STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 1553

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES
HOSPITAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES

The National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals etc.) Regulations 1966

Made - - - - *9th December* 1966
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Coming into Operation *1st January* 1967

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 4 and 5 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 (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals etc.) Regulations 1966 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1967.

2. The National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations 1953(b) as amended (c) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) After regulation 8 there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

"8A(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 8 of these regulations, where a person occupying accommodation made available under section 4, or special accommodation set aside under section 5, of the Act is absent from such accommodation for a continuous period of 24 hours or more—

(a) the daily charge payable under regulation 3 of these regulations shall, for each day on which the person is absent, be reduced by 12½ per cent; and

(b) the standard daily charge payable under regulation 4 of these regulations shall, for each day on which the person is absent, be reduced by 12½ per cent.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation the day when the absence begins and the day when the absence ends shall together count as one day".

(2) Regulations 11 and 12 and Schedules 2 and 3 (which provide for the fees payable to practitioners by private patients) are hereby revoked.

3. These regulations shall not affect any agreement subsisting at the commencement of these regulations and any such agreement shall continue to have effect as if these regulations had not been made:

Provided that regulation 8A, added by these regulations, shall apply in respect of any in-patient by or in respect of whom an undertaking was given either under section 4 of the National Health Service Act 1946 on or after 1st March 1961 or under section 5 of that Act.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 9th December 1966.

Kenneth Robinson,
(L.S.) Minister of Health.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) S.I. 1953/420 (1953 I, p. 1280).
(c) S.I. 1961/184 (1961 I, p. 296).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations 1953 by—

(a) providing for a reduction of charges when an in-patient is absent from hospital for one or more days; and

(b) abolishing the limitation on charges that may be made by a medical or dental practitioner to his private patients in hospital.