
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 306**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES****The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)
Amendment Regulations 1983**

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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 1983 and shall come into operation in 1st April 1983.

Amendments to regulations

2. The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980(b) are further amended as follows—

- (a) in regulations 3(1)(b) and (4), 4(1)(b) and 5(1)(b) for “£1.30”, wherever it appears, there is substituted “£1.40”;
- (b) in regulation 7(1)(d)(i), after the word “colostomy” there is inserted the word “, laryngostomy”;
- (c) for sub-paragraph (iii) of regulation 8(3)(b) there is substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(iii) such amount (if any) as is considered reasonable to meet housing costs,”;
- (d) in regulation 9(5) for “£7.00” there is substituted “£7.50” and for “£20.00” there is substituted “£21.50”;

(a) 1977 c.49.

(b) S.I. 1980/1503; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1981/501, 1982/289.

(e) for Schedule 2 there is substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 6

CHARGES FOR FABRIC SUPPORTS AND WIGS

(1)	(2)
<i>Specified Appliance</i>	<i>Specified Charge</i>
Surgical Brassiere	£7.00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£11.00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£15.00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£30.50
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£49.00”.

Application

3. Regulation 2(e) above shall apply only where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1983.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

3rd March 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980. They increase the charges specified for the supply of drugs and wigs under the National Health Service Act 1977, the charge for items on prescription being increased from £1.30 to £1.40. They increase the sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from charges. They add laryngostomy to the examples of permanent fistula in the list of conditions by reference to which is ascertained whether a person to whom an exemption certificate has been issued is exempt from charges. They also amend the list of items treated as included in the requirements and resources of a person in determining them where such person applies for an exemption certificate, by substituting, for an amount for repayments of mortgage capital, an amount for housing costs.

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