

1984 No. 66

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1984

Made 8th March 1984

Coming into operation 1st April 1984

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1984.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) in regulations 3(1)(b), 3(3), 5(1)(b), 7(1)(b), 7(2)(b) and 7(3) for “£1.40” there shall be substituted “£1.60”;

(2) in regulation 6(4) for “£7.50” there shall be substituted “£8.50” and for “£21.50” there shall be substituted “£24.00”;

(3) in regulation 7(1), the following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (a)—

“(a) in respect of an appliance specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 or Schedule 1A, the sum specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 or of Schedule 1A in respect of that appliance; and”;

(4) for Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 1 Regulations 3, 5 and 7

Charges for Elastic Hosiery

(1) Description	(2) Charge
Above-knee stocking, below-knee stocking or thigh stocking	£1.70 (i.e., £3.40 per pair)”

(5) after Schedule 1 there shall be inserted the following Schedule—

(a) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 419: The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1980 No. 366, S.R. 1981 No. 137, S.R. 1982 No. 62 and S.R. 1983 No. 34

"SCHEDULE 1A

Regulation 7

Charges for Tights

(1) <i>Description</i>	(2) <i>Charge</i>
Tights (per pair)	£3·40"

(6) for Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

"SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 10

Charges for Wigs and Fabric Supports

(1) <i>Description</i>	(2) <i>Charges</i>
Surgical Brassiere	£7·35
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£11·55
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£16·00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£32·00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£51·00"

Application

3. Regulation 2(4), (5) and (6) above shall apply only where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1984.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 8th March 1984.

(L.S.)

J. A. Wylie

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 8th March 1984.

(L.S.)

N. R. Cowling

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Health and Personal Social Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 by:—

- increasing the charges specified for the supply of drugs and certain appliances under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;
- increasing the sums prescribed for the grant of prepayment certificates of exemption from prescription charges; and
- introducing a charge of £3·40 (per pair) for tights supplied at hospitals to out-patients.

The charge for each item on prescription is increased from £1·40 to £1·60 and the costs of prepayment certificates are increased from £7·50 to £8·50 for a 4-month certificate and £21·50 to £24·00 for a 12-month certificate.

The charge for a full bespoke human hair wig is increased from £49·00 to £51·00; for a partial human hair wig from £30·50 to £32·00 and for a stock modacrylic wig from £15·00 to £16·00. The charge for a surgical brassiere is increased from £7·00 to £7·35 and for an abdominal or spinal support from £11·00 to £11·55. The charge for elastic hosiery is increased from £1·60 to £1·70 (£3·40 per pair).

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.