

# Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983

**1983 CHAPTER 41** 

# PART VIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS

## 25 Social security adjudications

- (1) The law relating to social security adjudications shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in Schedule 8 to this Act.
- (2) The supplementary provisions contained in that Schedule shall have effect.

#### 26 Fees for certificates relating to notifiable diseases and food poisoning

 The following section shall be substituted for section 50 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968—

#### "50 Fees for certificates under section 48.

- (1) Subject to any exceptions which he may specify, the Secretary of State may direct that a District Health Authority shall pay to a medical practitioner for each certificate duly sent by him under section 48 of this Act a fee of such amount as the direction may specify.
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct that different fees shall be paid under this section in relation to different circumstances.
- (3) A direction under this section may make provision in relation to fees payable after a date specified in the direction.
- (4) The date may be before or after the date of the direction but may not be before if it would be to the detriment of medical practitioners.

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- (5) Before giving a direction as to a fee under this section the Secretary of State shall consult any body accepted by him as a proper body for negotiating fees for medical practitioners.
- (6) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the fact that a medical practitioner who gives a certificate under section 48 of this Act holds the office to whose holder the certificate is required to be sent does not disentitle him to payment of the fee (if any) payable for the certificate.".
- (2) The following section shall be inserted after section 71 of that Act—

# "71A Fees for certificates relating to notifiable diseases and food poisoning.

- (1) Subject to any exceptions which he may specify, the Secretary of State may direct that a Health Board shall pay to a medical practitioner a fee of such amount as the direction may specify for each certificate duly sent by him under—
  - (a) section 3(1) of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act 1889 (notifications of infectious diseases);
  - (b) regulations made under section 1 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945 (power to make regulation with a view to preventing the spread of certain diseases);
  - (c) section 22(1) of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956 (notification of cases of food poisoning).
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct that different fees shall be paid under this section in relation to different circumstances.
- (3) A direction under this section may make provision in relation to fees payable after a date specified in the direction.
- (4) The date may be before or after the date of the direction but may not be before if it would be to the detriment of medical practitioners.
- (5) Before giving a direction as to a fee under this section the Secretary of State shall consult any body accepted by him as a proper body for negotiating fees for medical practitioners.
- (6) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the fact that a medical practitioner who gives any such certificate as is referred to in subsection (1) above holds the office to whose holder the certificate is required to be sent does not disentitle him to payment of the fee (if any) payable for the certificate.
- (7) This section applies to Scotland only.".

### 27 Abolition of advisory bodies

The following enactments-

- (a) section 82 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 (Food Hygiene Advisory Council);
- (b) section 4 of the Radiological Protection Act 1970 (Advisory Committee on radiation hazards etc.); and
- (c) section 71 of the Child Care Act 1980 (Advisory Council on Child Care),

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shall cease to have effect and the bodies appointed under them shall cease to exist accordingly.