REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1950. No. 160

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 6, 10, 75 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall be construed as one with the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**a**), (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations), the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, (**b**), the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, (**c**) and the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, (**d**).

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. The following definition shall be added at the end of paragraph (1) of Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations :—

" Year " means a period from the 1st April in any calendar year to the 31st March in the next succeeding calendar year.

3.—(1) There shall be added after the words " a person " in paragraph (1) of Regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations the words "(being a person ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland or being a person to whom the provisions of the Health Services (Availability of Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (**e**), apply) ".

(2) After the word " shall " where it first occurs in the said paragraph, there shall be added the words " subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of Regulation 11 of these Regulations ".

(3) In the proviso to the said paragraph, for the words " unless and until he has chosen another practitioner or given notice in writing to the Board of his desire not to be so included " there shall be substituted the words " until such time as his name is removed therefrom under the provisions of these Regulations ".

(**a**) S. R.& O. (N.I.), 1948, No. 147. (**b**) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1948, No. 260.
(**c**) S. R.& O. (N.I.), 1949, No. 143. (**d**) S. R.& O. (N.I.), 1950, No. 128.
(**e**) S. R.& O. (N.I.), 1950, No. 66.

4. The words " seven days " shall be substituted for the words " one calendar month " where they appear in paragraphs (1) and (2) of Regulation 10 and paragraph 4 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Principal Regulations.

5. With effect from 1st October, 1950, the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of Regulation 11 of the Principal Regulations :—

(1) Where a person whose name is included in the list of a practitioner

(*a*) has removed from the address shown on his medical card ; or

(*b*) has received a notice issued by the Board pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Regulation or to paragraph (1) of Regulation 10 of these Regulations or to paragraph 12 of the First Schedule to these Regulations ; or

(*c*) has obtained in writing the consent of that practitioner to the transfer ; or

(*d*) has sent to the Board, and has received an acknowledgment of, a written notification of his desire to transfer from the list of that practitioner,

he shall be entitled to make application to another practitioner for acceptance, by delivery to him of a medical card, duly signed and dated, together with the appropriate notice or acknowledgment where application is made under sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*d*) of this paragraph and, if accepted, he shall forthwith be entitled to receive treatment from the practitioner to whom application has been made. The form of acknowledgment issued by the Board under sub-paragraph (*d*) of this paragraph shall be valid for delivery as aforesaid for fourteen days from the date of issue by the Board and no longer.

6.—(1) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of Regulation 15 of the Principal Regulations :—

(1) A person

(*a*) who is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland or to whom the provisions of the Health Services (Availability of Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, apply and

(*b*) who is residing temporarily in any district, and

(*c*) whose name is not included in the list of a practitioner providing general medical services in that district,

may apply to any such practitioner to be accepted by him for treatment as a temporary resident. In such a case his name shall not be removed from the list of any practitioner in which it is already included.

(2) From paragraph (2) of Regulation 15 of the Principal Regulations there shall be deleted the words " being a person ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland or Great Britain ".

7. For Regulation 17 there shall be substituted the following Regulation :—