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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Medical Evidence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made	*16th March 1987*
Coming into operation . .	*6th April 1987*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 115(1) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 13 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Medical Evidence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1987.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**b**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 1(2) for the definition of "certified midwife" there shall be substituted the following definition—

> "registered midwife" means a midwife who is registered as a midwife with the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979(**c**);".

(3) In regulation 2(3) for "maternity benefit" there shall be substituted "maternity allowance" and for "certificate given by a doctor or by a certified midwife" there shall be substituted "a maternity certificate given by a doctor or by a registered midwife".

(4) For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(**a**) 1975 c. 15
(**b**) S.R. 1976 No. 175; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations
(**c**) 1979 c. 36

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 16th March 1987.

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