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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

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The Department of Health and Social Services (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 55, 56, 57, 63, 64, 95, 106, and 107 of, and paragraph 7(5) of Schedule 3 to, 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 after consultation with such organisations as appeared to the Department to be representative of the medical and pharmaceutical professions hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1975.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**b**) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 2(1) (Interpretation) for the definition "treatment" there shall be substituted:

" "treatment" means medical attendance and treatment, but does not include contraceptive services or maternity medical services unless the doctor has undertaken to provide such services to the woman concerned in accordance with these regulations;";

(2) for regulation 3 (Terms of service) there shall be substituted:

"Scope of services

3.—(1) The services, arrangements for the provision of which by doctors it is the duty under Article 56 of the Order of a Board to make, shall include—

(*a*) all necessary and appropriate personal medical services of the type usually provided by general medical practitioners; and

(*b*) giving advice to women on contraception, the medical examination of women seeking such advice, the treatment of such women and provision for the supply to such women of contraceptive substances and appliances (which services are hereinafter referred to as "contraceptive services").

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 421 (II, p. 2528)

(2) The arrangements to which paragraph (1) refers shall incorporate the terms of service contained or referred to in Schedule 1.";

(3) for regulation 4(1) and (5) (Medical list) there shall be substituted respectively:

"**4.**—(1)(*a*) The Agency shall from information obtained from the Boards prepare a list, to be called "the medical list", of the doctors who having made the appropriate application are entitled to be included in the list for the provision of general medical services other than maternity medical services.

(*b*) The medical list shall in respect of the doctors whose names are included thereon, indicate, except in the case of a doctor who has requested otherwise, which of them have undertaken to provide contraceptive services and shall distinguish between those doctors who have so undertaken in respect only of patients for whom they have also undertaken other personal medical services and those doctors who have so undertaken without such restriction.

(5) A doctor on the medical list shall within 14 days notify the Board of any change or addition affecting the entries which the medical list is required to contain in relation to him, and may at any time notify the Board that he wishes to amend the particulars included in the medical list relating to the provision by him of personal medical services by including or excluding or limiting that provision to contraceptive services distinguished in accordance with paragraph (1)(*b*).";

(4) for regulation 19 (Selection of doctor) there shall be substituted:

"*Selection of doctor*

19.—(1) An application by a person (being a person ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland or to whom the provisions of the Health Services (Persons not ordinarily Resident in Northern Ireland) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(c), apply) for acceptance by a doctor for inclusion in his list shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 24(1) be made by delivery to the doctor either of a medical card duly signed and dated or an application duly signed and dated for acceptance on his list in such form as the Agency may direct.

(2)(*a*) A woman may apply to a doctor who has undertaken to provide contraceptive services (whether or not she is included in the list of a doctor for the provision of other personal medical services) to be accepted by him for the provision to her of contraceptive services;

(*b*) such application shall be for the provision of such services for a term of 12 months from the date of acceptance; so however that either the woman or the doctor may terminate the provision to her by him of such services at any time during the term of 12 months;

(*c*) on any such termination or at the end of the term of 12 months whichever first occurs the woman may apply or re-apply to a doctor to be accepted by him for the provision to her of such services and sub-paragraph (*b*) above shall apply to such further application.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 56 (p. 273)