

---

WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**2001 No. 1358**

**National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Wales) Regulations 2001**

**Supply of drugs and appliances by Health Authorities and NHS trusts**

5.—(1) A Health Authority or an NHS trust which supplies to a patient for the purposes of his treatment, drugs, otherwise than for administration at a hospital, or appliances, shall, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), make and recover from the patient—

- (a) in respect of an item of elastic hosiery a charge of £6.00, that is to say a charge of £12.00 per pair;
- (b) in respect of an appliance specified in column (1) of Schedule 1, the charge specified in relation to it in column (2) of that Schedule;
- (c) in respect of tights, a charge of £12.00;
- (d) in respect of the supply of each other appliance and of each quantity of a drug, a charge of £6.00.

(2) Where a charge is paid under paragraph (1) the person making the payment shall on doing so sign a declaration in writing that the relevant charge has been paid.

(3) No charge shall be made and recovered under this regulation from a patient who is exempt—

- (a) under paragraph 1(1)(a) to (d) of Schedule 12 to the Act.
- (b) under regulation 8, or
- (c) by reason of being entitled to remission under regulation 3 of the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations,

and who, in the case described in paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 12 to the Act and in the cases described in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), completes a declaration of entitlement to such exemption or remission and provides such evidence of entitlement as the Health Authority or NHS trust may reasonably require.

(4) A partially remitted charge shall be made and recovered under this regulation from a patient who is entitled to partial remission under regulation 8(4) if a declaration in writing is provided that the relevant part of the charge has been paid and a declaration of entitlement and such other evidence of entitlement, to partial remission as may be required, is provided.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, where a drug ordered on a single written direction is supplied by instalments, the charge of £6.00 payable for that drug shall be payable upon the supply of the first instalment.

(6) A Health Authority or NHS trust which makes and recovers a charge under this regulation shall, if so required by the patient, give him a receipt for the amount received on a form which shall contain forms of declaration in support of an application for repayment and information as to whom an application for repayment shall be made.