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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 699**

**The National Health Service (Amendments  
Relating to Prescribing by Nurses and  
Pharmacists etc.) (England) Regulations 2003**

**Amendment of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1992**

**2.—**(1) The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1992(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) insert each of the following definitions at the appropriate alphabetical place—

““independent nurse prescriber” means—

(a) a person whose name is registered—

- (i) in Part 1 or 12 of the nurses and midwives' professional register and has a district nurse qualification additionally recorded in the nurses and midwives' professional register pursuant to rule 11 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Rules 1983(2), or
- (ii) in Part 11 of the nurses and midwives' professional register as a health visitor,

and against whose name is recorded in the nurses and midwives' professional register an annotation signifying that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances from the Nurse Prescribers' Formulary for District Nurses and Health Visitors in Part XVIIIB(i) of the Drug Tariff; or

(b) a person—

- (i) whose name is registered in Parts 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 of the nurses and midwives' professional register, and
- (ii) against whose name is recorded in the nurses and midwives' professional register an annotation signifying that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances from the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary in Part XVIIIB(ii) of the Drug Tariff;”;

““nurses and midwives' professional register” means the register maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Council pursuant to paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001(3);”;

““supplementary prescriber” means a person whose name is registered in—

- (a) Parts 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 of the nurses and midwives' professional register;

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(1) [S.I. 1992/662](#); the relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 1993/2451](#), [1994/2402](#), [1995/644](#), [1996/698](#), [1998/681](#), [1999/696](#) and [2563](#), [2000/593](#), [2001/2888](#), and [2002/551](#), [2016, 2469](#) and [2861](#).  
(2) Approved by [S.I. 1983/873](#) and set out in the Schedule thereto; there are no relevant amending instruments.  
(3) [S.I. 2002/253](#).

- (b) the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists maintained in pursuance of section 2(1) of the Pharmacy Act 1954<sup>(4)</sup>; or
    - (c) the register maintained in pursuance of Articles 6 and 9 of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976<sup>(5)</sup>,  
and against whose name is recorded in the relevant register an annotation signifying that he is qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as a supplementary prescriber;”;
  - (b) in the definition of “prescription form”, for “dentist or nurse prescriber” substitute “dentist, supplementary prescriber or independent nurse prescriber”; and
  - (c) the definition of “nurse prescriber” is omitted.
- (3) In Schedule 2 (terms of service)—
- (a) in paragraph 3—
    - (i) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b), after “doctor”, at both places where it occurs, insert “or a supplementary prescriber”,
    - (ii) in sub-paragraph (1)(d) and (e), for “a nurse prescriber” at both places where it occurs, substitute “an independent nurse prescriber”,
    - (iii) in sub-paragraph (4), for “dentist or a nurse prescriber” substitute “dentist, a supplementary prescriber or an independent nurse prescriber”,
    - (iv) in sub-paragraphs (6) and (7), for “dentist or nurse prescriber” substitute “dentist, supplementary prescriber or independent nurse prescriber ”, and
    - (v) in sub-paragraph (9), for “doctor or nurse prescriber”, at both places where it occurs, substitute “doctor, supplementary prescriber or independent nurse prescriber”;
  - (b) in paragraph 7(2), for “Regulations or by a nurse prescriber” substitute “Regulations, or by a supplementary prescriber or an independent nurse prescriber, ”; and
  - (c) in paragraphs 11A and 11B, before “a nurse prescriber” at each place where it occurs, insert “an independent prescriber”.

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<sup>(4)</sup> 1954 c. 61.

<sup>(5)</sup> S.I. 1976/1213 (N.I. 22).