Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 16th day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *W. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 20th day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *Terence O'Neill,*
Minister of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations increase from one shilling to two shillings the charges payable in respect of drugs supplied at hospitals to out-patients receiving hospital and specialist services provided under Part III of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Corresponding provisions are made with respect to charges payable to chemists for supplies of drugs and appliances (other than certain special appliances, e.g. elastic hosiery) to hospital out-patients.

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HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 20TH MARCH, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 6, 10, 12 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948(**a**), and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961.

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

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

(1) For sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 9 there shall be substituted the following:—

"Where a practitioner or a partnership of practitioners employs one, or more than one, permanent assistant, having been authorised to do so by the Board, the additional number of persons for whose treatment the practitioner or practitioners may be responsible shall not exceed 2,000 in respect of each such assistant;".

(2) With effect from 1st July, 1961, for paragraph (3) of Regulation 9, there shall be substituted the following:—

"If, in the case of any practice, it comes to the notice of the Board that the permitted maximum has been exceeded, they may notify the practitioner or practitioners concerned accordingly and require that the adjustment referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) should be made within two months of the date of the notification. If, at the end of that period, such adjustment has not been made the Board may select the persons whose names must be removed from the list or lists in order to reduce them to the permitted maximum. The Board may thereupon give such persons one month's notice that their names are to be removed and may inform them that they should apply to another practitioner for acceptance."

(3) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 11, after the words "the latter practitioner" there shall be added the words:—

"or, where the practice is a partnership, to the list of the latter practitioner or a remaining partner, as the case may be,".

(4) For Regulations 17 and 18 there shall be substituted the following:—

"Remuneration of practitioners

17.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations each practitioner shall be paid a capitation fee (hereinafter referred to as the 'standard capitation fee') in respect of each person for whose treatment he is responsible under sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*c*) of paragraph 3(1) of Part I of the First Schedule, and an additional capitation fee (hereinafter referred to as the 'capitation loading') in respect of persons within such range or ranges as may be fixed for the time being by the Ministry.

(2) A practitioner shall be entitled to claim remuneration in respect of emergency treatment and the treatment of temporary residents rendered in accordance with Regulations 8 and 15 and in respect of the administration of a general anaesthetic by another medical practitioner.

(3) The Board, with the approval of the Ministry, may make allowances (to be known as 'Initial Practice Allowances') to practitioners who have set up new practices or have secured small existing practices.

(4) The Board, with the approval of the Ministry, may make allowances (to be known as 'Supplementary Annual Payments') to certain practitioners who have not more than 1,200 persons on their lists.

(5) The Board shall carry to a Fund (to be known as the 'Rural Practitioners' Fund') a yearly sum for the purpose of payments to medical practitioners in respect of mileage.

(6) The Board shall make such other payments to medical practitioners as may be determined by the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance.