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Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of December, in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

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Medical Benefit Regulations.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (MEDICAL BENEFIT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936, DATED DECEMBER 16TH, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1936.

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The Ministry of Labour, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance in so far as the provisions of Regulation 75 are concerned, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PART I.—GENERAL.

Short title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1937.

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 National Health Insurance Act, 1936, as that Act applies in Northern Ireland ;

"The Minister" means the Minister of Labour ;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour ;

"Council" means the Medical Benefit Council ;

"Society" means an Approved Society ;

"Member" means a member of a Society for the purposes of the Acts ;

"Insured person" means a person entitled to medical benefit by reason of being or having been an insured person and includes a person to whom sub-section (3) of Section 34 of the Act applies ;

"Practitioner" means a registered medical practitioner who is on the list of medical practitioners published by the Ministry ;

"Assistant" means a practitioner who acts as an assistant to a practitioner, whether on a whole-time or part-time basis ;

"Dispensary Medical Officer" means a medical practitioner holding office as a Dispensary Medical Officer under the Poor Relief Acts (Northern Ireland), 1838 to 1928 ;

"Chemist" means a person, firm, or body corporate, entitled to carry on the business of a pharmaceutical chemist under the provisions of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 ;

"Treatment" means medical attendance and treatment, and includes the issue of medical certificates in accordance with the Rules contained in the First Schedule to these Regulations and the keeping and furnishing of any records and the preparation and transmission of any reports required by the terms of service set out in that Schedule ;

"Drugs" includes medicines and prescribed chemical re-agents ;

"Medical Card" means a card in a form approved by the Ministry issued or to be issued to an insured person for the purpose of enabling him to prove his title to medical benefit, and for the time being in force ;

"Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee" means the committee appointed under Section 98 (1) of the Act;

"Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee" means a committee constituted under Section 98 (2) of the Act;

"Local Pharmaceutical Committee" means a committee constituted under Section 99 of the Act;

"Medical Benefit Account" means the Account established under Section 212 of the Act;

"Quarter" means any one of the periods from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of March, the 1st day of April to the 30th day of June, the 1st day of July to the 30th day of September, and the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December.

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

Part II.—General Arrangements for Provision of Medical Benefit.

Terms of service for practitioners

3. The terms of service for practitioners undertaking service shall be those set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Medical list.

4.—(1) The Ministry shall prepare a list, to be called the "Medical List," of the medical practitioners who have given notice that they have accepted service upon the terms of service.

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

(*a*) the private address, and the address of any surgery, or other place, at which the practitioner undertakes to attend for the purpose of treating insured persons;

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

(*c*) where two or more practitioners intend to practise in partnership, as defined in the terms of service for practitioners, the name of the partnership; and

(*d*) the name and address of any assistant whose name the Ministry may require to be placed on the medical list, with a reference to the name and address of the principal;

and may, if the Ministry thinks fit, be so arranged as to show the district in which each practitioner undertakes treatment.

(3) Copies of the medical list shall be available for inspection at the office of the Ministry and at such other places as appear to the Ministry to be convenient for informing all persons interested, and shall be revised at intervals of not more than three months.

(4) The Ministry shall send a copy of the medical list to the Central and Local Insurance Practitioners' and Local Pharmaceutical Committees and to each person, firm or body corporate undertaking the supply of drugs or appliances to insured persons,