STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1577

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1981

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of powers conferred on them by paragraph 12 of Schedule 5 to the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 30th November 1981.

Amendment of regulations

2. The National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1979(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in regulation 2(1)—

(i) in the definition of "Administrator" after the words "Area Health Authority" there shall be inserted the words "or a District Health Authority" and after the word "established" there shall be inserted the words "or adopted";

(ii) in the definition of "appointing body" after the words "Area Health Authority" there shall be inserted the words "a District Health Authority";

(iii) in the definition of "Authority" after the words "Area Health Authority" there shall be added the words "or a District Health Authority";

(iv) in the definition of "local authority" after the word "established" there shall be inserted the words "or adopted";

(v) in the definition of "local representative body" after the word "area" there shall be inserted the words "or district" and after the word "established" there shall be inserted the words "or adopted";

(vi) in the definition of "the relevant Authority" after the word "established" there shall be inserted the words "or adopted";

(a) 1977 c. 49. (b) S.I. 1979/739, amended by S.I. 1979/897.

(*b*) for regulation 3 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"Term of office of members appointed by an Authority or a local representative body

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the term of office of members appointed by an Authority or by a local representative body to a Committee shall be—

(*a*) in the case of a Committee established or adopted for an area or district in England, for such period, not exceeding four years, expiring on 30th November in any year, as the Authority or local representative body shall specify on making the appointment;

(*b*) in the case of a Committee established or adopted for an area or district in Wales, for such period, not exceeding four years, expiring on 31st July in any year, as the Authority or local representative body shall specify on making the appointment.

(2) On making an appointment of any member in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, the appointing body shall give notice in writing to that member and to the Administrator of the period for which such member is appointed.";

(*c*) in regulation 5(1) the words from "and the term of office" onwards shall be omitted.

Transitional provision

3. The term of office of a member of a Committee established for an area in England appointed by the relevant Area Health Authority—

(*a*) for a period ending on 30th November 1981 shall be extended for a further period expiring on 30th November 1982;

(*b*) for a period ending on 30th November 1983 shall cease on 30th November 1982.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

28th October 1981.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

3rd November 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1979. The regulations provide for the period of office of members of Family Practitioner Committees in England and Wales appointed by Area and District Health Authorities and local representative bodies to be fixed by the appointing bodies and contain amendments consequential upon the provisions of the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53) which enabled the Secretary of State to establish District Health Authorities and to direct those authorities to adopt existing Family Practitioner Committees. The regulations also contain transitional provisions relating to the members of Family Practitioner Committees in England appointed by Area Health Authorities whose terms of office would have expired on 30th November 1981 and 30th November 1983.

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