(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. For regulation 23 of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1954(b), as amended(c), (which regulation provides for charges by dentists for drugs supplied by them to their patients) there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"23. Any person supplied with drugs by a practitioner in accordance with the requirement of sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 10 of Part I of the first schedule to these regulations shall be liable to pay to the practitioner a charge of one shilling in respect of each quantity of a drug supplied on any one occasion.

Provided that the supply of quantities of the same drug in more than one container shall be deemed to be the supply of one quantity of a drug only."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.) *Robert H. Turton,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations provide that the charge of one shilling at present payable under the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1954, to a dentist in respect of all drugs supplied to a person on any one occasion, shall from the 1st December, 1956 be payable in respect of each quantity of a drug so supplied.

1956 No. 1076

The National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	12*th July*, 1956
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The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 33, 34, 38 and 74 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(d), as amended(e), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1956.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1954/742 (1954 I, p. 1279).
(c) S.I. 1955/604, 1890 (1955 I, pp. 1263, 1264). (d) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.
(e) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 93.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1954(b), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) At the end of paragraph (3) of regulation 13 (which paragraph provides for increases in the number of patients on the list of a doctor with an assistant) there shall be added the words " Where the number has been so increased, it may be decreased in the same manner ".

(2) At the beginning of paragraph (2) of regulation 16 (which regulation provides for the removal of a person from a doctor's list) there shall be inserted the words " Subject as hereinafter provided in paragraph (4) of this regulation,".

(3) After paragraph (3) of the said regulation 16 there shall be added the following paragraph :

" (4) (*a*) The Council shall, on receiving from a practitioner in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7 (15) of part I of the first schedule to these regulations particulars concerning the names of persons who are pupils at, or staff of, or inmates of, a school or residential institution where he provides general medical services, forthwith remove the names of all persons appearing on his list as pupils at, or staff of, or inmates of, such school or institution, which are not shown in the said particulars.

(*b*) Where the Council have made a request to a practitioner for particulars under the provisions of the said paragraph 7 (15) and have not received them in accordance with those provisions, they may remove the names of persons at such school or institution appearing on his list."

(4) For paragraphs (2) to (4) of regulation 18 (which regulation provides for the keeping by an Executive Council of doctors' lists of patients), there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

" (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (6) of regulation 14 of these regulations, the name of a person accepted by a practitioner for inclusion in his list shall be included in the list from the date on which notification of acceptance is received by the Council.

(3) Where a person for whose treatment a practitioner is responsible dies, or is absent from the United Kingdom for a period of three months, his name shall be deleted from the practitioner's list as from the date on which the Council first receive notification of the death or absence for three months.

(4) Where such a person leaves the United Kingdom with the intention of being away for a period in excess of three months, or enlists in Her Majesty's forces, his name shall be deleted from the practitioner's list as from the date on which the Council first receive notification of the date of departure or enlistment.

(5) Any deletions from a practitioner's list caused by the transfer of a person to the list of another practitioner, otherwise than in pursuance of a notice given under paragraph (4) or (5) of regulation 14 of these regulations, shall take effect from the date on which the Council receive notification of the acceptance of the person by the

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1954/669 (1954 I, p. 1315).

last-named practitioner or, subject to the consent of the Council, on such date, being not earlier than the date of such consent, as may be agreed between the practitioners",

and paragraph (5) of the said regulation 18 shall be re-numbered (6).

(5) In the proviso to regulation 24 (which regulation provides for arrangements between Executive Councils and chemists), for the words "in regulation 29" there shall be substituted the words "in regulation 28".

(6) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2, paragraph (5) of regulation 25, paragraph (1) (*b*) of regulation 29, and in paragraphs 4 (2) (*b*), 5 (1) and 6 of part I of, and parts II to VI of, the fourth schedule to the regulations, for the expressions "registered pharmacist" or "registered pharmacists", there shall be substituted the expressions "registered pharmaceutical chemist" or "registered pharmaceutical chemists" respectively.

(7) For paragraph 2 of part I of the first schedule (which paragraph incorporates the provisions of certain regulations in the doctor's terms of service) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"Any provisions of these regulations affecting the rights and obligations of medical practitioners and the provisions of any allocation or distribution scheme made thereunder and in force in the area, and any provisions of part II of the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations, 1956(a), affecting the rights and obligations of general medical practitioners shall be deemed to form part of these terms of service."

(8) At the end of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of the said part I (which sub-paragraph sets out the persons for whom a doctor is responsible) there shall be added the following:—

"(*f*) all persons in respect of whom he is acting as deputy under the provisions of paragraph 8 (11) of these terms of service".

(9) For sub-paragraph (15) of paragraph 7 of the said part I (which sub-paragraph provides for returns of patients to be made in certain cases by doctors) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(15) Where a practitioner provides general medical services for pupils at a school or for the inmates of any residential institution or the staff of a school or any such institution, he shall on signing such person's medical card or form of application for acceptance indicate that person's status at such school or institution, and if the Council, after consultation with the Local Medical Committee, request him to give the names of persons on his list who are pupils at, or staff of, or inmates of, such school or institution on a specific date, he shall within one month give such particulars to the Council."

(10) At the end of sub-paragraph (3) (*b*) of paragraph 8 of the said part I (which sub-paragraph restricts the employment of an assistant by a doctor) there shall be added the words "and where such consent has been given by the Council or, on appeal, by the Medical Practices Committee, it shall be subject to periodical review and may be withdrawn by the Council, in which event the practitioner may appeal to the Medical Practices Committee;"

(a) S.I. 1956/1077 (p. 1554 below).

(11) For sub-paragraph (8) of paragraph 8 of the said part I (which sub-paragraph makes a doctor responsible for all acts and omissions of a deputy) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(8) A practitioner is responsible for all acts and omissions of any practitioner acting as his deputy or assistant in relation to his obligations under these terms of service, other than the acts and omissions of a deputy whose name is also included in the medical list."

(12) After sub-paragraph (10) of paragraph 8 of the said part I, there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:—

"(11) A practitioner whose name is included in the medical list, acting as deputy to another practitioner whose name is also included in the list, shall be responsible for his acts and omissions in relation to the obligations under the terms of service of the practitioner for whom he acts as deputy."

(13) At the end of paragraph 13 of the said part I (which paragraph gives certain powers to the Executive Council during the continued absence or disability of a doctor), there shall be added the words:

"Or they may, after consultation with the Local Medical Committee, make such arrangements as the Minister may approve including the appointment of a deputy for and on behalf of the practitioner, and may deduct the cost of the arrangements in part or in whole from the remuneration of the practitioner."

(14) For paragraph 2 (*h*) of part II of the first schedule (which paragraph prescribes certain payments to be made to doctors), there shall be substituted the following:—

"(*h*) a payment whether by way of loan or otherwise in respect of the establishment of a group practice."

(15) In paragraph 17 of part III of the first schedule (which paragraph prescribes payment for the treatment of temporary residents), for the references to the sum of 5s. there shall be substituted references to the sum of 8s. 6d., and at the end of sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be added the words: "any practitioner who is dissatisfied with the classification of a place, or payment at the lower rate by the Council, may apply to the Minister who shall give to the Council such direction on the matter as he thinks fit;"

(16) For proviso (*c*) to paragraph 19 of the said part III (which paragraph prescribes the arrangements for the payment of doctors) there shall be substituted the following proviso:—

"(*c*) if after payment is made for a quarter it appears that owing to an error on the part of the Council or the practitioner, other than an error in the calculation of the practitioner's list in accordance with paragraph 2 of this scheme, the amount paid to the practitioner for that quarter was either more or less than that to which under the terms of this scheme he was entitled, the Council shall make an appropriate deduction from, or addition to, the amount to be paid to him for a succeeding quarter;"

(17) At the end of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 22 of the said part III (which paragraph provides for supplementary payments to doctors) there shall be added the following:—

"There shall also be deducted the amount of any payments made in pursuance of arrangements made under paragraph 13 of part I of this schedule which have not been deducted from the remuneration of the practitioner who is absent or disabled."

(18) In part I of the third schedule (which part prescribes a list of appliances) for the words "Colostomy belts" there shall be substituted the words "Colostomy apparatus".

(19) In part II of the said third schedule (which part prescribes a list of chemical reagents) for the words "Benedicts's Solution (Qualitative)" and "Diagnostic Solution Tablets of Copper" there shall be respectively substituted the words "Benedict's Solution (Qualitative)" and "Diagnostic solution-tablets of Copper".

(20) In part V of the fourth schedule (which part prescribes a form of notice) for the reference to Part II of the Poisons List there shall be substituted a reference to Part I of the Poisons List.

(21) In the fifth schedule (which prescribes a list of medical certificates which a doctor is required to issue to his patients) for the words "To procure—(*a*) extra coal in cases of illness (*b*) extra rations" there shall be substituted the words:

"To establish pregnancy or other medical grounds for the purpose of obtaining extra coal or welfare foods."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twelfth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.) *Robert H. Turton,*
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, 1954.

The main amendments provide for:—

(1) the procedure for removing persons from a doctor's list when they have ceased being at a school or residential institution (regulation 16 and paragraph 7 (15) of part I of the first schedule);

(2) inclusions in and deletions from a doctor's list of patients to be effective from the date on which respectively a notice of acceptance of a patient is received by the Council, or the matter giving rise to the deletion is first notified to them (regulation 18 and proviso (*c*) to paragraph 19 of part III of the first schedule);

(3) making a deputy to a doctor responsible for his actions in place of his principal where both are on the same medical list (paragraphs 3 (1) and 8 (8) and (11) of part I);

(4) periodic review by an Executive Council of consent given to a doctor to employ a permanent assistant (paragraph 8 (3) of part I);

(5) enabling an Executive Council to make arrangements, when a doctor is absent or disabled, for the treatment of his patients (paragraph 13 of part I and paragraph 22 (2) of part III);

(6) increasing the fee payable to a doctor for the treatment of temporary residents at certain types of institutions (paragraph 17 of part III); and

(7) alterations in the list of appliances and chemical reagents (third schedule).