STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 97

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*10th March 2005*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2005*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2005.

(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), (b) and (3) for "£6·40" there shall be substituted "£6·50"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£12·80" there shall be substituted "£13·00".

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 paragraphs (1)(a), (b) and (3) for "£6·40" there shall be substituted "£6·50"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(a) for "£12·80" there shall be substituted "£13·00".

(**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. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24) Article 14, S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) Article 7 and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5

(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 382; the relevant amending instrument is S.R. 2004 No. 94

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 paragraphs (1)(a), (d) and (3) for "£6·40" there shall be substituted "£6·50"; and

(b) in paragraphs (1)(a) and (c) for "£12·80" there shall be substituted "£13·00".

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal Regulations

5.—(1) Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations (pre-payment certificates) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (5) for "£33·40" there shall be substituted "£33·90" and for "£91·80" there shall be substituted "£93·20".

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

6. For Schedule 1 of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following –

"SCHEDULE 1

charges for fabric supports and wigs

Column (1) *Specified Appliance*	Column (2) *Specified Charge*
Surgical Brassiere	£21·80
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£33·00
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£53·90
Partial Human Hair Wig	£142·30
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£208·10"

Transitional provisions

7. Where, on or after 1st April 2005 –

(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.