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MENTAL HEALTH

Payment of Fees

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH SEPTEMBER 1973, 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 (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 90 and 112 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

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Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"Board" means an Area Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Order;

"a medical practitioner" means a medical practitioner (other than an officer of a Board) acting within his terms and conditions of service;

"Order" means the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b);

"private patient" means a patient who undertakes, or on whose behalf an undertaking is given, to pay such charges as may be determined under Article 32(1) and 32(2) of the Order.

(a) 1961. c. 15.

(b) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14).

Fees for medical practitioners

3. A medical practitioner who furnishes a recommendation—

(*a*) for admission under section 12 or 15 of the Act in respect of the admission of a patient to a hospital, or

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

shall receive a fee of—

(i) £7.45 for consultant or specialist work;

(ii) £6.20 for medical work other than consultant or specialist work,

for each recommendation.

Payment of fees

4. The fee in respect of a recommendation for admission shall be payable by the Board for the area in which the hospital to which the patient is admitted is situated, and the fee in respect of a recommendation for guardianship shall be payable by the Board for the area in which the patient normally resides.

Persons recommended for admission as private patients

5. A fee shall not be payable by a Board for any recommendation for admission to hospital referred to in regulation 3, given in respect of any person who it is intended shall be admitted to hospital as a private patient.

Revocation

6. The Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 (c) and the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(d), are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 26th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

F. A. Elliott,
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 27th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 223.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 8.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations consolidate with minor amendments the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 and the Mental Health (Payment of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973. They provide for the payment by Health and Social Services Boards of fees to medical practitioners in respect of recommendations made under sections 12, 15 and 21 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961.

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As this Order has been classified as local it is not printed at length in this volume. A summary is given in the list of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES.