The National Health Service (Charges for Appliances) Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 843

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 1 of the National Health Service Act, 1951(a), 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 Appliances) Regulations, 1951, and shall come into operation on the twenty-first day of May, 1951.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"The Minister" means the Minister of Health;

"Hospital Authority" means the Hospital Management Committee of a hospital or, as the case may be, the Board of Governors of a teaching hospital.

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

3. These regulations relate to the charges authorised by the National Health Service Act, 1951, to be made and recovered in respect of the supply of dental and optical appliances under Part II of the National Health Service Act, 1946(c).

4. Charges to which these regulations relate shall be made

(*a*) in the case of dental appliances by the hospital authority on behalf of the Minister,

(*b*) in the case of optical appliances dispensed by a hospital authority, by that authority on behalf of the Minister, and

(*c*) in the case of optical appliances dispensed by an optician under arrangements made by a hospital authority, but otherwise than as an officer of the authority, by the optician.

5. Such charges as aforesaid shall, without prejudice to any other method of recovery, be recoverable as a simple contract debt by the hospital authority or, as the case may be, by the optician.

6. Nothing in these regulations shall authorise the making or recovery of charges in respect of the supply of appliances where the examination or testing of sight under Part II of the National Health Service Act, 1946, leading to the supply of those appliances, or the first such examination or testing, took place before the date on which these regulations came into force.

7. A hospital authority supplying appliances for which a charge may be made under these regulations shall, before supplying the same, obtain an acknowledgment signed by the patient, or by some person competent to sign the acknowledgment on his behalf, of his obligation to pay the said charge:

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 31. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

Provided that where optical appliances are dispensed by an optician under such arrangements as are described in regulation 4 (*c*) the acknowledgment shall be obtained by him.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this tenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.) *H. A. Marquand,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations make provision for the making and recovery of charges under the National Health Service Act, 1951, in respect of the supply of dentures and spectacles by hospitals.

The National Health Service (Designation of Teaching Hospitals—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Hospitals) Order, 1951

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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 and named St. Peter's and St. Paul's Hospitals;

And Whereas it is expedient that there should be included in the group of hospitals so designated a hospital now known as Sheffield Street Hospital but which is intended from the coming into operation of this order to be named St. Philip's 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 after consultation with the University of London, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the National Health Service (Designation of Teaching Hospitals—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Hospitals) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1952.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In column 2 of the Schedule to the National Health Service (Designation of Teaching Hospitals) (No. 2) Order, 1948, after the words "St. Paul's Hospital for Urological and Skin Diseases, W.C.2" there shall be added the words "St. Philip's Hospital, W.C.2 (formerly Sheffield Street Hospital)".

3. Capital assets having a market value on the fifth day of July, 1948, of £2,394 shall be transferred from the Hospital Endowments Fund to the Board of Governors of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Hospitals and the shares

(a) S.I. 1948 (No. 979) I, p. 2057. (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.