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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 570**

**The National Health Service (Charges for  
Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2015**

**Repayment of charges**

**18.**—(1) Where a charge has been paid under these Regulations by or on behalf of a person who was at the time of payment exempt from the requirement to pay that charge, an application for repayment may be made in accordance with paragraph (2) by or on behalf of that person.

(2) An application for repayment must be—

- (a) made to the person or body specified in the receipt which is given under regulation 3(9), 4(6), 5(6), 6(7), 7(6), 8(6) or 9(9) as being the person or body to whom application for repayment of charges may be made;
- (b) made in such form and manner as the Secretary of State may determine for the applicant, any class of applicant or applicants generally;
- (c) made within 3 months from the date on which the drug or appliance was supplied to the applicant or within such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow; and
- (d) accompanied by the receipt which is given pursuant to regulation 3(9), 4(6), 5(6), 6(7), 7(6), 8(6) or 9(9) for the charge paid and a declaration as to the grounds of exemption.

(3) In the case of a charge under regulation 6 or 9 in respect of an item specified in column (1) of Schedule 1, the application must be accompanied by the exemption certificate referred to in regulation 10(1)(h) and, if the patient was referred by a doctor to the NHS trust, NHS foundation trust or other provider of NHS services for treatment—

- (a) a certificate from the doctor certifying that the treatment was for an accepted disablement;  
or
- (b) a statement that such a certificate was surrendered to the NHS trust, NHS foundation trust or other provider of NHS services before the supply of the item.

(4) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for the repayment of any charge paid under these Regulations by a person who is entitled to exemption.