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MENTAL HEALTH

Payment of Fees

REGULATIONS, DATED 13th AUGUST 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1961.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 90 and 112 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

(2) In these regulations, the following expressions have the respective meanings assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961;

"a medical practitioner" means a medical practitioner other than an officer of the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority acting within his terms and conditions of service;

"private patient" means a patient who undertakes, or on whose behalf an undertaking is given, to pay such charges as may be determined under section 21B of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(b).

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2. As from 1st January 1970, a medical practitioner who furnishes a recommendation—

(1) for admission under sections 12 or 15 of the Act in respect of the admission of a patient to a hospital; or

(2) for guardianship under section 21 of the Act in respect of the reception of a patient into guardianship

shall receive a fee of:—

(*a*) £5 12s. 6d. for consultant or specialist work;

(*b*) £4 14s. 0d. for medical work other than consultant or specialist work

for each recommendation.

3. The fee in respect of a recommendation for admission shall be payable by the management committee of the hospital to which the patient is admitted and, in the case of a recommendation for guardianship, shall be payable by the management committee concerned for the area in which the patient ordinarily resides.

4. A fee shall not be payable by a hospital management committee for any recommendation for admission to hospital referred to in regulation 2, given in respect of any person who it is intended shall be admitted to hospital as a private patient.

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

Revocation

5. The Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(c), the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(d) and the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(e) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 13th day of August 1970.

(L.S.) *D. W. Lowry,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 13th day of August 1970.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which replace the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962, and subsequent amending Regulations, increase the fees payable by hospital management committees to medical practitioners for recommendations made under sections 12, 15 and 21 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962. No. 60.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 85.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 79.