STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1684

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Amendment Regulations 1971

Made - - -	18*th October* 1971
Laid before Parliament	25*th October* 1971
Coming into Operation	1*st November* 1971

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 36 of the National Health Service Act 1946(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consulting such organisations as are recognised by him as representing the medical profession, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Amendment Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1971.

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

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) In the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Regulations 1948(**c**), as amended (**d**), (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") regulation 13(4) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraph of this regulation and shall accordingly have effect as set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The said regulation 13(4) shall be amended by the addition to the table set out therein, at the end of columns 1 and 2 thereof respectively, of the ages specified in column 1 and of the dates set against those ages in column 2 of the following table :—

TABLE

Column 1	*Column* 2
" 64½	1st April 1972
64	1st April 1973
63	1st April 1974
62	1st April 1975
61	1st April 1976
60	1st April 1977 "

(**a**) 1946 c. 81. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1948/1506 (Rev. XV, p. 758: 1948 I, p. 2183).
(**d**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1966/756 (1966 II, p. 1745).

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

18th October 1971.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

REGULATION 13(4) OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS AS AMENDED *

(4) Compensation shall be payable to a practitioner—

(*a*) on the date specified in column 2 of the following table, if he has attained the age specified in column 1 before that date; or

(*b*) on attaining that age on or after that date:

TABLE

Column 1	*Column* 2
70	5th July 1966
69	1st April 1967
68	1st April 1968
67	1st April 1969
66	1st April 1970
65	1st April 1971
64½	*1st April 1972*
64	*1st April 1973*
63	*1st April 1974*
62	*1st April 1975*
61	*1st April 1976*
60	*1st April 1977*

*The amendments made by these regulations are shown in italics.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make provision for the continuation of the progressive annual reduction of the specific age at which compensation under section 36 of the National Health Service Act 1946, in respect of the loss of the right of a medical practitioner to sell the goodwill of his practice, becomes payable without the practitioner having died or retired or having established hardship.