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HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES 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 21 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on the 16th April 1968.

Amendment of principal regulations

2. The Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(**b**) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Part I of the Third Schedule, after paragraph 3(1)(a), there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:

"(*aa*) A chemist may, at the request of a doctor licensed under the provisions of the Dangerous Drugs (Supply to Addicts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(**c**), arrange to supply, in accordance with a special prescription form provided for the purpose by the Board and signed by the licensed doctor, such drugs or appliances as may be so ordered. If the prescription form includes directions that part of the total supply of the drugs ordered thereon shall be supplied on a stated day or days the chemist shall comply with these directions.

Provided that a chemist shall not be in breach of his terms of service if

(*a*) he refuses to enter into an arrangement to supply drugs or appliances under this sub-paragraph; or

(*b*) having entered into such an arrangement he gives the licensed doctor seven days notice in writing of his intention to terminate it."

(2) In Part I of the Third Schedule, after paragraph 4(4), there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:

"(5) Notwithstanding the requirements of sub-paragraph (1) a chemist shall not be required to dispense a special prescription completed by a doctor licensed under the provisions of the Dangerous Drugs (Supply to Addicts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 except during such hours as may be agreed by the chemist and the person for whom the prescription is to be dispensed."

(**a**) 1948. c. 3.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956. No. 150.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 91.