(3) EXPENSES IN ATTENDING HOSPITALS

The National Health Service (Expenses in attending Hospitals) Regulations, 1948

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 3 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(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 (Expenses in attending Hospitals) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

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

" the Minister " means the Minister of Health;

" Hospital Authority " means, in relation to a hospital or clinic of the Minister of Pensions, that Minister; in relation to a hospital or clinic controlled and managed by the Board of Governors of a teaching hospital or Hospital Management Committee, that Board or Committee; and in relation to any hospital or clinic receiving patients under arrangements made between the governing body and a Regional Hospital Board, the Regional Hospital Board.

(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. The Minister shall pay the travelling expenses necessarily incurred or to be incurred by a person (including the travelling expenses of a companion) in attending a hospital or clinic for the purpose of availing himself of hospital and specialist services if the Hospital Authority determine that, in the circumstances of the case, the payment of such expenses by the patient would involve hardship:

Provided that—

(*a*) If the Hospital Authority determine that the patient may reasonably be required to bear a part of such expenses the balance only shall be payable by the Minister; and

(*b*) The travelling expenses of a companion shall not be payable by the Minister if the Hospital Authority determine that, having regard to the age or health of the patient or other relevant circumstances, it was unnecessary for the patient to be accompanied.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
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 payment in certain circumstances of the travelling expenses of persons attending hospitals and clinics for the purpose of obtaining hospital and specialist services.

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