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HEALTH SERVICES

Hospital and Specialist Services

Travelling Expenses Etc. of Relatives of Patients

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948 TO 1967.

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

Citation and Interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Travelling Expenses Etc. of Relatives of Patients) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967, and shall come into operation on 1st September 1967.

(2) In these Regulations—

(*a*) the word "relative" means—

(i) a person related to a patient; or

(ii) the guardian of a patient;

(*b*) the word "tuberculosis" means the disease caused by tubercle bacillus.

Revocation

2. 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**) are hereby revoked.

Conditions of Payment

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") may, on request by the relative, pay the whole or part of any travelling expenses incurred by a relative of a patient in visiting that patient while he is undergoing treatment in any hospital or other institution operated, controlled or approved by the Authority.

4. Payments under these Regulations shall be made only where:—

(*a*) the expenses necessarily incurred exceed two shillings and sixpence in respect of each visit or five shillings per week;

(*b*) the expenses are claimed within three months from the date on which they were incurred; and

(*c*) the Supplementary Benefits Commission for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") are satisfied that in the circumstances of the case the payment of such expenses by the relative would involve hardship.

(a) 1948. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 135.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 53.

5.—(1) Payments under these Regulations shall be made only in respect of approved visits under this Regulation and Regulation 7.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation an "approved visit" means:—

(*a*) a visit to a patient whose age does not exceed twelve years; or

(*b*) a visit to a patient whose age exceeds twelve years and who has been undergoing treatment in a hospital or institution or in hospitals or institutions for a continuous period of not less than eight weeks or who has been undergoing treatment for tuberculosis for any length of time; or

(*c*) a visit to a patient who has been certified by the medical officer in charge of his case to be suffering from a clinical condition of such a nature that the visit of the relative is necessary or expedient on medical grounds for the success of his treatment; or

(*d*) a visit to a patient who has been certified by the medical officer in charge of his case to be dangerously ill.

(3) The maximum number of return journeys which may be paid for by the Authority under these Regulations shall be:—

(*a*) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(*a*) one per day, or seven per week;

(*b*) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(*b*) one per fortnight, or two per four weeks;

(*c*) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(*c*) one per visit;

(*d*) in the case of a patient referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(*d*) two per visit.

6. Regulation 4(c) shall not apply to the following visits made to patients undergoing treatment for tuberculosis:—

(*a*) up to two visits per four weeks of any visits under Regulation 5(2)(*a*) to (*c*); and

(*b*) all visits under Regulation 5(2)(*d*).

7. Regulations 4(c) and 5(3) shall not apply to visits made to—

(*a*) a patient not exceeding 15 years of age who has been transferred by the Authority to a hospital in Great Britain for treatment; or

(*b*) a patient liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(**a**) who has been transferred by the Authority to a hospital in Great Britain under Section 79 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960(**b**) or Section 87 of the Mental Health Act 1959(**c**) because suitable accommodation was not available in Northern Ireland.

Provided that the visits are—

(i) certified by the medical officer in charge of the patient's treatment to be essential for the patient's welfare; and

(ii) approved by the Ministry.

8. The amount to be paid to a relative under these Regulations shall not exceed:—

(1) in respect of any one journey made wholly within Northern Ireland, the lowest possible return fare by train, omnibus or boat or any combination thereof;

(**a**) 1961. c. 15.
(**b**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 61.
(**c**) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 72.

(2) in respect of any one journey commencing in Northern Ireland and made partially outside Northern Ireland:—

(*a*) the minimum return fare by train, omnibus or boat, or any combination thereof and expenses in respect of each night necessarily spent outside Northern Ireland at the lowest rate of the subsistence allowances for the time being authorised by the Authority for such absences by their officers; or

(*b*) the minimum return fare by air and, if appropriate, by train and/or omnibus and expenses in respect of each night necessarily spent outside Northern Ireland at the lowest rate of the subsistence allowances for the time being authorised by the Authority for such absences by their officers, subject to the total amount paid not exceeding the total amount which would have been paid under sub-paragraph (*a*) had the journey been otherwise undertaken.

Provided that, where the Authority are satisfied that the use of public transport is not possible for the whole or part of a journey, the cost of hire of a taxi may be paid to the relative together with, where appropriate, any public transport fares for the rest of the journey.

9. Where the Commission determine that payment of the whole of any such travelling expenses would involve hardship but that the relative could reasonably be required to bear part of such expenses, the Commission shall determine the amount to be borne by the relative and the payment by the Authority in respect of such travelling expenses shall accordingly be reduced by that amount.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of August 1967.

(L.S.) *S. E. Taylor,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of August 1967.

(L.S.)

James V. Morrison,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amalgamate and replace with amendments the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Relatives) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1955 and the Health Services (Travelling Expenses of Relatives of Patients suffering from Tuberculosis) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1959. They modify the provisions under which the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority may contribute towards the cost of travelling expenses incurred by relatives in visiting children, long-stay and dangerously ill patients. They also enable such expenses to be paid to relatives of patients suffering from a clinical

condition of such a nature that the visit of a relative is necessary or expedient on medical grounds. Payments remain subject to the determination of the need of the relative by the Supplementary Benefits Commission. This condition, however, has been waived entirely for relatives of children of 15 years of age and under who have been transferred to Great Britain for treatment not available in Northern Ireland for relatives of patients compulsorily transferred to special hospitals in Great Britain and, to a limited extent, for relatives of patients undergoing treatment for tuberculosis.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants)

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5, 6 AND 8 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 5(1) and (3), 6(4) and 8(1) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation, Commencement and Revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 25th October 1967.

(2) The Regulations set out in the Schedule are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively:—

"the Act" means the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Commerce;

"approved pattern" means a pattern in respect of which a certificate of approval under section 6 of the Act is in force;

"authorised modification" means an approved pattern modified in accordance with an authorisation for the time being in force under the said section 6;

"measuring instrument" means any measuring equipment other than a capacity measure;

"the prescribed limits of error" has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 30;

(a) 1967. c. 6 (N.I.).