STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 488

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - - 3rd December 2008

Coming into operation 1st January 2009

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 98 and 106 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**2**), with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2009.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Charges for Drugs and Appliances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**).

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 3 of the principal Regulations (supply of drugs and appliances by chemists) –

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) and (b) and paragraph (3) for "£6.85" substitute "£3.00";

(b) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£13.70" substitute "£6.00";

(c) in paragraph (1A)(a) and (b) for "£6.85" substitute "£3.00"; and

(d) in paragraph (1A)(a) for "£13.70" substitute "£6.00".

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations

3. In regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (supply of drugs and appliances by doctors) –

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) and (b) and paragraph (3) for "£6.85" substitute "£3.00"; and

(**1**) See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)

(**2**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) Article 17 and Schedule 6, S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24) Article 14, S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2) Article 14, S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) Article 7, S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5, S.R. 1999 No.11 and 2001 c.3 (N.I.), Section 48

(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 382; the relevant amending instrument is S.R. 2007 No.140

(b) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£13.70" substitute "£6.00".

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal Regulations

4. In regulation 5 of the principal Regulations (supply of drugs and appliances by a Board or a HSS trust) –

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) and (d) and paragraph (3) for "£6.85" substitute "£3.00"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(a) and (c) for "£13.70" substitute "£6.00".

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal Regulations

5. In regulation 9 of the principal Regulations (pre-payment certificates) in paragraph (5) for "£35.85" substitute "£9.00" and for "£98.70" substitute "£25.00".

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

6. For Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations substitute the following —

"SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 5

CHARGES FOR FABRIC SUPPORTS AND WIGS

Column(1) *Specified Appliance*	*Column (2)* *Specified Charge*
Surgical Brassiere	£3.00
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£3.00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£3.00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£3.00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£3.00"

Transitional provisions

7. Where, on or after 1st January 2009—

(a) any appliance specified in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations is supplied pursuant to an order given before that date; or

(b) any pre-payment certificate is granted under regulation 9 of the principal Regulations pursuant to an application under that regulation which was received before that date,

the principal Regulations shall have effect in relation to that supply or, as the case may be, that grant as if regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of these Regulations had not come into operation.