STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 760

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1984

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 35(1) and 36 of the National Health Service Act 1977(**a**) 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 (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1984.

Amendment to Regulations

2.—(1) The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973(**b**) are amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), after the definition of "assistant" the following definition is inserted—

" "associateship agreement" means an agreement between dentists practising as principals—

(*a*) to which there are two parties, not being partners of each other, and

(*b*) whereby one party is liable to provide, for financial consideration, the use of some or all premises and of some or all facilities for the provision of general dental services;".

(3) The following regulation is inserted after regulation 5—

"*Information about associateship agreements*

5A.—(1) Where an associateship agreement subsisted immediately before 1st July 1984, written notice of the parties thereto shall be given to the Committee before 31st July 1984.

(**a**) 1977 c. 49; section 35(1) was amended by paragraphs 48 and 94 of Schedule 1 to the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53).
(**b**) S.I. 1973/1468; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1974/53.

(2) Where an associateship agreement is made on or after 1st July 1984, written notice of the parties thereto and of the date on which the agreement was made shall be given to the Committee within 7 days of the latter date.

(3) Written notice of any change in the parties to, or of the termination of, any agreement to which paragraph (1) or (2) applies shall be given to the Committee within 7 days of such change or termination.

(4) Any notice required by this regulation shall be given by the person or, if more than one, one of the persons, liable by virtue of the associateship agreement to provide the use of premises and facilities.".

(4) In Part I of Schedule 1 (terms of service), for paragraph 3 there is substituted the following paragraph—

"*General anaesthesia*

3. Provision of the services of a doctor or another dentist in respect of the administration of a general anaesthetic in connection with any treatment shall be the responsibility of the dentist who provides the treatment.".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

K. Clarke,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

4th June 1984.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973.

Regulation 2 inserts in those Regulations a definition of associateship agreement and a new regulation requiring notification of new or subsisting associateship agreements to be given to the Family Practitioner Committee. Notice of changes of parties to, and of the termination of, associateship agreements must also be given. Provision is made as to who is to give the notice.

Regulation 2 also substitutes paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to those Regulations, which relates to the administration of general anaesthetics in treatment.

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