.      (c) 1947 c. 27.      (d) 1889 c. 63.  
(e) 1966 c. 20, which by virtue of section 99(18) of the Social Security Act 1973 (c. 38) may also be cited as the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966.

*Supplementary Benefit*

4. Sections 4(1), 6 and 8(4) of the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 shall continue to have effect in their application to the right to any benefit under that Act claimed before 1st May 1975 in respect of any requirement for—

- (a) a dental appliance supplied under the National Health Service Acts 1946 to 1973 otherwise than under Part IV of the Act of 1946 or under the National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1972 otherwise than under Part IV of the Act of 1947 or an optical appliance supplied under those Acts where the examination or testing of sight leading to the supply of the appliance or the first such examination or testing takes place before 1st November 1974; or
- (b) a dental appliance supplied under Part IV of either the Act of 1946 or the Act of 1947 or services provided as part of the general dental services under Part IV of either of the said Acts where the contract or arrangements in pursuance of which the appliance is supplied or services are provided is made before 1st November 1974;

as if the entries in Schedule 5 to the Act of 1973 relating to the said sections were not in force.

*Barbara Castle,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

15th July 1974.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings into force section 50 of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 which provides for the remission of certain dental and optical charges in specified circumstances. It also brings into force the consequential repeal of certain provisions of the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966.

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