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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND  
WALES**

**The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and  
Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1987**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>9th March 1987</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>11th March 1987</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>1st April 1987</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred on him by sections 77(1) and (2) and 83(a) of the National Health Service Act 1977<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on 1st April 1987.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980<sup>(b)</sup>.

**Amendment of the principal Regulations**

2. For each amount specified in column (3) of Schedule 1 to these Regulations, where it appears in the provision of the principal Regulations specified in relation to it in column (1) of that Schedule (the subject matter of which is indicated in column (2) of that Schedule), there is substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column (4) of that Schedule.

**Application**

3.—(1) Regulation 2 of these Regulations applies—

- (a) in so far as it amends regulation 3(1)(aa) of the principal Regulations, where the month referred to in that provision commences on or after 1st April 1987;
- (b) in so far as it amends regulation 9(5) of the principal Regulations, where the application referred to in regulation 9(1) of those Regulations is received on or after 1st April 1987;
- (c) in so far as it amends Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations, where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place on or after 1st April 1987;
- (d) in any other case, to drugs and appliances supplied on or after 1st April 1987.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1977 c.49; for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations” see section 128(1); section 83(a) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 1, paragraph 64.

<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 1980 1503; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982 289, 1983 306, 1984 298, 1985 326, 1671, 1986 432.

**Revocations and saving**

4.—(1) The regulations specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 to these Regulations are revoked to the extent specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

(2) Where an appliance specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations is supplied on or after 1st April 1987 but the examination or first examination leading to its supply takes place before that date, a charge may be made and recovered in accordance with the provisions of the principal Regulations as in force at the time of that examination or first examination.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

*Tony Newton*  
Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security

9th March 1987

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)	Column (4)
<i>Provision in the principal regulations</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Old amount</i>	<i>New amount</i>
Regulation 3–	Supply of drugs and appliances by chemists–		
paragraph (1)(aa)	monthly charge for oxygen concentrator	£2.20	£2.40
paragraph (1)(b)	charge for drugs and for appliances not specified in Schedule 1	£2.20	£2.40
paragraph (4)	reduction in sums otherwise payable to chemists	£2.20 (in two places)	£2.40 (in two places)
Regulation 4–	Supply of drugs and appliances by doctors–		
paragraph (1)(b)	charge for drugs and for appliances not specified in Schedule 1	£2.20	£2.40
Regulation 5–	Supply of drugs and appliances to out-patients		
paragraph (1)(b)	charge for drugs and for appliances not specified in Schedule 1 or 2A	£2.20	£2.40
Regulation 9(5)	Pre-payment certificates of exemption–		
	4 months	£12.00	£12.50
	12 months	£33.50	£35.00
Schedule 1	Charges for elastic hosiery–		
	per item	£2.20	£2.40
	per pair	£4.40	£4.80
Schedule 2	Charges for fabric support and wigs		
	surgical brassiere	£10.00	£11.00
	abdominal or spinal support	£14.00	£15.00
	stock modacrylic wig	£21.00	£22.00
	partial human hair wig	£55.00	£58.00
	full bespoke human hair wig	£86.00	£90.00
Schedule 2A	Charges for tights (per pair)	£4.40	£4.80

## REVOCATIONS

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)
<i>Regulations revoked</i>	<i>References</i>	<i>Extent of revocation</i>
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1981	S.I. 1981/501	The whole regulations
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1982	S.I. 1982/289	The whole regulations
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/306	Regulation 2(a), (d) and (c)
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1984	S.I. 1984/298	Regulation 2(a), (c), (d) and (e)
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1985	S.I. 1985/326	Regulation 2(a), (b), (d) and (f)
The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1986	S.I. 1986/432	The whole regulations

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980 by increasing by an average of 7.4 per cent the charges payable for the supply under the National Health Service of drugs and appliances. The amount of each increase in respect of drugs and various appliances is shown in Schedule 1 to these Regulations. In particular, the standard prescription charge in respect of the supply of a drug or appliance (other than certain specified appliances) by a chemist as part of pharmaceutical services is increased from £2.20 to £2.40 and a corresponding increase is made in respect of supply by doctors and to outpatients.

Regulation 4 of these Regulations revokes regulations which prescribed the amounts of charges in previous years but which are now superseded.

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