

National Health Service (Family Planning) Amendment Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 72

An Act to secure the provision, as part of the National Health Service, by local health authorities of voluntary vasectomy services on the same basis as the contraception services provided under the National Health Service (Family Planning) Act 1967.

[26th October 1972]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:—

Provision of voluntary vasectomy services. 1967 c. 39.

1.—(1) From the commencement of this Act voluntary vasectomy services may be provided by local health authorities in England and Wales on the same basis as the contraception services provided under section 1 of the National Health Service (Family Planning) Act 1967, and accordingly section 1 of that Act shall be amended by the insertion after subsection (2) of the following new subsections:—

"(2A) A local health authority in England or Wales may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, and to such extent as he may direct shall, make arrangements for the giving of advice on voluntary vasectomy, the medical examination of persons seeking advice on voluntary vasectomy for the purpose of determining what advice to give and for treatment for voluntary vasectomy.

(2B) A local health authority may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, recover from persons to whom advice is given, or treatment provided, under subsection (2A) above or from such persons of any class or description such charges (if any) as the authority consider reasonable, having regard to the means of those persons"

(2) It shall be the duty of any local health authority providing voluntary vasectomy services by virtue of this section to make to the Secretary of State, at such times as he may require, periodical reports as to those services, and the report for any period—

(*a*) shall show how many patients received treatment in the period, and categorise them by age; and

(*b*) shall state the expenditure of public money incurred by the authority in the provision of those services during the period; and

(*c*) shall give such other information possessed by or available to the authority as the Secretary of State may request with respect to those services or to the persons who have at any time applied for or received treatment;

and for that purpose a local health authority shall keep such records as the Secretary of State may from time to time direct.

Expenses and receipts.

2.—(1) There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament any increase attributable to the provisions of this Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.

1967 c. 39.

(2) All sums received, by virtue of the National Health Service (Family Planning) Act 1967 as amended by this Act, by the Secretary of State shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the National Health Service (Family Planning) Amendment Act 1972.