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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)
Amendment Regulations 1979**

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| <i>Made</i> - - - - | 19th June 1979 |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | 25th June 1979 |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i> | 16th July 1979 |

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of powers conferred by sections 77(1) and (2) and 83(a) of the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on 16th July 1979.

Amendment to regulations

2. The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1974(b) shall be further amended as follows:—

- (a) in regulations 3(1)(b), 3(4), 4(1)(b) and 5(1)(b) for “20p” there shall be substituted “45p”;
- (b) in regulation 7(1)(b)(i) for “30p” there shall be substituted “65p”;
- (c) in regulation 8(6) for “£2·00” there shall be substituted “£4·50” and for “£3·50” there shall be substituted “£8·00”;
- (d) for Schedules 1 and 2 there shall be substituted the following two Schedules—

| “SCHEDULE 1 | | <i>Regulations 3, 4 and 5</i> |
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| CHARGES FOR ELASTIC HOSIERY | | |
| | 1 | 2 |
| | <i>Specified Appliance</i> | <i>Specified Sum</i> |
| Anklet, kneecap or legging | | 50p each |
| Above-knee stocking, below-knee stocking or thigh stocking | | £1·00 each |

(a) 1977 c. 49.

(b) S.I. 1974/285; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/718, 1976/1821 and 1978/950.

Regulation 5A

SCHEDULE 2

CHARGES FOR FABRIC SUPPORT AND WIGS

| | (1) <i>Specified Appliance</i> | (2) <i>Specified Sum</i> |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fabric support (other than elastic hosiery) | | £4.50 |
| Bespoke wig | | £17.00 |
| Stock wig | | £6.00" |

Patrick Jenkin,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

19th June 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1974. The amendments increase the charges specified for the supply of drugs and certain appliances under the National Health Service Act 1977, increase the sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from those charges and increase the allowance for exemption from those charges on grounds of low income.

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