### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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# The Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Disability-Related Premiums) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

### PART 7

#### Miscellaneous

#### Persons forming a couple where there are equivalent disability-related premiums

44.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a person A is entitled to welfare supplementary payment,
- (b) a person B is entitled to welfare supplementary payment,
- (c) the welfare supplementary payments of A and B are in respect of equivalent disabilityrelated premiums,
- (d) A and B form a couple, and
- (e) A or B (or A and B in the case of a joint-claim couple as referred to in Part 3, or a joint claim as referred to in Part 5) are awarded an underlying benefit.

(2) Where the underlying benefit has an equivalent disability-related premium to the premium, element or amount (as the case may be) A and B were originally entitled to, then—

- (a) A is entitled to welfare supplementary payment of an amount equal to 50% of that equivalent disability-related premium, and
- (b) B is entitled to welfare supplementary payment of an amount equal to 50% of that equivalent disability-related premium.

(3) Where the new underlying benefit does not have an equivalent disability-related premium to the premium, element or amount (as the case may be) A and B were originally entitled to, then there is no change in welfare supplementary payments to A and B.

(4) In this regulation "equivalent disability-related premiums" and "underlying benefit" have the same meaning as in regulation 42.