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 NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND
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**The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)
 Amendment Regulations 1981**

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 77(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

Amendment to regulations

2. The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980 (b) shall be amended as follows—

(a) for paragraph (c) of regulation 7(1) (exemptions from charges) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(c) a woman to whom a Committee has issued a certificate on the ground that she is an expectant mother or has within the last twelve months given birth to a live child or a child registrable as still-born under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(c).”.

(b) for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of regulation 7(3)(b) (duration of exemption) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(i) in the case of an expectant mother until the end of her pregnancy and, where she gives birth to a live child or a child registrable as still-born under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, until the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the expected date of confinement ;

(a) 1977 c. 49.

(b) S.I. 1980/1503, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations.

(c) 1953 c. 20.

- (ii) in the case of a mother who has given birth to a child, until the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the date of birth of that child.”.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services

30th November 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend regulation 7 of the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980 which provide for exemption from charges under those Regulations for expectant mothers and those who have recently given birth to children. These regulations extend the exemption to include cases where a child is still-born or dies within the first year after birth.

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