1952 No. 1021

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations, 1952

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Coming into Operation	1*st June*, 1952

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 38 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), as amended by section 16 of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act, 1949(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations, 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1952.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the National Health Service Act, 1946;

"drugs and appliances" means drugs, medicines or prescribed appliances supplied by or on the order of a medical practitioner and prescribed drugs or medicines supplied on the order of a dental practitioner;

"scheduled appliances" means the appliances set out in the schedule hereto; and

"the General Medical Regulations" means the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1948(c).

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(d), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) Any person supplied in pursuance of section 38 of the Act with drugs and appliances in accordance with orders given by medical or dental practitioners shall be liable to pay to the person supplying the same the following charges—

(*a*) such sum as is specified in the schedule hereto as payable by the patient in respect of every scheduled appliance so supplied, and

(*b*) the sum of one shilling in respect of the drugs and appliances supplied to him by virtue of every prescription form which does not include an order for the supply of a scheduled appliance.

(2) A chemist providing pharmaceutical services shall accordingly, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Terms of Service contained in Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the General Medical Regulations, be under no obligation to supply drugs and appliances except upon payment of the appropriate charge specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation.

4. The amount payable by an Executive Council under arrangements made under section 38 of the Act to a person providing pharmaceutical services shall be reduced by the following amounts:—

(*a*) such sum as is specified in the schedule hereto as payable by the patient in respect of every scheduled appliance supplied on the order of a medical practitioner, and

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 93.
(c) S.I. 1948/506; Rev. XV, p. 575; 1948 I, p. 2140. (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*b*) an amount equal to one shilling for every prescription form on which drugs and appliances have been ordered by a medical or dental practitioner and supplied by the person, not being a prescription form on which a scheduled appliance has been supplied.

5. In sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 8 of Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the General Medical Regulations (which provides for payment for drugs and appliances in accordance with the provisions of the Drug Tariff) after the words " set forth therein " there shall be added the words " subject however in either case to any deduction required to be made by regulations made under section 38 of the Act as amended by section 16 of the National Health Service (Amendment) Act, 1949 ".

6.—(1) Any person supplied with drugs and appliances by a medical practitioner in accordance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (9) (iii) of paragraph 7 of Part I of the First Schedule to the General Medical Regulations (which provides for the supply by medical practitioners of such drugs and prescribed appliances as are therein mentioned) shall be liable to pay to the practitioner the following charges :—

(*a*) such sum as is specified in the schedule hereto as payable by the patient in respect of every scheduled appliance so supplied, and

(*b*) the sum of one shilling in respect of drugs and prescribed appliances, other than scheduled appliances, supplied on any one occasion.

(2) A medical practitioner supplying drugs and appliances in accordance with the said requirements shall accordingly, notwithstanding anything in the said sub-paragraph, be under no obligation to supply drugs and appliances except upon payment of the appropriate charge specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation.

7.—(1) Any person supplied with drugs by a dental practitioner in accordance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 9 of Part I of the First Schedule to the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1948(**a**), (which provides for the supply by dental practitioners of such drugs as are therein mentioned) shall be liable to pay to the practitioner a charge of one shilling in respect of the drugs so supplied on any one occasion.

(2) The fees payable to a dental practitioner under regulation 5 of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees Regulations, 1948(**b**), in respect of drugs supplied in accordance with the aforesaid requirements shall be reduced by an amount equal to the charges received or recoverable by him under these regulations.

8. For the purpose of regulations 6 and 7 drugs and appliances shall be deemed to be supplied on one occasion, notwithstanding that they are supplied at different times, if they are supplied at or following a visit or attendance and before a succeeding visit or attendance takes place :

Provided that a further supply of the drugs and appliances shall not be deemed to take place on the same occasion as the original supply notwithstanding that there has been no intervening visit or attendance.

9. Any sum payable under these regulations shall be recoverable summarily as a civil debt.

(**a**) S.I. 1948/505; Rev. XV, p. 605; 1948 I, p. 2107.
(**b**) S.I. 1948/1297; Rev. XV, p. 628; 1948 I, p. 2129.

SCHEDULE

CHARGES PAYABLE BY THE PATIENT FOR APPLIANCES

Appliance	Charge
Elastic Anklet	5s. each
Elastic Kneecap	5s. each
Elastic Legging	5s. each
Elastic Thigh Piece	5s. each
Elastic Knee Legging	10s. each
Elastic Stocking	10s. each
Elastic Thigh Kneecap	10s. each
Elastic Knee Stocking	10s. each
Elastic Thigh Legging	10s. each
Elastic Thigh Stocking	10s. each

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-third day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.)

Iain Macleod,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for the recovery from patients of a contribution towards the cost of drugs and appliances supplied to them under Part IV of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

1952 No. 694

The National Health Service (Designation of Teaching Hospitals—Charing Cross Hospital) Order, 1952

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Whereas by the National Health Service (Designation of Teaching Hospitals (No. 2)) Order, 1948(a), a group of hospitals was designated as a teaching hospital by the name of Charing Cross Hospital.

And Whereas it is expedient that there should be included in the group of hospitals so designated a hospital known as the Kingsbury Maternity Hospital.

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health in exercise of his powers under sections 11 and 75 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(b), and of all

(a) S.I. 1948/979; Rev. XV, p. 548; 1948 I, p. 2057.
(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.