The National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1948

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under sections 32, 33 and 38 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

2. The National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1948(a), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 the definition of "maternity medical services" shall be modified by the deletion of the words "having obstetric experience", and the definition of "treatment" shall be modified by the addition of the words "in accordance with these regulations" after the word "services" at the end of the definition.

(2) For regulation 19 there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"Application for Services.

19. A person who, after diagnosis of pregnancy by a medical practitioner, requires the provision of maternity medical services may arrange for the provision of such services either—

(*a*) with any practitioner on a medical list having obstetric experience or

(*b*) with the practitioner in whose list her name is included".

(3) in paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 20 the words "in accordance with the last preceding regulation" shall be substituted for the words "with a practitioner having obstetric experience" and the words "with another practitioner having obstetric experience".

(4) In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 and in (*c*) of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 6 of Part I of the first schedule the words "having obstetric experience" shall be deleted.

(5) For sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 6 of Part I of the first schedule, there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(2) In the case of maternity medical services all proper and necessary treatment shall include an initial medical and obstetric examination and an examination at or about the 36th week of pregnancy together with such other examination and ante-natal care as the practitioner thinks necessary; attendance at an abortion or other emergency in connection with a pregnancy if the practitioner is summoned on behalf of the

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 506, p. 2140 above.

patient; attendance at the confinement after the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy, if in the opinion of the practitioner it is required or if he is summoned to the confinement by the midwife in attendance; a medical and pelvic examination of the mother at or about six weeks after confinement, together with such medical care of the mother and child for a period of 14 days after the confinement as may be required, and where the practitioner is not the general practitioner in whose list the name of the person is included, maternity medical services shall also include compliance with any request made by the general practitioner to examine or give any other assistance to that person and her child if, in the opinion of the practitioner having obstetric experience, it is necessary:

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall affect the responsibility of the practitioner in whose list the name of the person is included for treatment of a kind usually provided by general medical practitioners which is necessary for her general health."

(6) In sub-paragraph (7) of paragraph 7 of Part I of the first schedule the words " or their personal representatives " shall be inserted after the words " patients ".

(7) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 10 of Part I of the first schedule the words " (which for the purpose of this paragraph shall include maternity medical services) " shall be inserted after the words " medical treatment ".

(8) The following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 1 of Part II of the first schedule:—

" (i) A fixed annual payment of £300 as part of the remuneration in respect of any practitioner who claims such payment, subject to the consent of the Council, who shall, before giving such consent, consult the Local Medical Committee, or, on appeal, of the Minister:

Provided that:—

(*a*) after such period as the scheme shall specify a practitioner shall not be entitled to receive a fixed annual payment, unless he has the minimum number of patients on his list specified by the scheme, or the Minister, in view of special circumstances, approves its continuance.

(*b*) a practitioner whose name is included in more than one medical list shall not be entitled to receive a fixed annual payment from more than one Council.

(*c*) a practitioner who is receiving a fixed annual payment shall be entitled to give to the Council not less than three months' notice expiring on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, or 31st December in any year, that the payment shall be discontinued."

(*d*) the Council, if they think fit, shall be entitled to give to a practitioner who is receiving a fixed annual payment not less than three months' notice expiring on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, or 31st December, in any year that the payment shall be discontinued unless the Minister, on appeal, otherwise determines.

(9) In sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph 3 of Part II of the first schedule the words " in accordance with the regulations " shall be substituted for the words " by practitioners having obstetric experience ".

(10) The following paragraph shall be added in Part I of the fourth schedule after paragraph 8:—

"8A. A chemist shall, in respect of the categories of staff whose wages and conditions of work are approved by the National Joint Industrial Council for Retail Pharmacy, pay rates of wages and observe conditions not less favourable than those for the time being so approved."

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

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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 amend the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1948, for two main purposes: first to extend the arrangements for maternity medical services to enable a payment to be made to a woman's own doctor to provide her with maternity medical services notwithstanding that he is not possessed of qualifications recognised by the Local Obstetric Committee, and secondly to enable a doctor to claim to be paid partly by a fixed annual payment of £300 at his option, subject to the Executive Council agreeing or, on appeal, the Minister.

13. HEALTH AND TUBERCULOSIS VISITORS

The National Health Service (Qualifications of Health Visitors and Tuberculosis Visitors) Regulations, 1948

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 66 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 (Qualifications of Health Visitors and Tuberculosis Visitors) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into force on the fifth day of July, 1948.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"health visitor" means a woman employed by a local health authority for the visiting of persons in their homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness, and expectant or nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection and also includes a woman so employed by a voluntary organisation under arrangements with a local health authority;

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.