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The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

PART II

DECISIONS AND APPEALS

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SOCIAL SECURITY DECISIONS AND APPEALS

Medical examinations

Medical examination required by the Department

19^{F1}.—^{F2F3}(1) Before making a decision on a claim for a relevant benefit, or as to a person's entitlement to such a benefit^{F4} . . . , the Department may refer the person—

- (a) in respect of whom the claim is made; or
- (b) whose entitlement is at issue,

to a [^{F5}health care professional approved by the Department] for such examination and report as appears to the Department to be necessary for the purpose of providing it with information for use in making the decision.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies where—

- (a) the Department has exercised the power conferred on it by paragraph (1); and
- (b) the [^{F6}health care professional approved by the Department] requests the person referred to him to attend for or submit himself to medical examination.

(3) If the person fails without good cause to comply with the request, the Department shall make the decision against him.

F1 mod. by SR 1999/349, 350

F2 mod. by SR 1999/246

F3 prosp. in pt. certain functions transf. by 2002 c. 21

F4 SI 1999/671

F5 Words in art. 19(1) substituted (29.6.2007) by [Welfare Reform Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(c. 2\)](#), ss. [55\(3\)](#), [60\(2\)\(a\)](#)

F6 Words in art. 19(2)(b) substituted (29.6.2007) by [Welfare Reform Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(c. 2\)](#), ss. [55\(3\)](#), [60\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Section 19 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- power to am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s.87](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by [1999 c. 10 s.1\(2\)Sch.1 paras.16\(r\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 7A and cross-heading inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 41\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 42](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 16\(2\)](#)