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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Charges and Remission) Amendment Regulations 1977

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The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of powers conferred by section 44(2) of the National Health Service Act 1946(**a**) and now vested in him(**b**), and of powers conferred on him by section 56(4) of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(**c**) 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 and Remission) Amendment Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

Amendments to regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Charges) Regulations 1971(**d**) (as substituted by the National Health Service (Charges) Amendment Regulations 1977(**e**)) at the end of paragraph (3)(*b*) there shall be added the following proviso—

"Provided that no charge for special dental treatment shall be payable by a person who—

(i) is under twenty-one years of age; or

(ii) is an expectant mother or has borne a child within the previous twelve months.".

(2) In regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974(**f**) (as amended(**g**)) for the words "and section 44(1)(*b*)", there shall be substituted the words, "section 44(1)(*b*) and section 44(2)".

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

9th March 1977.

(**a**) 1946 c. 81.
(**b**) *See* Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585)) Article 2.
(**c**) 1973 c. 32. (**d**) S.I. 1971/340 (1971 I, p. 1067). (**e**) S.I. 1977/279 (1977 I, p. 704).
(**f**) S.I. 1974/1377 (1974 II, p. 5282).
(**g**) There is no amendment which relates expressly to the subject matter of these regulations.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations are concerned with charges for special dental treatment, being the treatment prescribed by paragraph (3)(*a*) of regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Charges) Regulations 1971 (as substituted by regulation 2 of the National Health Service (Charges) Amendment Regulations 1977).

They amend that regulation and regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974 by extending—

(*a*) exemption from charges for special dental treatment to persons under twenty-one and to expectant and nursing mothers;

(*b*) remission of charges for special dental treatment to persons to whom other charges are already remitted.

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