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Charges for Drugs and Appliances

REGULATIONS,* DATED 28TH MAY, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1952. No. 85

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections twelve, seventy-six and eighty of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1952.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" the Board " means the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board ;

" drugs and appliances " means drugs or medicines or prescribed appliances supplied by or on the order of a medical practitioner or prescribed drugs or medicines supplied on the order of a dental practitioner ;

" enactment " includes any provision in any Act or in any order, rule, regulation or other instrument made under or by virtue of any Act ;

* A draft of these Regulations was approved by Resolutions of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the 27th May, 1952.

" scheduled appliances " means the appliances set out in the Schedule hereto ; and

" the General Medical and Pharmaceutical Regulations " means the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (a).

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to any other enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3.—(1) Any person supplied under section twelve or under section thirty-eight of the Act with drugs and appliances in accordance with orders given by medical or dental practitioners shall pay to the person supplying the same the following charges —

(i) such sum as is specified in the Schedule hereto as payable by the patient in respect of every scheduled appliance so supplied ;

(ii) the sum of one shilling in respect of the drugs and appliances supplied to him by virtue of every prescription form which does not include an order for the supply of a scheduled appliance.

(2) No charge shall be payable under these Regulations in respect of a prescription form accepted by a supplier before the date of operation of these Regulations.

4. Any person supplied with drugs and appliances by a medical practitioner in accordance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (9) (iv) of paragraph 7 of Part I of the First Schedule to the General Medical and Pharmaceutical Regulations (which provides for the supply by medical practitioners of such drugs and appliances as are therein mentioned) shall pay to the practitioner the following charges —

(i) such sum as is specified in the Schedule hereto as payable by the patient in respect of every scheduled appliance so supplied ;

(ii) the sum of one shilling in respect of drugs and appliances, other than scheduled appliances, supplied on any one occasion not being an occasion upon which a scheduled appliance is supplied.

5. The amount payable by the Board under arrangements made under section 12 of the Act to a person providing services under that section shall be reduced by a sum equal to the charges payable to him

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948 Nos. 147 and 260. S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1949 No. 143. S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1950 Nos. 128, 160 & 223. S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1951 Nos. 62 & 113. S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1952 No. 19.

under these Regulations except where that sum has, in accordance with further arrangements made by the Board with the approval of the Ministry and of the Ministry of Finance, been transferred by that person to the credit of the Board in such manner as may be specified in those further arrangements.

6. For the purposes of Regulation 4 of these Regulations drugs and appliances shall be deemed to be supplied on one occasion, notwithstanding that they are supplied at different times, if they are supplied at or following a visit or attendance and before a succeeding visit or attendance takes place : Provided that a repeat supply shall not be deemed to take place on the same occasion as the original supply notwithstanding that there has been no intervening visit or attendance.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two in the presence of

(L.S.) *L. G. P. Freer,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations in accordance with section seventy-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. D. Scott,*
Secretary.

SCHEDULE

CHARGES PAYABLE BY THE PATIENT FOR APPLIANCES

Appliance	*Charge*
Elastic Anklet	5*s.* each
Elastic Kneecap	5*s.* each
Elastic Legging	5*s.* each
Elastic Thigh Piece	5*s.* each
Elastic Knee Legging	10*s.* each
Elastic Stocking	10*s.* each
Elastic Thigh Kneecap	10*s.* each
Elastic Knee Stocking	10*s.* each
Elastic Thigh Legging	10*s.* each
Elastic Thigh Stocking	10*s.* each