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HEALTH SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances

REGULATIONS*, DATED 16TH MARCH, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, 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, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1961.

2. In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:

"the Act" means the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948;

"the Board" means the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board;

"drugs and appliances" means drugs or medicines or prescribed appliances supplied by or on the order of a medical practitioner or prescribed drugs or medicines supplied on the order of a dental practitioner; and

"scheduled appliances" means the appliances set out in the Schedule.

3. Any person supplied under section 12 or under section 38 of the Act with drugs and appliances in accordance with orders given by medical or dental practitioners shall pay to the person supplying the same the following charges—

(*a*) such sum as is specified in the Schedule as payable by the patient in respect of every scheduled appliance so supplied;

(*b*) the sum of two shillings in respect of each quantity of a drug and each appliance or component part thereof, other than a scheduled appliance, supplied to him by virtue of an order on a prescription form:

Provided that an order on the same prescription form for quantities of the same drug to be supplied in more than one container, or for more than one appliance of the same type, or for two or more component parts of the same appliance, shall be deemed to be an order for one quantity of a drug only, or for one appliance, as the case may be.

4. Any person supplied with drugs and appliances by a medical practitioner in accordance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (1)(*d*) of paragraph 11 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Health Services (General Medical and

(a) 1948. c. 3.

*A draft of these Regulations was approved by a resolution of the Senate on the 14th day of March, 1961, and of the House of Commons on the 15th day of March, 1961.