Provided that a claim for an attendance allowance which is so made shall be treated as not having been made unless the claimant furnishes to the Minister a certificate given by a qualified practitioner that she has been confined and the certificate is so furnished within the period of twenty-eight days from the date of the confinement or, if such a certificate is so furnished after that period, unless the claimant proves that there was good cause for the failure to furnish it before the date on which it was furnished."

Revocation of provisional regulations

4. The National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Provisional Amendment Regulations, 1949(**a**), are hereby revoked but without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered, or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, thereunder.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1949.

James Griffiths,
Minister of National Insurance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1948, by extending the time limit within which a claim for attendance allowance may be made from ten to twenty-eight days. They also permit claims for maternity grant and attendance allowance in certain circumstances to be made before confinement.

The preliminary draft of these Regulations was submitted to the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, and their report thereon, dated the 31st May, 1949, is contained in House of Commons Paper No. 228 published by His Majesty's Stationery Office.

The National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 2317

Made - - - -	13*th December,* 1949
Laid before Parliament	14*th December,* 1949
Coming into Operation	19*th December,* 1949

M.N.I. 184.

The Minister of National Insurance in exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the National Insurance Act, 1946(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949, shall be read as one

(**a**) S.I. 1949 No. 717. (**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67.

with the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") as amended(b), and shall come into operation on the 19th December, 1949.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The following paragraph shall be added after paragraph (3) of regulation 15 of the principal regulations:—

"(4) Where, for the purposes of the provisions of the National Insurance (Medical Certification) Regulations, 1948(c) as amended(d), it has been certified—

(i) that a person is incapable of work and will continue to be incapable of work for the period specified in the certificate; or

(ii) that a person (being a person who, throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the date of the certificate, has been in receipt of sickness benefit) is incapable of work,

a claim for sickness benefit may, unless the Minister otherwise directs, be made by that person in respect of the period of thirteen weeks, or such shorter period as the Minister may in the circumstances determine, in either case commencing immediately after the date of the certificate, and the provisions of regulation 11 shall be construed accordingly.

Any claim for sickness benefit made by any such person may, if it is made on the form containing the certificate, be treated by the Minister as a claim made also in respect of any days in the said period of thirteen weeks or in any such shorter period, as the case may be."

Revocation of provisional regulations

3. The National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1949(e), are hereby revoked but without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered, or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, thereunder.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1949.

James Griffiths,
Minister of National Insurance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke and replace the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1949. They enable claims for sickness benefit to be made in advance in certain cases.

The preliminary draft of these Regulations was submitted to the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, and their report thereon, dated the 16th November, 1949, is contained in House of Commons Paper No. 307 published by His Majesty's Stationery Office.

(a) S.I. 1948 (No. 1041) I, p. 2709.
(b) *See* reg. 12 and Second Schedule, National Insurance (Death Grant) Regulations, 1949 (S.I. 1949 No. 1204, p. 2708 below), and S.I. 1949 No. 1392, p. 2702 above.
(c) S.I. 1948 (No. 1175) I, p. 2803.
(d) S.I. 1949 No. 1981, p. 2730 below.
(e) S.I. 1949 No. 1982.