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HEALTH SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 12, 76 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on 18th November 1968.

Amendment of Regulations

2. The Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) At the end of regulation 2 there shall be added the following regulation:—

"*Prepayment Certificates*

2A.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation the Board on payment of the prescribed sum shall as soon as reasonably practicable grant a certificate (in these regulations referred to as a "prepayment certificate") to any person who duly completes and submits an application therefor on a form provided for the purpose.

(2) A prepayment certificate shall be valid for a period of either six or twelve months and an application for such a certificate shall indicate the period for which it is required to be valid and shall be accompanied by the prescribed sum.

(3) A prepayment certificate shall confer on the person to whom it has been granted exemption from charges otherwise exigible under these regulations in respect of the drugs and appliances supplied to him during such period as is specified in the certificate as being its period of validity.

(4) For the purpose of this regulation the prescribed sum shall be £1 10s. 0d. for a prepayment certificate valid for six months and £2 15s. 0d. for a prepayment certificate valid for twelve months.

(5) The payment of a prescribed sum under this regulation shall not be deemed to be the payment of a charge under these regulations.

(6) No prepayment certificate shall be issued so as to be valid before 18th November 1968.

(a) 1948. c. 3 as amended by 1950. c. 9; 1952. c. 11; 1958. c. 29 and 1967. c. 9 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 138.