NATIONAL INSURANCE AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE, CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1941.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance and the Ministry of Health and Local Government, acting jointly or severally in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Act, 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby make the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Central Fund) Emergency Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the 2nd July, 1948.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression " the Act " means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment or regulations shall include references to such enactment or regulations as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations.

(4) 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.

2.—(1) There shall, for the purpose of meeting the cost of medical benefit for the period from 1st January, 1948 to the 4th July, 1948, be paid out of the Central Fund to the Ministry of Health and Local Government in addition to the sums which may be applied for that purpose under the provisions of section 212 of the Act and paragraph (*a*) of subsection (3) of section 3 of the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Act, 1937 (which relate to the provision of funds to meet the cost of medical benefit) such sums as are referred to in the following paragraph.

(2) The said sums to be paid out of the Central Fund shall be such sums as (together with the appropriate amount which may be defrayed out of moneys provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 12 of the Act, which subsection relates to defraying the cost of the benefits conferred by the Act) may be required for the said purpose, but such sums shall not exceed the aggregate of three shillings in respect of each of the total number of persons entitled to medical benefit during that period as calculated in accordance with the following provisions (which relate to the calculation of the total number of persons entitled to medical benefit) :—