1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Prescribed Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(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 Authority may supply for the proper treatment or benefit of any patient who is receiving hospital and specialist services as defined in sub-section (1) of section 21 of the Act, any appliance in respect of which arrangements have been made for its supply to hospitals in accordance with a scheme to be prepared by the Authority and approved by the Ministry.

Provided that :—

(1) the supply of the appliance is recommended by the Medical Officer of the hospital who is in charge of the treatment of the patient ;

(2) an appliance shall not be supplied to or for the benefit of any person who already possesses an identical or similar appliance which, in the opinion of the medical officer of the hospital who is in charge of the patient, is in all respects suitable to that person unless the medical officer is satisfied that a second or further such appliance is necessarily required by that person ;

(3) an appliance shall not be provided by the Authority for a person who is not an in-patient of a hospital if it can readily be obtained by that person under the provisions of Part II of the Act ;

(4) a record showing the appliances recommended and the name of the Medical Officer making the recommendation shall be maintained at each hospital.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, this thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of :

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood*,
Assistant Secretary.

Charges for Appliances

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1948. No. 310

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section twenty-one

of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations :

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Charges for Appliances) (Hospitals) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

2.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meaning hereby assigned to them —

" Standard," as applied to a denture, glasses, artificial limb or other appliance means the denture, glasses, artificial limb or other appliance which the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority arranges to supply as part of the Hospital and Specialist Services under the Act to a person needing such an appliance without requiring the payment by or on behalf of that person of any part of the cost of the appliance.

" Special," as applied to a denture, glasses, artificial limb or other appliance means the denture, glasses, artificial limb or other appliance which is approved by the Authority and which is of a more expensive type than the corresponding standard appliance.

" Authority " means the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority.

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

" Hospital Management Committee " means the Management Committee of any Hospital under the control of the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority and for the purpose of these Regulations shall be construed as including a Temporary Committee of a Hospital.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3.—(1) Where the Authority, in providing hospital and specialist services —

(*a*) supplies a person, at his request, with a denture or with an optical appliance (hereinafter referred to as " glasses ") which is of a more expensive type than the standard types, or

(*b*) repairs such a denture or glasses at a cost in excess of the cost of repairing a denture or glasses of standard types, the Authority may charge and recover from the person so supplied or for whom such repair is undertaken a sum representing the difference between the cost of supplying or repairing such article and the cost of supplying or repairing a corresponding standard article.

For the purpose of this paragraph the standard type is in the case of a denture the type made of plastic or vulcanite which is supplied as part of the general dental services, and, in case of glasses, the standard types are those prescribed as standard for the purpose in the Health