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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

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Coming into operation . .	*1st April 1993*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 56, 63, 106 and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**) and after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of the Medical and Pharmaceutical professions as required by Articles 56(5) and 63(3) of that Order hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1993.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**).

Amendment of regulation 3A of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 3A (child health surveillance lists) sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) of paragraph (11) shall be deleted.

Amendment of regulation 17 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 17 (removal from the obstetric list) the reference to regulation 4C(2A) shall be deleted.

Amendment of regulation 32 of the principal regulations

4. In regulation 32 of the principal regulations (remuneration of doctors), for paragraph (*o*) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14), as amended by S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26), S.I. 1981/432, S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8), S.I. 1986/2023 (N.I. 20), S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24) S.R. 1987/457, S.I. 1988/2249 (N.I. 24) and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)

(b) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 421, relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1975 No. 180, S.R. 1983 No. 182, S.R. 1985 No. 69, S.R. 1989 No. 454, S.R. 1990 No. 361 and S.R. 1992 No. 200

"(*o*) payment in respect of health promotion programmes or clinics approved by the Board;

(*oo*) payments in respect of disease management programmes approved by the Board."

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations

5. In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (terms of service for doctors),

(*a*) in paragraph 8C (patients not seen within 3 years)—

(i) for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where a patient who—

(*a*) has attained the age of 16 years but has not attained the age of 75 years; and

(*b*) within the preceding 3 years has attended neither a consultation with, nor a clinic provided by, any doctor in the course of his provision of general medical services,

requests a consultation for the purposes of assessing whether he needs personal medical services, a doctor shall, in addition to and without prejudice to any other obligation under these terms of service, provide such a consultation;"

(ii) sub-paragraph (4) shall be deleted; and

(iii) in sub-paragraph (5), for the words "Where a patient agrees to participate in a consultation mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)", there shall be substituted the words "Where a doctor provides a consultation mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)".

(*b*) in paragraph 17 (acceptance of fees) after sub-paragraph (*o*) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:

"(*p*) pursuant to an arrangement with him for the provision of services in accordance with regulation 20 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Fund-holding Practices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(**a**);" and

(*c*) in paragraph 20 (annual reports) for sub-paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"(2) An annual report shall contain—

(*a*) the information specified in Schedule 1I paragraphs (1) and (2);

(*b*) where the Board, having considered whether the information is available to it from another source and having consulted the Local Medical Committee, so requests, the information specified in Schedule 1I, paragraph (3); and

(a) S.R. 1993 No. 142