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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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**1985 No. 353 (S.36)**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND**

**The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)  
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985**

*Made* - - - 7th March 1985

*Laid before Parliament* 11th March 1985

*Coming into Operation* 1st April 1985

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 69(1) and (2), 75(a) and 108(1) of, and paragraph 1(1) and (2), of Schedule 11 to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

(2) In these regulations, “the principal regulations” means the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 1980(b).

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

2. In regulations 3(1)(b), 3(4), 4(1)(b) and 5(1)(b) of the principal regulations, for the reference to “£1.60”, wherever it appears, there shall be substituted a reference to “£2.00”.

3. In regulation 9(5) of the principal regulations, for the reference to “£8.50”, there shall be substituted a reference to “£11.00”, and for the reference to “£24”, there shall be substituted a reference to “£30.50”.

4. In regulation 9 of the principal regulations the following paragraphs shall be inserted after paragraph (5) —

“(6) Where payment of a prescribed sum under this regulation is made in respect of a person who, not more than one month after the date on which his certificate became valid, dies or becomes a person to whom any of the provisions of regulation 7(1) applies, a claim for repayment of that sum may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (7), be made by or on behalf of that person.

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(a) 1978 c.29.

(b) S.I. 1980/1674; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1983/334, 1172, 1984/292.

(7) A claim under paragraph (6) shall be accompanied by the appropriate certificate (where issued) and a declaration in support of the claim, and the claim and any repayment shall be made in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State may determine.”

5. For Schedule 1 to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 1      *Regulations 3, 4 and 5*

CHARGES FOR ELASTIC HOSIERY

Column 1 Specified appliance	Column 2 Specified charge
Above knee stocking, below knee stocking or thigh stocking	£2.00 each (ie £4.00 per pair)

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6. For Schedule 1A to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 1A      *Regulation 5*

Column 1 Specified appliance	Column 2 Specified charge
Tights (per pair)	£4.00 each

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7. For Schedule 2 to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 2      *Regulation 6*

CHARGES FOR FABRIC SUPPORTS AND WIGS

Column 1 Specified appliance	Column 2 Specified charge
Surgical Brassiere	£10.00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£14.00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£21.00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£40.00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£64.00

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*Application*

8. These regulations shall apply only where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1985, except that —

- (a) regulation 4 shall apply where the payment being reclaimed is made after 31st March 1985;

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(b) regulation 7 shall apply where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1985.

New St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh.  
7th March 1985.

*George Younger,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend further the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 1980 ("the principal Regulations"). They increase the charges specified for the supply of drugs, elastic hosiery, various appliances and wigs under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

For most items on prescription or supplied to hospital out-patients the charge is increased from £1.60 to £2.00 and for elastic hosiery the charge is increased from £1.70 to £2.00 per item. For hospital out-patients the charge for tights is increased from £3.40 to £4.00 per pair, and the charges for fabric supports and wigs are increased from between £7.35 and £51.00 to between £10.00 and £64.00. The sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from charges are increased from £8.50 to £11.00 for a four month certificate and from £24.00 to £30.50 for a 12 month certificate.

Provision is introduced for repayment of the sum paid for a pre-payment certificate where, within a month after the certificate becomes valid, the person to whom the certificate relates either dies or falls within one of the categories of exempted persons set out in regulation 7(1) of the principal Regulations.

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