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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . *20th July* 1979

Coming into operation . . . *5th September* 1979

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 79(3) of 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 (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979, and shall come into operation on 5th September 1979.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 11 *of the principal regulations*

2. In regulation 11 of the principal regulations (forward allowances of sickness, invalidity and injury benefit and non-contributory invalidity pension and provisions relating to continuing disallowance of claims for certain of those benefits), in paragraph (6)(*c*)(i) the words "(other than a partner, assistant or other deputy of the doctor issuing the statement)" shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 20th July 1979.

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Senior Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the definition of "medical certificate" in the provisions in the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 relating to forward allowances and disallowances of incapacity benefits to include a doctor's statement based on a written report from any other doctor.

(**a**) 1975 c. 15
(**b**) S.R. 1977 No. 351 (II, p. 1824)