(2) Where the Board are satisfied that a practitioner fulfils the conditions referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph or such other conditions as the Ministry, after due notice to and consultation with the recognised professional organisation, may require to be fulfilled, they may make such payments to him for the year in respect of which the application is made as the Board with the approval of the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance may determine.

(3) The continuance of any allowances granted under this paragraph will be conditional on the practitioner submitting an application to the Board each year and on the Board being satisfied that the practitioner is continuing to provide services personally in single-handed practice.

(4) Applications for the allowance shall be made at such times in relation to the year in respect of which they are made as the Board may require.

(5) A practitioner who is dissatisfied with a decision of the Board to refuse his application or to discontinue an allowance which has been granted may appeal in writing to the Ministry within one calendar month from the date of issue by the Board of notification thereof. The Ministry shall, where necessary, consult with the recognised professional organisation and shall give its decision which shall be final."

(21) In paragraph 28 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations for the words " out of the Practitioners' Fund " there shall be substituted the words " in respect of such administration ".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, this 20th day of March, 1953, in the presence of

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this 20th day of March, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. N. Cox*,
Assistant Secretary.

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST MARCH, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948 TO 1953.

1953. No. 47

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 6, 10 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, 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.

2.—(1) After sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (1) (*b*) of Regulation 17 of the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**a**) as amended by the

(a) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1948, No. 147.

Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (**a**) and the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (**b**) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph :—

" (v) for the period from the 1st April, 1952, to the 31st March, 1953, the sum of £152,000."

(2) At the end of the said Regulation 17 there shall be added the following paragraph :—

" (2) Out of moneys provided by Parliament under Section 49 of the Act the Board shall distribute, so far as is practicable, among practitioners in proportion as nearly as may be to the sums which were payable to them out of the Practitioners' Fund for the period from the Appointed Day until the 31st March, 1949 and for each subsequent year up to and including the year ending on the 31st March, 1953, the following sums :—

In respect of the period ended on the 31st March, 1949,	£110,310
In respect of the year ended on the 31st March, 1950,	£123,557
In respect of the year ended on the 31st March, 1951,	£250,714
In respect of the year ended on the 31st March, 1952,	£261,188
In respect of the year ending on the 31st March, 1953,	£252,273

together with such residual sum as may be directed by the Ministry with the approval of the Ministry of Finance."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, this 31st day of March, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Ronald Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 31st day of March, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. N. Cox,*
Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1950, No. 160.
(**b**) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1950, No. 223.