REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH AUGUST, 1942, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 TO 1941, AND THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 TO 1941.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1941, and the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—

**1.**—(1) These regulations, which may be cited as the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Transitional) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942, shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 3, have effect as from the 1st July, 1940, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1940 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ").

(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.

**2.**—The following provision shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (*b*) (ii) of paragraph (2) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations :—

" (ii) the period from and including the date on which an old age pension begins to accrue in her case, and also, in the event of the sixtieth birthday occurring on any one of the six days immediately preceding the date of accrual, the period from that birthday up to such date of accrual."

**3.**—The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 10 of the principal regulations :—

" 10A. (1) The amounts chargeable by an appropriate body in respect of expenses in connection with the administration of sickness payments shall be at the rate of one shilling for each complete pound expended, or treated as expended, by that body on sickness payments.

(2) This regulation shall have effect as from the 1st January, 1941."

**4.**—The figures " 71 " shall be deleted from paragraph (2) of regulation 14 of the principal regulations, and the following regulation shall be inserted after that regulation :—

"14A.—(1) An appropriate body may treat as expenditure on sickness payments, so far as not otherwise recovered—

(*a*) any improper payment of sickness payments not exceeding the sum of three shillings and fourpence to any person in respect of any single period of incapacity for work;

(*b*) any improper payment of sickness payments to any person not entitled to the sickness payments in question or some part thereof by reason only of—

(i) her being under the age of sixty years or of the age of sixty-five years or upwards during the period in respect of which sickness payments were paid, or

(ii) contributions having been paid by or in respect of her, as if she were employed within the meaning of the Insurance Acts during a period in which she was not so employed, or

(iii) her having been treated as a voluntary contributor when she was not entitled to be such a contributor, or

(iv) the provisions of paragraph (4) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations, in a case where she has married and has not notified her marriage to the appropriate body, or

(v) her being granted an old age pension or becoming entitled to a widow's pension in respect of a period for which sickness payments have been made,

if the appropriate body can show reasonable grounds for believing that such person was entitled to the sickness payments in question;

(*c*) any payment which, in consequence of the absence of vouchers, is treated as an improper payment of sickness payments, where the appropriate body satisfies the Ministry that the sickness payments in question have been duly paid but that the vouchers have, in circumstances for which the appropriate body cannot reasonably be considered to be responsible, been lost or destroyed; and

(*d*) any other improper payment of sickness payments where the appropriate body satisfies the Ministry that in the special circumstances of the case the payment may reasonably be treated as expenditure on sickness payments.

(2) Every improper payment of sickness payments not treated as expenditure on sickness payments as aforesaid shall, in so far as not recovered before the expiration of the second year after that in which the payment was made, be charged to the administration account of the appropriate body for the said second year."

**5.**—The provisions of the regulations specified in the first and second columns of the Schedule to these regulations shall have effect subject to the amendments set out in the third column to that Schedule, and