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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)
Amendment Regulations 1986**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	6th March 1986
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st April 1986

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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1986.

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

Amendment to the principal regulations

2. The principal regulations are amended as follows—

- (a) in regulations 3(1)(aa) and (b) and (4) (supply of drugs and appliances by chemists), 4(1)(b) (supply of drugs and appliances by doctors) and 5(1)(b) (supply of drugs and appliances to out-patients), for “£2.00” wherever it appears there is substituted “£2.20”;
- (b) in regulation 9(5) (pre-payment certificates) for “£11.00” there is substituted “£12.00” and for “£30.50” there is substituted “£33.50”;
- (c) in Schedule 1 (charges for elastic hosiery), for “£2.00” there is substituted “£2.20” and for “£4.00” there is substituted “£4.40”;
- (d) in Schedule 2 (charges for fabric supports and wigs), for “£40.00” there is substituted “£55.00” and for “£64.00” there is substituted “£86.00”;
- (e) in Schedule 2A (charges for tights) for “£4.00” there is substituted “£4.40”.

Application

3. These regulations shall apply—

- (a) in so far as they amend regulation 3(1)(aa) of the principal

(a) 1977 c.49.

(b) S.I. 1980/1503; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982/289, 1983/306, 1984/298, 1985/326, 1671.

- regulations, where the month referred to in that regulation commences after 31st March 1986;
- (b) in so far as they amend regulation 9(5) of the principal regulations, where the application referred to in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 9 is received after 31st March 1986;
 - (c) in so far as they amend Schedule 2 of the principal regulations, where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1986;
 - (d) in any other case, where drugs and appliances are supplied after 31st March 1986.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

R. W. Whitney,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

6th March 1986.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980. They increase the charges specified for the supply of drugs, elastic hosiery, various appliances and human hair wigs under the National Health Service Act 1977.

The charge for items on prescription or supplied to out-patients, and the monthly charge in respect of an oxygen concentrator supplied by a chemist, are increased from £2.00 to £2.20. The charges for elastic stockings are increased from £2.00 to £2.20 each and for tights from £4.00 to £4.40 per pair. The charges for human hair wigs are increased from £40.00 to £55.00 (partial human hair wig) and from £64.00 to £86.00 (full bespoke human hair wig). The sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from charges are increased from £11.00 to £12.00 for a four month certificate and from £30.50 to £33.50 for a twelve month certificate.

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