STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 57

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*6th March 2000*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2000*

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 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) 2000 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2000.

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

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 2 (interpretation) for the definition of "prescription form", substitute—

""prescription form" means a form provided by the Agency or a prescription form provided under equivalent arrangements having effect in England, Scotland or Wales, and issued by—

(a) a doctor or dentist under the provisions of his terms of service; or

(b) a doctor performing personal medical services or a dentist performing personal dental services in connection with a pilot scheme; or

(c) a nurse subscriber,

to enable a person to obtain pharmaceutical services;".

(**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. 1999 No. 166

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal Regulations

3. In regulation 3 (supply of drugs and appliances by chemists)—

(a) in paragraphs (1)(*a*), (*b*) and (3) for "£5·90" there shall be substituted "£6·00"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(*a*) for "£11·80" there shall be substituted "£12·00".

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations

4. In regulation 4 (supply of drugs and appliances by doctors)—

(a) in paragraphs (1)(*a*), (*b*) and (3) for "£5·90" there shall be substituted "£6·00"; and

(b) in paragraph (1)(*a*) for "£11·80" there shall be substituted "£12·00".

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal Regulations

5. In regulation 5 (supply of drugs and appliances by a Board or an HSS trust)—

(a) in paragraphs (1)(*a*), (*d*) and (3) for "£5·90" there shall be substituted "£6·00"; and

(b) in paragraphs (1)(*a*) and (*c*) for "£11·80" there shall be substituted "£12·00".

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal Regulations

6. In regulation 7 (exemptions)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(*d*) after "1976**(a)**" there shall be added "or with a valid exemption certificate issued under equivalent arrangements having effect in England, Scotland or Wales"; and

(b) in paragraph 1(*g*) after "certificate" there shall be added "or with a valid pre-payment certificate granted under equivalent arrangements having effect in England, Scotland or Wales".

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal Regulations

7. In regulation 9(5) (pre-payment certificates) for "£30·80" there shall be substituted "£31·40" and for "£84·60" there shall be substituted "£86·20".

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

8. For Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following—

"SCHEDULE 1

Charges for Fabric Supports and Wigs

Column (1) *Specified Appliance*	Column (2) *Specified Charge*
Surgical Brassiere	£20·30
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£30·50
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£49·90
Partial Human Hair Wig	£131·50
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£192·20".