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HEALTH SERVICES

Travelling Expenses of Patients—Pupils attending Training Centres

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH AUGUST, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 21 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Regulations:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Patients) (Pupils attending Training Centres) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.

(2) The following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"Pupil" means a person who attends for instruction at a Training Centre;

"Training Centre" means a centre within the meaning of Section 10(1) of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(**b**);

"Relative" means:—

(*a*) a person related to a pupil;

(*b*) the guardian of a pupil.

2. Subject to the provisions of Regulations 3, 4, 5 and 6 the Authority may, on request, pay the whole or part of the travelling expenses of a pupil in attending a Training Centre and of a relative accompanying such pupil.

3. Travelling expenses may be paid by the Authority in respect of—

(*a*) the pupil, if the Authority are satisfied that he should not be expected to walk from his residence to the Training Centre which he attends.

(*b*) a relative accompanying the pupil, where the Authority are satisfied that such expenses are incurred wholly and necessarily for the purpose of accompanying such pupil, unless the Authority determine that having regard to the age and health of the pupil, the distance to be travelled, the mode of conveyance available and any other relevant circumstances, it is unnecessary for the pupil to be accompanied.

4. Where public transport is available, and transport is not provided by the Authority under Section 30(1)(*a*) of the Act, the amount of travelling expenses which may be paid shall be the amount actually expended on public transport fares and shall not in any case exceed the cost of two daily return journeys by the most direct route between the pupil's residence and the Training Centre which he attends except that where the Authority are satisfied that in the interests of the pupil the most direct route is unsuitable they may approve

(**a**) 1948. c. 3. (**b**) 1961. c. 15.

an alternative route; full advantage shall be taken of available weekly, monthly, seasonal or other reductions in the cost of public transport.

5. Where public transport is not available or is deemed by the Authority to be unsuitable and transport is not provided by the Authority under Section 30(1)(*a*) of the Act the Authority may pay the whole or part of the cost of alternative means of transport, provided:—

(1) that the amount payable by the Authority shall not exceed a sum calculated at the rate of 3d. per mile, irrespective of the type of vehicle used, and

(2) that the mileage used in calculating the payment shall not exceed the mileage actually and necessarily incurred in order to enable the pupil to attend at the Training Centre and shall not in any case exceed the mileage necessary to permit of two daily return journeys by the most direct suitable route between the pupil's residence and the Training Centre.

6. These Regulations are in addition to and not in derogation of the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Patients) (Hospital and Specialist Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951(**a**), the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Relatives) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1955(**b**), and the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Relatives of Patients Suffering from Tuberculosis) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1959(**c**).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 1st day of August, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

(L.S.) *Wm. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 6th day of August, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

(L.S.) *John L. O. Andrews,*
Minister of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations empower the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority to contribute towards the cost of travelling expenses incurred by certain persons in attending at Special Care Training Centres and towards the cost of travelling expenses incurred by relatives who necessarily accompany such persons.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 43.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 135.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 53.