1981 No. 266

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . *7th August 1981*

Coming into operation . . . *1st September 1981*

The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 90 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(**b**) and section 18 of the Administrative and Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance(**d**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981.

Amendment

2. For regulation 3 of the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**e**) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"**3.** A medical practitioner who furnishes a recommendation—

(*a*) for admission under section 12 or 15 of the Act in respect of the admission of a patient to a hospital, or

(*b*) for guardianship under section 21 of the Act in respect of the reception of a patient into guardianship,

shall receive a fee of

(i) £17.00 as from 1st April 1979 to 31st March 1980 and thereafter £20.10 for consultant or specialist work.

(ii) £14.20 as from 1st April 1979 to 31st March 1980 and thereafter £16.60 for medical work other than consultant or specialist work.

for each recommendation".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th August 1981.

(L.S.) *W. Young*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1961 c. 15 (N.I.)
(c) 1962 c. 7 (N.I.)
(d) 1961 c. 15 (N.I.) s. 112(2) as substituted by S.I. 1978/1907 (N.I. 26) Sch. 1 paragraph 2
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 412

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(L.S.)

Desmond R. Cole
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations increase the fees payable by Health and Social Services Boards to medical practitioners for recommendations made under sections 12, 15 and 21 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961.

The Regulations have retrospective effect by virtue of Section 18 of the Administrative and Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1962.