



National Health Service Act 1966

1966 CHAPTER 8

An Act to facilitate the financing of premises and equipment used by practitioners providing general medical services; to modify the prohibition of full-time salaries for practitioners providing general medical services; and for purposes connected therewith. [10th March 1966]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Functions of the Secretary of State for Social Services transferred to the Secretary of State for Health by S.I. 1988/1843, arts. 2, 3, [Sch. 2 Pt. I](#)

1, 2. **F1**

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 1, 2 repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988](#) (c. 49, SIF 113:2), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

2A **F2**

Textual Amendments

F2 [S. 2A](#) inserted by [Health and Medicines Act 1988](#) (c. 49, SIF 113:2), s. **3(1)** and repealed by s. 25(2), Sch. 3 of that 1988 Act

3—9. **F3**

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Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 3–9 repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

Remuneration of general practitioners

10 Modification of prohibition of full-time salaried practitioner service.

- (1) The remuneration to be paid under arrangements made under [^{F4}Part II of the ^{M1}National Health Service Act 1977] or [^{F5}Part II] of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act [^{F5M2}1978] to a practitioner who provides general medical services shall not consist wholly or mainly of a fixed salary which has no reference to the number of patients for whom the practitioner has undertaken to provide such services, except where—
- (a) the arrangements are made by virtue of [^{F4}section 56 of the said Act of 1977] or section [^{F5}33] of the said Act of [^{F5}1978]; or
 - (b) the services are provided in such circumstances as may be prescribed and the practitioner consents.
- (2) Before making regulations prescribing any circumstances for the purposes of this section the Minister or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall consult with such organisations as appear to him to be representative of the medical profession.
- [^{F6X1}(3) Section 29(4) of the ^{M3}National Health Service Act 1977 shall cease to have effect on the coming into operation of this section.]
- [^{F7X1}(3) Section 19(3) of the ^{M4}National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 shall cease to have effect on the coming into operation of this section.]

Editorial Information

X1 S. 10(3) commencing “Section 29(4)” substituted (E.W.) by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, [Sch. 15 para. 37\(b\)](#) and s. 10(3) commencing “Section 19(3)” substituted (S.) by [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 16 para. 22\(b\)](#)

Textual Amendments

F4 Words substituted by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, [Sch. 15 para. 37\(a\)](#)

F5 Words substituted by [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 16 para. 22\(a\)](#)

F6 S. 10(3) substituted (E.W.) by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, [Sch. 15 para. 37\(b\)](#)

F7 S. 10(3) substituted (S.) by [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 16 para. 22\(b\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1977 c. 49.

M2 1978 c. 29.

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Supplemental

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Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 11, 12(2)(3) and Schedule repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

12 **Citation, commencement and extent.**

(1) This Act may be cited as the National Health Service Act 1966.

(2) ^{F9}

(4) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

F9 Ss. 11, 12(2)(3) and Schedule repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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Textual Amendments

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