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# HEALTH SERVICES

## Maternity Medical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH OCTOBER 1966, 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 1963.

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The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 4 of the Health Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Short title and commencement*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Maternity Medical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1967.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In these Regulations the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**b**);

"appropriate organisations" means such organisations as the Minister may decide;

"area of practice" in relation to a practitioner means his normal area of practice as indicated by him in his form of application for inclusion in the relevant obstetric list or any revision of such area of practice as later notified by him to the health authority concerned;

"assistant" means a practitioner who acts as an assistant to a practitioner;

"Central Medical Committee" means the Committee appointed under Regulation 12 of the Health Services (Services Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**c**);

"the General Service Regulations" means the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(**d**);

"maternity medical services" means the provision by a practitioner under Section 38(2)(*b*) of the Act, of personal medical services (other than services which involve the application of special skill or experience of a degree or kind which general practitioners as a class cannot reasonably be expected to possess) in respect of pregnancy, confinement and the post-natal period in accordance with such arrangements and subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Ministry after consultation with appropriate organisations, including an organisation representing the medical profession;

"medical card" means a card issued to a person, in a form approved by the Ministry, for the purpose of enabling that person to obtain or establish a title to receive general medical services under the General Service Regulations and shall include any card provided for a like purpose in Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands;

"practitioner" means a registered medical practitioner whose name is included in an obstetric list.

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(**a**) 1963. c. 20.
(**b**) 1948. c. 3.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 164.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 150.

*Termination of existing contracts*

**3.** On the coming into operation of these Regulations each health authority shall take such steps as may be necessary to terminate existing contracts with registered medical practitioners for the provision of services under Section 38(2)(*b*) of the Act.

*Obstetric Committee*

**4.**—(1) The Ministry shall appoint, in accordance with Schedule 1, a committee to be known as the Obstetric Committee.

(2) The Obstetric Committee shall, having regard to any general criteria drawn up for its guidance by the Ministry in consultation with appropriate organisations, determine the conditions which are necessary for the inclusion and for the continued inclusion of a registered medical practitioner in an obstetric list as defined in Regulation 5 and shall send copies of such conditions to each health authority.

(3) Copies of the conditions referred to in paragraph (2), revised and up-to-date, shall be available for inspection at the offices of each health authority and at such other places as appear to the health authority to be convenient for informing all persons interested.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Obstetric Committee to examine and determine all applications and cases referred to it by a health authority under Regulation 6(4) and Regulation 7(2).

*Obstetric lists*

**5.**—(1) Each health authority shall prepare a list, to be called "the obstetric list", of the registered medical practitioners who, having made the necessary application, are accepted for inclusion in the list.

(2) The obstetric list shall contain in addition to the name of a practitioner—

(*a*) the address of any surgery and other place or places at which he provides maternity medical services;

(*b*) particulars of the days and hours at which he undertakes to be in attendance at each place, or a statement to the effect that consultation will be by appointment;

(*c*) the name of any practitioner with whom he is in partnership;

(*d*) the name of any practitioner who is acting as his assistant;

(*e*) where he is acting as an assistant, the name and surgery address of the principal;

and may, if the health authority think fit, be so arranged as to show the area of practice of each practitioner.

(3) Copies of the obstetric list shall be available for inspection at the offices of the appropriate health authority and at such other places as appear to the health authority to be convenient for informing all persons interested and shall be kept revised and up-to-date.

(4) Each health authority shall send a copy of their obstetric list to the Ministry and to the Obstetric Committee and shall within one month thereof inform each of them of any alterations which may from time to time be made therein.

(5) Each health authority shall also send a copy of their obstetric list to each practitioner on that list, each of the other health authorities, the Central Medical Committee, the appropriate Local Medical Committee, the Local

Pharmaceutical Committee, the Board, and the Authority, and at intervals of not more than three months shall notify them of any alterations in the list.

*Admission to an obstetric list*

**6.**—(1) Application by a registered medical practitioner for inclusion in an obstetric list shall be made by delivering or sending an application by post to the appropriate health authority in the form set out in Schedule 2.

(2) Subject to Regulation 8 any registered medical practitioner who on the date of coming into operation of the Regulations is providing services on behalf of a health authority under Section 38(2)(*b*) of the Act shall, on making the necessary application, be included in the obstetric list of that authority for a period of five years from that date.

(3) A health authority shall examine each application submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) and, if satisfied that paragraph (2) applies or that the application complies with the conditions determined by the Obstetric Committee in accordance with Regulation 4(2), shall include the applicant in their list and notify him accordingly.

(4) Where a health authority are not satisfied that an application complies with the conditions determined by the Obstetric Committee in accordance with Regulation 4(2) they shall refer the application to the said Committee which shall examine the application, decide whether or not it should be granted, and if granted what restrictions if any should be imposed.

(5) The Obstetric Committee shall inform the health authority of its decision on any application referred to it in accordance with paragraph (4) and the health authority shall comply with the decision and notify the applicant accordingly.

(6) The decision of the Obstetric Committee on applications referred to it in accordance with paragraph (4) shall be final.

(7) If and when an applicant has been notified that his name has been included in an obstetric list he shall be deemed to be under contract with the health authority concerned and shall be bound by the terms of service contained in Schedule 3.

*Review of obstetric lists*

**7.**—(1) At the expiration of five years from the date of coming into operation of the Regulations and at intervals of five years thereafter, each health authority shall examine their obstetric list and, in every case in which they are satisfied that the conditions determined by the Obstetric Committee are complied with, shall notify the practitioner concerned that his name has been retained on the obstetric list.

(2) Where a health authority, on examination of their obstetric list in accordance with paragraph (1), are not satisfied that the conditions determined by the Obstetric Committee are complied with in the case of any practitioner, they shall refer the particulars to the Obstetric Committee which shall examine the particulars, decide whether or not the name of the practitioner concerned should be retained on the obstetric list and inform the health authority accordingly. The health authority shall comply with the decision of the Obstetric Committee and shall inform the practitioner thereof.

(3) In any case referred to it under paragraph (2) the decision of the Obstetric Committee as to whether or not the name of a practitioner should be retained on the obstetric list shall be final.

(4) Where a health authority are satisfied that a practitioner has never provided or has ceased to provide maternity medical services they may remove his name from their obstetric list.

(5) Where a practitioner's name has been removed from an obstetric list in accordance with a decision of the Obstetric Committee under paragraph (2), or in pursuance of paragraph (4), his contract with the health authority concerned shall thereupon be terminated.

*Disqualification for inclusion in an obstetric list*

**8.** Where in accordance with Section 16 of the Act the name of a person has been excluded or removed from any list of medical practitioners referred to at Section 16(1)(*a*), Section 16(1)(*aa*) or Section 16(1)(*b*) or where his name has been excluded or removed from any corresponding list in Great Britain or the Isle of Man—

(*a*) his name shall be removed from any obstetric list in which it may be included and his contract with the health authority concerned shall thereupon be terminated;

(*b*) his name shall be excluded from any obstetric list so long as he remains disqualified for having his name included in any such list of medical practitioners as aforesaid.

*Prohibition on the making of contracts otherwise than with a practitioner*

**9.** A health authority shall not enter into a contract for the provision of services under Section 38(2)(*b*) of the Act with any medical practitioner whose name is not included in their obstetric list.

*Selection of practitioner*

**10.** Any person who holds a current medical card and who requires maternity medical services may, after diagnosis of pregnancy by a registered medical practitioner, apply for the provision of such services to any practitioner under contract for this purpose with the health authority for the area in which she resides. The application shall be in writing on a form provided by the appropriate health authority and issued by the practitioner.

*Change of practitioner*

**11.**—(1) On the removal of the name of a practitioner from an obstetric list, the health authority concerned shall give each person for whom he has undertaken to provide maternity medical services notice of her right to apply to another practitioner for the provision of such services in accordance with Regulation 10.

(2) Arrangements between a practitioner and any person for the provision of maternity medical services may be terminated at any time by mutual consent and the person may then make fresh arrangements in accordance with Regulation 10.

(3) In default of mutual consent as indicated in paragraph (2) either the practitioner or the person may apply to the health authority for permission to terminate the arrangements and, after considering any representations the practitioner and the person may make, the health authority may terminate the arrangements and give notice to the person of her right to make fresh arrangements in accordance with Regulation 10.

*Arrangements for temporary residents*

**12.** A person who has already been accepted as a patient by a practitioner to whom she has applied in accordance with Regulation 10 but who is residing temporarily outside his area of practice may apply to any practitioner in the neighbourhood for the provision of such services as she may require during her period of temporary residence.

*Issue of notices to practitioners*

**13.** Any notice which a health authority are required or authorised by these Regulations to give to a practitioner shall be sufficiently given if it has been sent by post to, or delivered at, the address which the practitioner has last notified to the health authority as being his principal place of attendance.

*Payments for maternity medical services*

**14.**—(1) The fees payable to practitioners for maternity medical services shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the Ministry after consultation with appropriate organisations.

(2) Where a practitioner provides maternity medical services in respect of a person who applies to him in accordance with Regulation 12, the health authority for the area in which the person is residing temporarily shall pay to the practitioner the fee appropriate to the treatment given.

(3) Where a practitioner provides treatment in an obstetric emergency in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 3, the health authority for the area in which the emergency occurs shall pay to the practitioner the appropriate fee.

*Adjustment of remuneration*

**15.** A health authority shall have power to make any adjustment by way of deduction from, or addition to, the amount payable to any practitioner which may be found necessary on account of any error or omission previously occurring.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services this 19th day of October 1966.

(L.S.) *N. Dugdale,*
Senior Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 19th day of October 1966.

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE 1

**Constitution of the Obstetric Committee**

1. The Obstetric Committee shall consist of—

(*a*) four general practitioners in active obstetric practice,

(*b*) one consultant obstetrician in active domiciliary consultative obstetric practice,

(*c*) one Medical Officer of Health, and

(*d*) a medical officer of the Ministry—

appointed by the Ministry after consultation with such organisations as may be recognised by the Minister as representative of the appropriate branches of the medical profession.

2. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from the members of the Committee by the Ministry after consultation with the organisations referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The first members to be appointed under paragraph 1 shall be appointed for the period ending on the 31st December 1969 and thereafter all members shall be appointed for a period of three years.

4. A member may be re-appointed to the Committee on the expiration of his term of office.

5. A member may resign from the Committee by giving notice in writing to the Ministry and a member who is appointed as being a person actively engaged in obstetric practice shall be deemed to have resigned if he ceases to be so engaged.

6. In case of a vacancy in membership occurring a person shall be appointed to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the period for which his predecessor was appointed.

7. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman and two other members shall form a quorum and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a second or casting vote.

8. The procedure shall be such as may be determined by the Committee.

SCHEDULE 2

**Form of Application for inclusion in an Obstetric List**

To the ..... Health Authority.

I ..... (Name in full)
residing at .....
.....
(private address)
a fully registered medical practitioner included in the Medical Register† and

(1) having the following registrable qualification(s) in obstetrics*
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(2) having the following experience in the practice of obstetrics*
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.....

(3) providing services at 1st January 1967 on behalf of the Health Authority under Section 38(2)(*b*) of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948*

apply to be included in the obstetric list maintained by the Health Authority, and if my application is granted I accept service under, and agree to be bound by the terms of service in Schedule 3 to the Health Services (Maternity Medical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, as for the time being in force.

My name has not been excluded or removed from any list of medical practitioners referred to at Section 16(1)(*a*), Section 16(1)(*aa*) or Section 16(1)(*b*) of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 or from any corresponding list in Great Britain or the Isle of Man.

| §Normal Area of Practice | ‡Places of Attendance | Days and Hours of Attendance |
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I undertake to advise the Health Authority of any alterations in my practice arrangements including any alterations with regard to my partner(s) or assistant(s).

*I practise (or propose to practise) in partnership with
.....
of .....
The name of the partnership is .....
.....
I have made arrangements under the terms of service for Dr. .....
of .....
to deputise for me.

*I act as assistant to Dr. .....
of .....

*My assistant(s) is (are) .....
.....

†If the name in the Medical Register differs from that given above please indicate the name entered in the Register:—
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Signed .....

Date .....

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*Delete if inappropriate.
§Define as precisely as possible, e.g. in terms of radius from residence.
‡The principal place of attendance should be listed first.

## SCHEDULE 3

### Terms of Service for Practitioners

*Interpretation*

1. In these terms of service the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"appliance" means an appliance as defined in Regulation 2(1) of the General Service Regulations;

"drugs" includes medicines, reagents and oxygen;

"patient" means a person for whose treatment a practitioner is responsible under paragraph 3;

"reagent" means a reagent as defined in Regulation 2(1) of the General Service Regulations;

"the Regulations" means the Health Services (Maternity Medical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966;

"treatment" means treatment falling within the range of service mentioned in paragraph 6.

*Incorporation of provisions of the Act, etc.*

2.—(1) Any provisions of the Health Services Acts (Northern Ireland) 1948 to 1963 and the Regulations affecting the rights, duties and obligations of practitioners shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service.

(2) Where in accordance with Regulation 6(4) any restrictions have been imposed with regard to the admission of a registered medical practitioner to an obstetric list, such restrictions shall be deemed to form part of his terms of service.

*Persons for whose treatment a practitioner is responsible*

3.—(1) The persons for whose treatment a practitioner is responsible are:—

(*a*) all persons for whom he has undertaken to provide maternity medical services in accordance with paragraph 4(1);

(*b*) all persons for whom he may be required to provide treatment in accordance with paragraph 4(2) pending their acceptance by another practitioner;

(*c*) all persons for whom he may be required to provide emergency treatment in accordance with paragraph 7;

(*d*) all persons in respect of whom he is acting as deputy to another practitioner.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this paragraph, a practitioner shall not be responsible under these terms of service for the provision of treatment in hospital of a patient admitted thereto for treatment, unless either he is a member of the staff of that hospital and the terms of his appointment permit of his providing maternity medical services for any patient of his in any part of that hospital, or the hospital or part of the hospital to which the patient is admitted is one in which persons are entitled to treatment by their own medical practitioner whether or not such medical practitioner is on the hospital staff.

*Acceptance or non-acceptance of a person for the provision of maternity medical services*

4.—(1) Where a practitioner undertakes to provide maternity medical services in respect of a person who applies to him in accordance with Regulation 10 or Regulation 12 he shall advise the health authority concerned forthwith to this effect in such form as they may require.

(2) Where a practitioner refuses to provide maternity medical services in the case of a person who applies to him for such services in accordance with Regulation 10 or Regulation 12 and who is residing within his area of practice, it shall be his duty, unless he is satisfied that she is already receiving maternity medical services from any other practitioner in the area—

(*a*) to give without charge to her such treatment, including the supply of drugs and appliances, as may be immediately necessary, pending her acceptance by another practitioner;

(*b*) to inform her of the name and place of attendance of any neighbouring practitioner or practitioners to whom application might be made and of the address of the nearest ante-natal clinic of the health authority for the area.

*Evidence of title to maternity medical services*

5. Subject to paragraph 7(3) a practitioner is entitled to require a person applying for the provision of maternity medical services to produce her medical card.

*Range of service*

6. A practitioner is required to render to a patient all proper and necessary treatment falling within the range of maternity medical services, including the making of appropriate arrangements, as necessary, for referring the patient to the hospital and specialist services and the services provided by health and welfare authorities.

*Provision of treatment in an emergency*

7.—(1) If any person requires treatment immediately owing to an obstetric emergency, it shall be the duty of any practitioner in whose area of practice the emergency arises, who is summoned and is available or at whose surgery the person attends, to give any treatment immediately necessary, unless a practitioner who has undertaken to provide maternity medical services for the person, or his partner, deputy or assistant is available. The treatment shall be given without charge to the person unless she is not entitled to receive maternity medical services.

(2) Any charge made by a practitioner in respect of treatment provided under sub-paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with any determination which may be made by the Ministry under Regulation 14(1).

(3) The treatment referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be given whether or not the person is able to produce evidence of her entitlement to maternity medical services.

*Visiting of patients*

8. A practitioner shall visit and treat a patient whose condition so requires at her normal address or at any place within his area of practice.

*Issue of medical certificates*

9.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) a practitioner shall, on request, issue to a patient or her personal representative, free of charge, any medical certificates reasonably required by them—

(*a*) under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**), for the purpose of claiming maternity benefits or claiming sickness benefit during the pregnancy of the patient and any such certificates shall be issued in accordance with any Regulations made under this Act;

(*b*) under or for the purposes of—

(i) the Births and Deaths Registration Acts (Northern Ireland) 1863 to 1960;

(ii) the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**);

(iii) Section 15 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**c**);

(iv) Section 42 of the Act:

Provided that any such certificates are required as a result of the pregnancy of the patient.

(2) A practitioner shall not be required to issue a certificate where the patient is receiving treatment otherwise than from, or under the supervision of, a practitioner.

*Anaesthetics*

10. A practitioner is responsible for providing the services of another medical practitioner for the administration of an anaesthetic, when necessary, in connection with any operation on his patient undertaken by him under these terms of service, whenever such administration does not involve the application of special skill or experience of a degree or kind which general practitioners as a class cannot reasonably be expected to possess.

(**a**) 1966. c. 6.
(**b**) 1966. c. 8.
(**c**) 1949. c. 1.

*Drugs and appliances for patients*

11.—(1) (*a*) A practitioner is required to supply to his patients such drugs and appliances as are required for immediate administration or application, or for use before a supply can be obtained otherwise under the Regulations.

(*b*) A practitioner may supply any other drug which is administered by him in person, or any of the pessaries included in Part I of Schedule 2 of the General Service Regulations.

(*c*) A practitioner shall comply with any arrangements made by the health authority with the Board, under which he may obtain and have available for supply such drugs and appliances.

(*d*) A practitioner who is also a practitioner with whom the Board have made arrangements under Regulation 29 of the General Service Regulations for the supply of drugs and appliances to persons on his list, shall supply all requisite drugs and appliances to his patients and shall be entitled to recoupment therefor in accordance with arrangements made by the Board with the health authority.

(*e*) A drug supplied by a practitioner, unless administered in person, shall be supplied in a suitable container, properly labelled with the patient's name, the dose and frequency of dosage.

(2) A practitioner is required to order, on a form supplied by the Board for use in his practice, such drugs and appliances (other than those supplied under sub-paragraph (1)) as are requisite for the treatment of any patient. The order shall be signed by the practitioner with his own hand and shall not be written in such a manner as to necessitate reference on the part of the person supplying the drugs or appliances to a previous order. The forms so provided shall not be used for persons other than the patients who are under treatment by him and a separate form shall be used for each patient.

*Clinical records*

12. A practitioner is required to keep records of the condition of his patients, and of his treatment of them, in such form as the Ministry after consultation with appropriate organisations may determine.

*Relations with Medical Officers of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry*

13.—(1) A practitioner is required—

(*a*) to answer any enquiries of the Medical Officer of Health with regard to any prescription or certificate issued by him or to any statement made in any report furnished by him under these terms of service;

(*b*) upon the termination in accordance with Regulation 11(2) or Regulation 11(3) of arrangements between him and a person for the provision of maternity medical services, to forward forthwith to the Medical Officer of Health the clinical record of the patient concerned;

(*c*) when submitting a claim for payment in accordance with paragraph 15(1) or paragraph 15(2), to forward to the Medical Officer of Health the clinical record of the patient concerned where this has not already been submitted under sub-paragraph (1)(*b*).

(2) Where a practitioner has forwarded the clinical record of a patient to the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(*c*), the Medical Officer of Health shall within three months of its receipt or immediately on request by the practitioner return the record to the practitioner.

(3) A practitioner is required—

(*a*) to furnish in writing to the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry with reasonable promptness any information which the latter may require with regard to any prescription issued or report furnished by him to the Ministry, under these terms of service or with regard to the case of any patient to whom the practitioner has issued or declined to issue a medical certificate

under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 for the purposes of claiming maternity benefits or claiming sickness benefit during the pregnancy;

(*b*) upon reasonable notice being given, to afford to the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry or his deputy access at all reasonable times to the practitioner's surgery or other place where the records required by these terms of service are kept, for the purpose of the inspection of such records, and to furnish to the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry such records or necessary information with regard to any entry therein as he may request.

*Deputies, assistants and partners*

14.—(1) All treatment shall be given by a practitioner personally, except as provided in this paragraph in the case of partners, deputies and assistants, or where he is prevented from so doing by reason of other professional duties, temporary absence from home or other reasonable cause.

(2) A practitioner shall not, for the purposes of the Regulations,—

(*a*) employ an assistant whose name is not included in an obstetric list;

(*b*) without the consent of the health authority, employ as a deputy any medical practitioner whose name is not included in an obstetric list.

(3) A practitioner shall make all practicable arrangements for securing the treatment of his patients where he is unable for any of the causes mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) to give treatment personally and shall inform the health authority of any standing arrangements for that purpose. He shall not absent himself from his practice for more than four weeks without first informing the health authority of his proposed absence and of the person or persons responsible for conducting his practice during such absence.

(4) A deputy shall be entitled to treat patients at places and at times other than those arranged by the practitioner for whom he is acting, due regard being had to the convenience of patients.

(5) A deputy or assistant shall, in addition to signing with his own name any certificate, prescription form or other document issued by him under these terms of service, insert therein, if it does not already appear, the name of the practitioner for whom he is acting as deputy or assistant.

(6) In the case of two or more practitioners practising in partnership or as a principal and assistant, treatment may at any time be given by a partner or assistant of the practitioner who has accepted the patient instead of by that practitioner in person, if reasonable steps are taken to secure continuity of treatment:

Provided that the patient shall be entitled to require the personal services of that practitioner except when the latter is prevented from attending for any of the reasons referred to in sub-paragraph (1).

(7) Subject to sub-paragraph (8) a practitioner is responsible for all acts and omissions of any medical practitioner acting as his deputy in relation to his obligations under these terms of service.

(8) A deputy whose name is included in an obstetric list (including a partner acting as a deputy) or an assistant shall be responsible for his own acts and omissions.

*Submission of claims*

15.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) a practitioner who has arranged to provide maternity medical services for a person shall within nine months after the date of the delivery (save in such exceptional circumstances as a health authority may allow) submit to the health authority his claim for payment on a form provided by the health authority and duly completed by him, and if a claim for payment is submitted later than nine months after the date of the delivery, the health authority may refuse payment of such claim.

(2) Where a practitioner has not provided the full range of maternity medical services in respect of a person but has provided partial services, then, if he desires to claim a fee in respect of such services, he shall complete and send his claim for payment to the appropriate health authority in such form and within such time as the health authority may require.

*Acceptance of fees*

16.—(1) A practitioner shall not demand or accept any fee or other remuneration other than payments due to him under the Regulations in respect of any treatment rendered or any drug or appliance supplied to his patients or those of his partner, or assistant or a practitioner for whom he is acting as deputy:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall debar a practitioner from demanding and accepting a fee or other remuneration—

(*a*) from any statutory body in respect of services rendered for the purpose of that body's statutory functions;

(*b*) for treatment not included within the range of service mentioned in paragraph 6 given—

(i) in special accommodation set aside for private patients in a hospital in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;

(ii) in a registered nursing home, not being a hospital providing hospital and specialist services under the Act;

if in either case the practitioner is serving on the staff of a hospital providing hospital and specialist services as a specialist providing treatment of the kind required by the patient and within seven days after the date on which treatment is given the practitioner has furnished the health authority with such particulars relating to the service rendered as the authority may require;

(*c*) for the issue to persons of medical certificates other than those issued in accordance with paragraph 9;

(*d*) from a partner or assistant in respect of the administration of an anaesthetic to a patient of the partner or assistant.

(2) A deputy acting for a practitioner shall not demand or accept any fee or other remuneration in respect of treatment rendered to the practitioner's patients other than that which the practitioner himself would have been entitled to receive under these terms of service.

*Withdrawal from an obstetric list*

17.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) a practitioner is entitled at any time to give notice to a health authority that he desires to have his name withdrawn from their obstetric list and his name shall be removed therefrom at the expiration of three months from the date of such notice or of such shorter period as the two parties agree.

(2) Where representations have been made concerning a practitioner to the Tribunal in accordance with Section 16 of the Act, he shall not, except with the consent of the Ministry and subject to such conditions as the Ministry may impose, be entitled to have his name withdrawn from any obstetric list pending the determination of proceedings on such representations.

(3) Where a practitioner's name has been removed from an obstetric list in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) his contract with the health authority concerned shall thereupon be terminated.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations define the maternity medical services to be provided by medical practitioners under arrangements made by health authorities in pursuance of Section 38(2)(*b*) of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948.

Inter alia, the Regulations—

(*a*) prescribe terms of service for practitioners providing maternity medical services;

(*b*) provide for the maintenance by each health authority of an obstetric list of the practitioners under contract to provide maternity medical services in their area;

(*c*) provide for the establishment of an Obstetric Committee which will determine the conditions governing admission to and continued inclusion in the obstetric lists and will have certain other functions in relation to these lists.

**1966. No. 252** [NC]

# STOCK TRANSFER

## Recognition of Stock Exchanges

ORDER, DATED 20TH OCTOBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE STOCK TRANSFER ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1963.

The Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 4 of the Stock Transfer Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**1.** Each of the stock exchanges specified in the Schedule hereto is hereby declared to be a recognised stock exchange for the purposes of the Stock Transfer Act (Northern Ireland) 1963.

**2.** The Stock Transfer (Recognition of Stock Exchanges) Order (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) is hereby revoked.

**3.** This Order may be cited as the Stock Transfer (Recognition of Stock Exchanges) Order (Northern Ireland) 1966 and shall come into operation on 24th October 1966.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 20th day of October 1966 in the presence of

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1963. c. 24 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 171.