EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide that the amount of earnings which is disregarded for the purposes of reducing the weekly rate of a retirement or widow's pension or a widowed mother's allowance on account of the beneficiary's earnings shall be increased in the case of a retirement or widow's pension from fifty shillings to sixty shillings and in the case of a widowed mother's allowance from sixty shillings to eighty shillings. The reduction of benefit for earnings in excess of this amount continues to be sixpence for each shilling of the first twenty shillings of the excess and one shilling for each shilling thereafter.

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HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 26TH FEBRUARY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 6, 10, 12 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959, and shall be deemed to have had effect from the 1st day of January, 1959.

2. The Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1956(a), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 4 for the words "the provisions of the Health Services (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950" there shall be substituted the words "section 7 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1958."

(2) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 17 for the words "seventeen shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "eighteen shillings" and for the words "eleven shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "twelve shillings".

(3) At the end of paragraph (5) of Regulation 17 there shall be added the words:—

"and shall make such additional payment as may be necessary for the purpose of the proviso to paragraph 35 of Part I of the First Schedule."

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 150.

(4) In paragraph 24 of Part I of the First Schedule, for the rates of seventeen shillings and eight shillings and sixpence there shall be respectively substituted the rates of eighteen shillings and nine shillings in respect of persons accepted for treatment as temporary residents on or after the 1st January, 1959.

(5) The sums of money referred to in sub-paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) of paragraph 27 of Part I of the First Schedule shall be increased by 4 per cent.:

Provided that, where a practitioner was, immediately prior to the 1st January, 1959, in receipt of an Initial Practice Allowance, it shall, as respects the remainder of the year to which it applies, be increased by the said 4 per cent. without regard to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (6) and (7) of paragraph 27.

(6) In sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 28 of Part I of the First Schedule for "£300" there shall be substituted "£310", and in sub-paragraph (5) of the same paragraph for "12 shillings" there shall be substituted "twelve shillings and sixpence".

(7) The following sub-paragraphs shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (11) of paragraph 28 of Part I of the First Schedule:—

"(11A) Where an allowance has continued to be effective in accordance with sub-paragraph (11) it shall be calculated at the yearly rate of either:—

(*a*) £435 less a sum calculated at the rate of eleven shillings and six pence in respect of each person, if any, on his list in excess of 500 at the commencement of the period in respect of which the application is made; or

(*b*) the sum required to raise the practitioner's gross income from all professional sources for the year in respect of which the application is made to such figure not exceeding £1,560 as the Ministry may determine;

whichever is the less:

Provided that where the year in respect of which an allowance is payable has commenced prior to the 1st January, 1959, such allowance shall, as respects the remainder of that year to which it applies, be calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (*a*) irrespective of the practitioner's gross professional income for that period."

(8) At the end of paragraph 35 of Part I of the First Schedule there shall be added the following sentence:—

"Provided that any sum payable under this paragraph in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st January, 1959, shall be increased by 3 per cent."

(9) In Part I of the Second Schedule there shall be inserted:—

(*a*) after the item "Eye shades" the item "Finger cots" and

(*b*) after the item "Sputum flasks" the item "Stockinette".

3. Regulation 5 of the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(a), is hereby revoked.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 200.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 26th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John L. O. Andrews,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 26th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Terence O'Neill,*
Minister of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

(1) The Regulations provide for a 4 per cent. increase in the net remuneration of medical practitioners (gross remuneration less practice expenses) as follows:—

(*a*) the standard capitation fee and the capitation loading (which were increased to 17/6 and 11/6 respectively by S.R. & O. 1957, No. 145) are each further increased by 6d.;

(*b*) the rates payable for the treatment of patients who are temporary residents are increased from 8/6 or 17/- (as the case may be) to 9/- and 18/- respectively;

(*c*) mileage payments are increased by 3 per cent.;

(*d*) the Initial Practice Allowance (for practitioners setting up new practices or securing small existing practices), the Supplementary Allowance (for small-list practitioners) and the Hardship Allowance (for elderly practitioners), all of which were increased by S.R. & O. 1957, No. 200, are further increased.

(2) "Finger cots" and "Stockinette" are added to the list of appliances which may be supplied to persons receiving general medical services.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by regulations (S.R. & O. 1958, No. 195) made under the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland), 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading PUBLIC HEALTH.