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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1984

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Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1984

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 77(1) and (2) and 83*(a)* of the National Health Service Act 1977(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1984.

Amendment to regulations

2. The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980(**b**) are further amended as follows—

(a) in regulations 3(1)*(b)* and (4), 4(1)*(b)* and 5(1)*(b)* for "£1.40" wherever it appears there is substituted "£1.60";

(b) in regulation 5(1), the following sub-paragraph is substituted for sub-paragraph *(a)*—

"*(a)* in respect of an appliance specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 or of Schedule 2A, the charge specified in column (2) of Schedule 1 or of Schedule 2A in respect of that appliance; and";

(c) in regulation 9(5) for "£7.50" there is substituted "£8.50" and for "£21.50" there is substituted "£24.00";

(d) in Schedule 1, for "£1.60" there is substituted "£1.70" and for "£3.20" there is substituted "£3.40";

(e) for Schedule 2 there is substituted the following Schedule—

(**a**) 1977 c. 49.
(**b**) S.I. 1980/1503; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1981/501, 1982/289, 1983/306.

"SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 6

CHARGES FOR FABRIC SUPPORTS AND WIGS

(1) *Specified Appliance*	(2) *Specified Charge*
Surgical Brassiere	£7.35
Abdominal or Spinal Support	£11.55
Stock Modacrylic Wig	£16.00
Partial Human Hair Wig	£32.00
Full Bespoke Human Hair Wig	£51.00".

(f) after Schedule 2 the following Schedule is inserted—

"SCHEDULE 2A Regulation 5

(1) *Specified Appliance*	(2) *Specified Charge*
Tights (per pair)	£3.40".

Application

3. These regulations shall apply only where drugs and appliances are supplied on or after 1st April 1984 except that regulation 2(*e*) shall apply where the examination or first examination leading to the supply of an appliance takes place after 31st March 1984.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

K. Clarke,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

7th March 1984.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 1980. They increase the charges specified for the supply of drugs, elastic hosiery, various appliances and wigs under the National Health Service Act 1977 and introduce a charge for tights supplied at hospitals to out-patients. The charge for items on prescription is increased from £1.40 to £1.60 and the sums prescribed for the grant of pre-payment certificates of exemption from charges are increased from £7.50 to £8.50 for a four month certificate and from £21.50 to £24.00 for a 12 month certificate.

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