hospital patient. These Regulations increase that earnings limit; they apply it also to work done as a non-employed person, and require that such work, to be excepted, must be done with good cause. The Regulations also amend the rules of behaviour which are required to be observed by specifying the work which is described above as work which may be done without infringing those rules.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Hospital In-Patients

REGULATIONS, DATED 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1960, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 29 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Hospital In-Patients) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1960, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations"), and shall come into operation on the 19th September, 1960.

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 1 of the principal regulations (which regulation contains certain definitions) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) The definition of "hospital or similar institution" and the definition of "free in-patient treatment" in paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations shall be omitted.

(3) After the said paragraph (2), there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

"(2A) For the purposes of these regulations, a person shall be regarded as receiving or having received free in-patient treatment for any period for which he is or has been maintained free of charge while undergoing medical or other treatment as an in-patient—

(*a*) in a hospital or similar institution maintained or administered by the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority constituted under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948(**c**), or by or on behalf of the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, the Minister of Health, the Admiralty, the Army Council or the Air Council; or

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(**a**) 1946. c. 23.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 161 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 162; 1951, No. 154; 1952, No. 137; 1952, No. 147; 1953, No. 22; 1955, No. 7; 1956, No. 138; 1957, No. 225; 1957, No. 254 and 1957, No. 269.
(**c**) 1948 c. 3.

(*b*) pursuant to arrangements made by the said Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance or the Minister of Health, in a hospital or similar institution not so maintained or administered;

and, for this purpose, a person shall only be regarded as not being maintained free of charge in a hospital or similar institution for any period if he is paying or has paid, in respect of his maintenance, charges which are designed to cover the whole cost of the accommodation or services (other than services by way of treatment) provided for him in the hospital or similar institution for that period."

Amendment of regulation 6A of the principal regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 6A(**a**) of the principal regulations (which regulation makes provision as to the payment of benefit payable subject to discharge from a hospital or similar institution) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation and shall accordingly have effect as set out in the Schedule.

(2) In paragraph (*b*) of the proviso to paragraph (2) of the said regulation 6A (which paragraph of the said proviso makes provision for cases in which a person, after having received free in-patient treatment and been discharged from the hospital or similar institution, again receives such treatment), after the word "where", there shall be inserted the words "after an interval of more than twenty-eight days".

Regulation added to the principal regulations

4. In Part III of the principal regulations (which contains supplementary provisions), after regulation 6B(**b**) thereof, there shall be inserted the following regulation:

"*Adjustment, or further adjustment, of benefit in certain cases*

6C.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to—

(*a*) any personal benefit by way of sickness benefit, widow's benefit or retirement pension (not being personal benefit which, by virtue of an application such as is mentioned in paragraph (2) of regulation 5, is payable on behalf of the beneficiary to or for the benefit of the dependant or any personal benefit which, by virtue of the provisions of sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (3) of that regulation, is not payable unless and until the beneficiary is discharged from a hospital or similar institution) which, but for the provisions of this regulation, would be payable to the beneficiary, and

(*b*) any dependency benefit (not being dependency benefit which, by virtue of an application such as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) of regulation 6 and by virtue of the provisions of sub-paragraph (*c*) of the said paragraph (4), is payable to the beneficiary's wife or husband subject to her or his being discharged from a hospital or similar institution) which, but for the provisions of this regulation, would be payable in respect of the beneficiary's wife or husband,

for a period for which, in the case of personal benefit, the beneficiary, or, in the case of dependency benefit, each of the beneficiary and the beneficiary's wife or husband, is receiving free in-patient treatment after

(**a**) See reg. 15 of and Pt. VI of Sch. A to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 269.
(**b**) See reg. 5 of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 254.