Regulations, 1926 (S.R. & O., 1926, No. 1393), shall, in their application to Northern Ireland, be read as follows :—

(*a*) "the Pensions Act" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 (15 & 16 Geo. 5, c. 23) ;

(*b*) the reference in Article 3 to the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1925 (S.R. & O., 1925, No. 1363), shall be read as a reference to the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1926, (S.R. & O. of N.I., 1926, No. 6) ;

(*c*) the words in Article 7 from "shall have effect" to the end of that article shall be read "shall have effect as if the rates of 7d. and 6½d., respectively, were substituted for the rates of 8d. and 7d. specified in para. 2 of that Article."

2. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, this 8th day of April, in the year of One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

W. F. Wackrill,

(L.S.) Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Deposit Contributors.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 AND 1926, AND THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925 (15 & 16 GEO. 5. C. 23).

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee are empowered to make jointly with the said Ministry, and acting separately so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee or the said Ministry are empowered to make alone, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance in exercise of the several powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 and 1926, and the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act

(Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

Part I.

General.

Short title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and, except as otherwise expressly provided, shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1927.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

"The Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924 (14 & 15 Geo. 5. c. 38) ;

"The Pensions Act" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 (15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 23) ;

"The Prolongation Act" means the National Health Insurance (Prolongation of Insurance) Act, 1921 (11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 66) ;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland ;

"Benefit year," in relation to the sanatorium benefit of a deposit contributor, means the period from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of March (both inclusive) in consecutive years ; and "benefit half-year" means the period from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of September (both inclusive) in any year or the period from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of March (both inclusive) in consecutive years ;

"Committee" means an Insurance Committee ;

"Contribution half-year" means any period in respect of which contribution cards may be issued under any Regulations relating to the collection of contributions made under the Act and for the time being in force and "Contribution year" means any period commencing in June or July as the case may be and comprising two consecutive contribution half-years ;

"Employed" means employed within the meaning of the Act, and "unemployed" and unemployment" have the corresponding meanings ;

"Fund" means the Deposit Contributors Fund ;

"Proper proportion," in relation to the cost of the benefits of a deposit contributor and of the administration of those benefits, means the proportion of the cost of benefits and of administration payable out of contributions paid by or in respect of the deposit contributor.

"Society" means an Approved Society.

(2) References in these Regulations to the Act or to any provisions of the Act shall, where necessary, be deemed to include references to any enactment repealed by the Act or to the corresponding provisions of any such enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (52 & 53 Vict. c. 63), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Revocation of existing Regulations.

3. The National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S. R. & O. 1925, No. 12), Article 4 and Article 5 (so far as relating to deposit contributors) of the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Prolongation of Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S. R. & O. 1925, No. 151) and the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1926 (S. R. & O. 1926, No. 110), are hereby revoked without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

Benefits of deposit contributor to depend on sum at his credit.

4. Save as otherwise expressly provided, nothing in these Regulations shall be deemed to confer upon a deposit contributor the right to any benefit where at the time the deduction in respect of the benefit would otherwise be made the amount standing to his credit in the Fund is exhausted or, in the case of sanatorium benefit, is not sufficient to provide the proper proportion of the cost thereof and of administration.

PART II.

Application of the Act and the Prolongation Act to Deposit Contributors.

Application of Section 3 of Act (Position of deposit contributors ceasing to be employed or to pay contributions as voluntary contributors.)

5. The provisions of Section 3 of the Act (other than proviso (a) to sub-section (1) thereof) shall apply to a deposit contributor as they apply to a member of a Society, subject to the following adaptations and modifications :—

(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, a deposit contributor, who, being an employed contributor, ceases to be employed shall for all purposes be treated as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever first occurs, next after the expiration of a period of eighteen months from the end of the contribution week in which he ceased to be employed, and a deposit contributor who, being a voluntary contributor, ceases to pay contributions, shall be treated for all purposes as if he were a voluntary contributor insured under the Act until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever first occurs next after the expiration of a period of eighteen months from the end of the contribution week in respect of which the last contribution paid by him as a voluntary contributor was paid; and the provisions of sub-section (4) of

Section 12 of the Act, as modified in its application to Northern Ireland by sub-section (9) of Section 120 of the Act, with respect to sanatorium benefit continuing for a period after a person ceases to be insured shall not apply to a deposit contributor: Provided that a deposit contributor who, being an employed contributor, or treated as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act, is receiving such training as is referred to in proviso (*b*) to sub-section (1) of Section 3 aforesaid shall remain an insured person until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever first occurs, next after the expiration of six months from the date on which he ceased to receive such training or until the date on which he would have ceased to be an insured person had he not undergone such training, whichever date is the later.

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided, in calculating for the purposes of Section 3 aforesaid as applied to deposit contributors, the first period of twelve months included in the period during which a deposit contributor is, under the foregoing provisions, treated as insured on ceasing to be employed or to pay contributions as a voluntary contributor, no account shall be taken of any period during which the deposit contributor is proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry to have been rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice has been given within the period hereinafter specified or of any period after he has attained the age of 70, or in the case of a woman who is an insured person of the period of four weeks after her confinement; and the period of twelve months aforesaid, calculated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph is hereinafter referred to as "the free period of full insurance." The period specified shall be the period from the commencement of the incapacity to the expiration of twelve months from the date on which the free period of full insurance of the deposit contributor would otherwise have terminated.

(3) In the case of a voluntary contributor who, under sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the Pensions Act ceases to be entitled to pay contributions, the provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall apply as if the periods of thirty months and twenty-four months were therein substituted for the periods of eighteen months and twelve months respectively.

(4) A deposit contributor shall cease to be entitled to sickness benefit, disablement benefit and maternity-

benefit as from the expiration of the free period of full insurance :

Provided that if a deposit contributor becomes employed within the meaning of the Act or becomes a voluntary contributor, after the expiration of that period and before he ceases to be insured, he shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and to these Regulations, as from the date he becomes so employed or becomes a voluntary contributor, as the case may be, again become entitled to sickness benefit, disablement benefit and maternity benefit as if his right to these benefits had not ceased.

(5) In the case of an employed contributor ceasing to be a deposit contributor on becoming a member of a Society or of an employed contributor having been a member of a Society and becoming a deposit contributor, and no contributions having been paid in respect of him for the contribution half-year in which he was admitted to membership of the Society or became a deposit contributor, as the case may be, the week preceding the first week of the contribution half-year in which he was admitted to membership or in which he became a deposit contributor, as the case may be, shall for the purposes of sub-section (1) of Section 3 aforesaid be treated as the week in which he was last employed.

(6) The provisions of Section 3 as applied as aforesaid shall, notwithstanding anything in Section 56 of the Act, apply to every woman being an insured person and a deposit contributor who ceases to be employed or to be a voluntary contributor whether on marriage or at any other time, so however that, in the case of a woman who was an insured person at the date of her marriage, she shall be entitled to a maternity benefit in respect of her first confinement within two years of the date of her marriage whether or not she is then an insured person.

Application of Section 7 (4) of Act. (Payment of contributions during sickness and unemployment in certain cases.)

6. Sub-section (4) of Section 7 of the Act shall apply to deposit contributors as set out and adapted and modified as follows :—

A deposit contributor who is an employed contributor or is treated as an employed contributor insured under the Act shall, if he proves to the Ministry that he is or was unemployed owing to incapacity for work due to some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement or, in the case of such a deposit contributor in respect of whom less than 104 contributions have been paid, that he is or was unemployed owing to inability to obtain employment, be entitled up to and including the 30th day of November next succeeding the contribution year in which the unemployment occurred or such later date as the Ministry may in any

particular case determine, to pay contributions in respect of the period of unemployment.

Application of Sections 22 (2) & (3) and 47 of Act. (Miscellaneous provisions.)

7. The provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 22 of the Act and of Section 47 of the Act (so far as relates to the execution of instruments and giving acquittances) shall apply to a deposit contributor as they apply to a member of a Society, and the reference in sub-section (2) aforesaid to a Society shall be construed as a reference to a Committee, and the reference in sub-section (3) aforesaid to a Society as a reference to the Ministry or a Committee.

Application of Section 43 (1) of Act. (Transfer from Deposit Contributors Fund.)

8. Sub-section (1) of Section 43 of the Act (other than provisos (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) to the said sub-section) shall apply to deposit contributors as set out and adapted and modified as follows :—

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a deposit contributor shall be entitled at any time to become a member of a Society and, save as hereinafter provided, shall be treated as if he had become a member of the Society at the commencement of the contribution half-year in which he is admitted a member of the Society or if having regard to the special circumstances of any case the Ministry so determines, at such other date as it may direct, but nothing herein contained shall render the Society liable for payment of any benefits in respect of any period prior to the date on which the insured person is actually admitted a member.

(2) A transfer fee calculated in the manner hereinafter provided shall be payable in respect of every person who ceases to be a deposit contributor by reason of becoming a member of a Society ; and the total amount of transfer fees so payable in any year shall be ascertained by multiplying three shillings by the number of persons who cease to be deposit contributors by reason of becoming members of Societies in that year, which amount shall be deducted from the sum of the balances standing to the accounts of those persons and shall be applied towards the expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Ministry in the administration of benefits of deposit contributors.

Application of Section 43 (5) of Act. (Ceasing to be deposit contributor on termination of insurance, etc.)

9. Sub-section (5) of Section 43 of the Act shall apply to a person being a deposit contributor as set out and adapted and modified as follows :—

Any person being a deposit contributor to whom a certificate of exemption is granted under this Act or who ceases to be an insured person shall, upon the grant of the certificate or on so ceasing, as the case may be, cease to be a deposit contributor :

Provided that—

(i) if any person within one year after so ceasing to be a deposit contributor becomes an employed contributor and before joining a Society again becomes a deposit contributor, he shall be entitled to have placed to his credit in the Fund the amount which was at the credit of his account in the Fund on the date on which he ceased to be a deposit contributor ; and

(ii) if any person dies or becomes permanently resident outside the United Kingdom within one year of so ceasing to be a deposit contributor and a claim is made under paragraph (*e*) or (*f*) of sub-section (1) of Section 54 of the Act within that year, or before such later date, not being more than three months after the expiration of that year, as the Ministry may direct, he shall, for the purposes of the said paragraphs, be treated as if he were a deposit contributor at the date of death or of becoming resident outside the United Kingdom as the case may be.

Application of Section 46 of Act. (Transfer of sums on persons lapsing from insurance.)

10. Section 46 of the Act shall apply in the case of a deposit contributor who ceases to be an insured person as set out and modified as follows :—

If an insured person being a deposit contributor ceases to be an insured person the amount of the balance in his account in the Fund after making any payment under Article 9 of these Regulations, shall be transferred to the Reserve Suspense Fund.

Application of Section 56 (9) of Act. (Married women.)

11. Sub-section (9) of Section 56 of the Act shall apply to a woman being an insured person and a deposit contributor as set out and modified as follows :—

It shall be the duty of every woman, being an insured person and a deposit contributor, who marries to give notice of her marriage to the Ministry within eight weeks thereof.

Application of Prolongation Act.

12. The provisions of the Prolongation Act, as modified and set out in the manner following, shall apply to deposit contributors :—

(1) Where a deposit contributor, being an employed contributor, continues to be unemployed after the expiration of the free period of full insurance, being the period during which, under the provisions of Article 5 of these Regulations, he is treated for all purposes as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act and not disentitled by the said Article to any benefits, he shall, while the Prolongation Act continues in force, and if and so long as the conditions laid down by the immediately succeeding paragraph are fulfilled in his case, remain for all purposes an insured person as if the period of unemployment aforesaid formed part of the free period of full insurance.

(2) The conditions to be fulfilled by a deposit contributor for the purposes of the preceding paragraph are :—

(*a*) that the Ministry is satisfied that the deposit contributor has not since the commencement of the period aforesaid been unemployed by reason of having entered upon or become engaged in some occupation which is not employment within the meaning of the Act ;

(*b*) that the Ministry is satisfied that during the period hereinafter specified the deposit contributor has, except when incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement, been available for but unable to obtain employment.

(3) The period specified shall be—

(*a*) in the case of a deposit contributor who before the fourth day of January, 1926, ceased to be an insured person in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations in force at the time applying to deposit contributors (Section 3 of the Act) the period of two contribution years ending on the fifth day of July, 1925, or, if he has not been in insurance so long, the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the said fifth day of July, 1925 ; and

(*b*) in the case of a deposit contributor who on or after the said fourth day of January, 1926, but for these Regulations or any Regulations repealed by these Regulations would have ceased or would cease to be an insured person, the period of two contribution years ending immediately before the date on which but for the said Regulations he would have ceased or would cease to be insured, or if he has not been in insurance so long, then the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the end of the second of the said two contribution years ;

excluding in each case any period of employment.

(4) The Prolongation Act as modified and set out as aforesaid (except paragraphs (2) (*b*) and (3)) shall apply to a deposit contributor, being an employed contributor, who is at the commencement of these Regulations treated as having remained in insurance by virtue of the Prolongation Act, as applied to deposit contributors by Regulations revoked by these Regulations.

(5) A deposit contributor who before the fourth day of January, 1926, ceased to be an insured person as

aforesaid shall not by virtue of these Regulations be entitled to any benefit under the Act in respect of any period prior to the Ministry being satisfied that he has fulfilled the conditions under which he remains an insured person under these Regulations, and in no case shall he be entitled to any benefit by virtue of the provisions of this Section of these Regulations in respect of any period prior to the fourth day of January, 1926.

(6) If any person who has by virtue of the Prolongation Act, as applied to deposit contributors by these Regulations, remained in insurance is at the date of the expiration of that Act or was within the period of four weeks preceding that date incapable of work he shall not cease to be an insured person until four weeks after the date on which he again becomes capable of work.

PART III.

Accounts, Benefits, Administration Expenses and Miscellaneous Provisions.

Management of accounts.

13. The accounts of deposit contributors in the Fund shall be under the control and management of the Ministry, and shall be kept in such form as the Ministry may decide.

Provisions as to sickness, disablement and maternity benefits.

14.—(1) Sickness benefit and disablement benefit shall be paid in respect of six days in a week, and shall not be paid in respect of a Sunday.

(2) No payment on account of sickness, disablement or maternity benefit shall, unless the Ministry otherwise determines, be made to a deposit contributor out of the amount standing to his credit in the Fund of an amount greater than the excess of the amount standing to his credit at the date of his claim over the sum, if any, required to provide the proper proportion of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration for the benefit half-year commencing next thereafter.

Provisions as to Sanatorium benefit.

15.—(1) A deposit contributor shall be entitled to sanatorium benefit as from the date on which he enters into insurance or transfers from a Society, as the case may be, and while he continues to be an insured person under these Regulations he shall continue entitled to sanatorium benefit until he is suspended therefrom in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) A deposit contributor who as at the end of a contribution half-year has standing to his credit in the Fund an amount sufficient to provide the proper proportion of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration for the benefit year or benefit half-year first commencing thereafter or, where he ceases to be an insured person prior to the expiration of that benefit year or benefit half-year, for the portion of that year or half-year until

he ceases to be an insured person, shall be entitled to sanatorium benefit for that benefit year or benefit half-year or the portion thereof as the case may be; and save as otherwise expressly provided a deposit contributor who has not then standing to his credit in the Fund an amount sufficient for the purpose aforesaid shall not, except at the discretion of the Insurance Committee, be entitled to sanatorium benefit during the benefit half-year first commencing thereafter unless the proper proportion of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration for that half-year has already been deducted:

Provided that a deposit contributor who, being of the age of seventy or upwards, has then any sum whatsoever standing to his credit in the Fund shall be entitled to sanatorium benefit for the benefit half-year first commencing thereafter.

(3) A man who on discharge from the Navy, Army or Air Force becomes a deposit contributor shall, irrespective of the amount at his credit in the Fund, be entitled to sanatorium benefit from the date on which he becomes a deposit contributor until the commencement of the benefit half-year next succeeding the end of the contribution half-year in which he is discharged, and thereafter he shall only be entitled to that benefit in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(4) Where the amount at the credit of a deposit contributor in the Fund is not sufficient to provide for the appropriate deduction in respect of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration for any period during which he has been treated as entitled to any benefit, the Ministry may, on subsequently crediting contributions to his account in the Fund, deduct from the amount then standing to his credit the proper proportion of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration for the said period.

Deductions for Sanatorium benefit and administration.

16.—(1) Where by the provisions of these Regulations a deposit contributor is entitled to sanatorium benefit for a benefit year or benefit half-year or other period, there shall be deducted at such times as the Ministry may determine from the amount standing to his credit in the Fund the proper proportion of the cost of that benefit and of administration for the said year or half-year or other period as the case may be.

(2) In the case of a deposit contributor becoming insured or having ceased to be insured under the provisions of Section 57 of the Act, or of a person having ceased to be a member of a society and becoming a deposit contributor, and in any other case in which the Ministry considers it proper, such adjustments shall be made in respect of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration as appear to the Ministry to be just and necessary.

(3) Where contribution cards have not been surrendered by a deposit contributor to the Ministry until after the proper time, and by reason of the absence of such cards the necessary

deduction on account of the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration for any benefit year or half-year was not made, a deduction in respect thereof shall, unless in any particular case the Ministry otherwise determines, be made on the surrender of the card, and the amount of such deduction shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph.

(4) Where a sum is required to be debited to the account of a deposit contributor or credited by way of rebate to his account in respect of a past period in which the rate of charge was different from the rate current at the date on which the debit or credit is made, such sum shall be calculated at the current rate, and the debit or credit shall be made accordingly and apportioned as between the cost of sanatorium benefit and administration on the basis applicable at the date on which the debit or credit is made.

Cost of medical certification, &c.

17. The provisions of Section 2 of the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1926 (16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 11), shall apply as respects deposit contributors in like manner as they apply as respects members of a Society :

Provided that the sums payable in respect of deposit contributors for the purpose of meeting the cost of medical certification, and administration thereof shall be at the rate of two shillings and two pence per annum.

Administration expenses, &c

18.—(1) The annual sum which may be charged to the account of each deposit contributor for each benefit year in respect of the cost of sanatorium benefit and the expenses of administering benefits shall be the proper proportion of the sum of seven shillings and eight pence for the year to 31st March, 1927, and the proper proportion of the sum of eight shillings and nine pence for each subsequent year.

Provided that the proper proportion of the sum of one shilling and three pence only shall be charged to an account of a person who has attained the age of 70 before the first day of April in any year.

(2) There shall be payable :—

(*a*) towards the cost of medical certification a sum at the rate of two pence per annum in respect of the period ended 31st December, 1926, and thereafter at the rate of two shillings per annum ;

(*b*) towards the expenses incurred by Committees in the administration of benefits of deposit contributors a sum at the rate of two shillings and three pence per annum in respect of the period ended 31st March, 1927, and thereafter at the rate of one shilling and ten pence per annum.

(*c*) towards the cost of sanatorium benefit a sum at the rate of one shilling and three pence per annum ;

and after deducting the proper proportion of these sums from the

amount chargeable to the deposit contributor's account under paragraph (1) of this Article the balance shall be paid to the Exchequer towards the expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Ministry in the administration of benefits of deposit contributors.

Provided that sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph shall not apply in the case of a deposit contributor who has attained the age of 70 before the first day of April in any year.

(3) For the purpose of determining the amounts payable out of the Fund in any year on account of sanatorium benefit and administration, the number of deposit contributors and the number of such contributors entitled to sanatorium benefit in any year shall be determined in such manner as the Ministry thinks fit.

(4) This Article shall have effect as from the first day of April, 1926.

Duty of notifying change of residence and furnishing information.

19.—(1) Where a deposit contributor changes his place of residence, he shall give notice to the Ministry of the address of his new place of residence.

(2) A deposit contributor shall furnish such information as the Ministry may require for the purpose of being satisfied as to his age, employment and otherwise as to his title to benefits.

Arrears of deposit contributor joining Society.

20. Where a person who, having been a deposit contributor, becomes a member of a Society, no arrears shall, for the purpose of any Regulations with respect to the benefits of persons in arrears, be deemed to have accrued prior to the date on which he is, under the provisions of Article 8 of these Regulations, treated as becoming a member of the Society :

Provided that—

(i) a person who has at any time within two years prior to the date aforesaid been a member of a Society and has since then continued in insurance shall, for the purpose of ascertaining any reduction or suspension of benefits on account of arrears, be treated as if he had been a member of a Society since the date of his entry into insurance ; and

(ii) nothing herein contained shall be deemed to apply for the purpose of any Regulations with respect to calculation of contributions made under Section 1 (2) (*b*) of the Prolongation Act.

Notification of advances of benefit.

21. The provisions of Part XV. of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1924 (S.R. & O., 1924, No. 1516), relating to the notification of advances of benefit, shall apply as respects a deposit contributor in like manner as they apply as respects a member of a Society, and references therein to a Society shall be construed as references to a Committee.

Sums payable on death.

22.—(1) The provisions of Part XVI. of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1924, relating to

sums payable on death shall, so far as may be, apply to a deposit contributor and to the sums payable on his death in like manner as they apply to a member of a Society and the sums payable on his death, and for that purpose references therein to a Society shall be construed as references to the Ministry, save that any payments and distributions under the said Part of the said Regulations as so applied may be made by the Ministry or a Committee, and the Ministry and Committee shall, as respects the sums payable on the death of a deposit contributor, have the same protection and privileges as a Society has as respects the sums payable on the death of its member.

(2) Any nomination or variation of a nomination made under the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors, Payment on Death) Regulations (Ireland), 1913, and still subsisting at the date when these Regulations come into force, shall have effect as if made in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Time for becoming voluntary contributor and relative notice.

23. The time within which a Deposit Contributor who, having been employed within the meaning of the Act and insured as an employed contributor for a period, whether continuous or not, of one hundred and four weeks or upwards, has ceased to be so employed may give notice under paragraph (*a*) of sub-section (3) of Section 1 of the Act that he desires to become a voluntary contributor shall be any time up to and including the date of the expiration of the free period of full insurance, or such later date as the Ministry, having regard to the circumstances of the particular case, may determine.

Transition from employed to voluntary insurance.

24. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of Article 12 of the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1924 (Northern Ireland) (S.R. & O., 1924, No. 87), a deposit contributor who, having been an employed contributor, ceases to be employed and subsequently gives notice of his desire to be a voluntary contributor shall be entitled, with the consent of the Ministry, to pay contributions in respect of weeks during which he has been treated as an employed contributor insured under the Act.

Persons of unsound mind.

25. The provisions of Article 233 of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1924, relating to appointing persons to exercise rights of election and to receive payments of benefit on behalf of persons of unsound mind, shall apply as respects a deposit contributor in like manner as they apply as respects a member of a Society, and for that purpose references to a Society or the Committee of Management thereof shall be construed as references to a Committee.

Certificates of death.

26. The provisions of Section 97 of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, (59 & 60 Vict. c. 25), shall apply to certificates of the death of deposit contributors required for the purposes of the Act as if such persons were members of registered Friendly Societies, subject to such modification in the form of application

for certificates of death of deposit contributors required for the purposes of the Act as may seem proper to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Northern Ireland.

Application of Section 38 (4) of Pensions Act to deposit contributors.

27. The time within which, under sub-section (4) of Section 38 of the Pensions Act, a deposit contributor, being an employed contributor who had, on attaining the age of sixty in the case of a man or fifty-five in the case of a woman, been continuously insured for a period of ten years, or since the 15th day of July, 1912, whichever period is the shorter, may pay contributions in respect of any period of unemployment as if he were a voluntary contributor shall be any time up to and including the 30th day of November following the contribution year in which the unemployment occurred, or such later date as the Ministry may in any particular case determine, and the conditions subject to which he may pay such contributions shall be :—

(i) that the number of contributions so paid, together with the number or weeks of employment in respect of which contributions have been paid and weeks in respect of which he has satisfied the Ministry that he was incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement shall not in any contribution year exceed twenty-six ; and

(ii) that in any contribution year for which he may have paid contributions as a voluntary contributor, contributions shall not in his case for the purposes of any Regulations made under paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Pensions Act be deemed to have been paid in respect of any period of unemployment except unemployment owing to incapacity for work due to some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement.

Allocation of contributions.

28. The provisions of Article 9 of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924, shall apply to a deposit contributor as they apply to a member of a Society.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 14th day of April, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

W. F. Wackrill,

(L.S.) Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, this 14th day of April, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

H. Conacher,

(L.S.) Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this 14th day of April, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

G. C. Duggan,

(L.S.) Asst. Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Insurance Committees.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION (5) OF SECTION 48 OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1924.

1927. No. 67.

1 These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924 (a) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations").

2 In these Regulations "the Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

3 Article 21 of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if the date therein mentioned were as regards representatives of insured persons, the 30th June, 1928, and accordingly (subject to the provisions of any Regulations which the Ministry may hereafter make determining or further extending the term of office of any member or members or of any class or classes of members of the Committee) the term of office of representatives of insured persons on the Committee shall be extended to the 30th June, 1928, on which date they shall go out of office.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

H. Conacher,

(L.S.) Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1924, No. 82.