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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 630**

**The Social Security (Medical Evidence) and Statutory Sick Pay  
(Medical Evidence) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022**

**Amendment of the 1976 Regulations**

- 2.—(1) The 1976 Regulations are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 1(2), after the definition of “doctor”, insert—
- ““healthcare professional” means a person, not being the patient, who is—
- (a) a registered medical practitioner<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - (b) a registered nurse<sup>(2)</sup>;
  - (c) a registered occupational therapist or registered physiotherapist<sup>(3)</sup>;
  - (d) a registered pharmacist within the meaning of article 3 of the Pharmacy Order 2010<sup>(4)</sup>”.
- (3) In regulation 2(1), for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (4) In regulation 5(1), for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (5) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 1—
- (a) in the definition of “assessment”—
    - (i) for “doctor”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”;
    - (ii) after “other health” omit “care”;
  - (b) omit the definition of “doctor”;
  - (c) in the definition of “other health care professional”—
    - (i) for ““other health care professional”” substitute ““other health professional””;
    - (ii) for “registered medical practitioner” substitute “healthcare professional”;
    - (iii) omit “a registered nurse,”;
    - (iv) omit “an occupational therapist or physiotherapist registered with a regulatory body established by an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999,”.
- (6) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 2—
- (a) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;
  - (b) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (7) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 3—
- (a) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;
  - (b) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (8) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 4—

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(1) “Registered medical practitioner” has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30).  
(2) “Registered nurse” has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978.  
(3) “Registered”, in relation to an occupational therapist or physiotherapist, means registered in the register maintained under Article 5 of the Health Professions Order 2001 (S.I. 2002/254); see Article 5(5) and Schedule 3 of that Order.  
(4) S.I. 2010/231, as amended by S.I. 2019/593.

- (a) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”;
  - (b) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (9) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 5—
- (a) for “doctor’s”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”;
  - (b) for “doctor”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”;
  - (c) in sub-paragraph (h), for “otherwise).” substitute “otherwise); and”;
  - (d) after sub-paragraph (h), insert “(i) the profession of the healthcare professional.”.
- (10) In Schedule 1, Part 1, after rule 5 insert the following—
- “**5A.** Where the healthcare professional’s statement is in the form set out in Part 2 of this Schedule—
- (a) the healthcare professional’s name shall, irrespective of their profession, be recorded next to the words “doctor’s signature”;
  - (b) the healthcare professional’s address shall, irrespective of their profession, be recorded next to the words “doctor’s address”; and
  - (c) the healthcare professional shall record their profession within the statement in such place as appears to them to be appropriate.”.
- (11) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 6—
- (a) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”;
  - (b) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (12) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 7, for “doctor”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (13) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 8, for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (14) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 9, for “doctor’s”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (15) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 10, for “doctor’s”, in each place where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (16) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 11, for “doctor’s”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (17) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 12—
- (a) for “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”;
  - (b) for “doctor” substitute “healthcare professional”.
- (18) In Schedule 1, Part 1, rule 13—
- (a) for “doctor”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional”;
  - (b) for “doctor’s”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “healthcare professional’s”.
- (19) In the following places, for the reference to “doctor’s” substitute “healthcare professional’s”—
- (a) the heading of Schedule 1, Part 2;
  - (b) the heading of Schedule 1, Part 2A.