or other expenses necessarily incurred by him solely for the purposes of his employment as an officer of the Board;

"maximum remuneration" means, in relation to an officer employed at a fixed rate of remuneration which is not subject to increases under a scale of remuneration determined by the Board, the annual rate of remuneration to be paid to that officer as from the date of his appointment and, in relation to an officer whose remuneration is fixed by reference to a scale of remuneration determined by the Board, means the greatest annual rate of remuneration which may be paid to that officer under such scale of remuneration.

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

2. The number, remuneration and conditions of service of all officers, as determined by the Board in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of section fifty-six of the Act, shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

3. The qualifications, as determined by the Board in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of section fifty-six of the Act, and the appointment and removal from office, of —

(i) any whole-time officer whose maximum remuneration is £700 per annum or more; and

(ii) any part-time officer whose remuneration is, having regard to the duties to be performed by him in the service of the Board, equivalent to a rate of remuneration of £700 per annum or more for a whole-time officer;

shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

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

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

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH JUNE, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

amended 1948 S.R.&O. (N.I.) No. 260
" 1949 " " " 143 1948. No. 147

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

PART I

GENERAL

Regulation
1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.

PART II

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

3. Terms of service for medical practitioners.
4. Medical List.
5. Application for inclusion in the medical list.

PART III

METHOD OF OBTAINING GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

6. Selection of practitioner.
7. Assignment of persons to practitioners.
8. Provision of treatment in emergencies.
9. Limitation of practitioners' lists
10. Removal of persons from practitioner's list.
11. Change of practitioner.
12. Temporary arrangements for practice on death etc.
13. Application for removal from a practitioner's list.
14. Removal from Northern Ireland.
15. Cases of temporary residence.
16. Practitioners' lists.

PART IV

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

17. Practitioners' and Mileage Funds.
18. Distribution of Practitioners' Fund.
19. Distribution of Mileage Fund.
20. Payments for drugs and appliances supplied by practitioners.
21. Transitional Provisions.
22. Deductions in respect of superannuation contributions.

PART V

CHEMISTS

23. Terms of service for Chemists.
24. Pharmaceutical List.
25. Applications for inclusion in pharmaceutical list.
26. Schemes for securing proper pharmaceutical service.
27. Prescribed appliances and reagents.
28. Prices and standards of drugs and appliances.

PART VI

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND CHEMISTS

29. Arrangements for supply by medical practitioners of drugs and appliances.
30. Publication of particulars of arrangements.
31. Exercise of choice of practitioner in certain cases.

PART VII

DRUG PRICING COMMITTEE

32. Application to the Drug Pricing Committee of the provisions of the First Schedule to the Act.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE —Terms of Service for medical practitioners and form of application for inclusion in the medical list.
SECOND SCHEDULE —Lists of prescribed appliances and chemical reagents.
THIRD SCHEDULE —Terms of Service and forms for chemists and suppliers of appliances.
FOURTH SCHEDULE —Application to the Drug Pricing Committee of the provisions of Part I of the First Schedule to the Act.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 74 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

PART I

General

Short title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :—

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

" assistant " means a medical practitioner who acts as an assistant to a medical practitioner ;

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

" Central Medical Committee " means the Committee appointed under Regulation 12 of the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948;

" drugs " includes medicines and such chemical reagents as may be prescribed ;

" maternity medical services " means the provision under Section 38 of the Act of personal medical services during and following pregnancy and labour in respect of all conditions arising therefrom up to the end of a period of six weeks from the date of confinement ;

" medical adviser " means a registered medical practitioner in the full-time employment of the Board ;

" medical card " means a card issued to a person, in a form approved by the Ministry, for the purpose of enabling that person to obtain or establish a title to receive general medical services other than maternity medical services from a medical practitioner and shall include any similar card provided for the same purpose under the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938 ;

" treatment " means medical attendance and treatment and includes the issue of medical certificates under, or for the purposes of, the enactments prescribed in Regulations made under subsection (2) (*e*) of Section 6 of the Act, and the keeping and furnishing of any records, and the preparation and transmission of any reports, in accordance with the terms of service contained or referred to in Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) In these Regulations the expression " chemist " means a person, firm or body corporate entitled to carry on the business of a pharmaceutical chemist under the Pharmacy and Poisons Acts (Northern Ireland), 1925 and 1945, who provides pharmaceutical services. The Regulations shall also apply (except so far as the context may otherwise require) to a person, firm or body corporate whose name is included in the pharmaceutical list for the purpose of supplying appliances only.

(3) 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.

PART II

Medical Practitioners

Terms of Service for medical practitioners

3. The arrangements which the Board are required by Section 6 of the Act to make with medical practitioners for the provision of personal medical services shall incorporate the terms of service contained or referred to in Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Medical List

4.—(1) The Board shall prepare a list, to be called " the medical list", of the medical practitioners who, having made an application in the form set out in Part II of the First Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry, are entitled to be included in the list.

(2) Any medical practitioner resident in Northern Ireland, not disqualified under the provisions of Section 16 of the Act, who wishes to be included in the medical list, shall be so included.

(3) The medical list shall contain, in addition to the names of medical practitioners :—

(*a*) the address of any surgery and other place, or places, if any, at which the medical practitioner undertakes to attend for the purpose of treating persons receiving general medical services ;

(*b*) particulars of the days and hours at which the medical practitioner undertakes to be in attendance at each place ;

(*c*) where two or more medical practitioners, whose names are included in the list, practise in partnership, the name or names of the partners ;

(*d*) where the practitioner is acting as an assistant, the name and address of the principal ;

and may, if the Board think fit, be so arranged as to show the area in which each medical practitioner will provide treatment.

(4) Copies of the medical list shall be available for inspection at the office of the Board and at such other places as appear to the Board to be convenient for informing all persons interested, and shall be kept revised up-to-date.

(5) The Board shall send a copy of the medical list to the Ministry, to the Central Medical Committee, to each local medical committee and to the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, and shall within one calendar month inform each of them of any alteration which may from time to time be made therein. The Board shall also send a copy of the list to each local health authority, the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority and to any person under contract with the Board to provide pharmaceutical services, and, at intervals of not more than three months, shall notify them of any alteration made in the medical list :

Provided that in the case of persons providing pharmaceutical services and each local health authority the Board may send to them the portions of the list which appear to the Board to concern them.

Applications for inclusion in the medical list

5. Application by a medical practitioner for inclusion in the medical list shall be made by delivering or sending the application by post to the Board in the form set out in Part II of the First Schedule to these Regulations, or in a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry.