STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*19th June 2026*
Coming into operation	*19th June 2026*

The Department of Health(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 42, 106(b) and 107(6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**), in conjunction with the Department of Finance(**c**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 19th June 2026.

Amendment to Schedule 1 to the Provision of Health Service to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

2. In Schedule 1 (Diseases for which no charge is to be made for treatment) to the Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**d**)after "Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)" insert -

> "Hantavirus diseases, including hantavirus pulmonary or cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS) and haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS)".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 19th June 2026

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Chris Matthews
A senior officer of the Department of Health

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 19th June 2026

(**a**) see 2016 c. 5, s1(5)
(**b**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)
(**c**) see 2016 c. 5, s1(4)
(**d**) S.R. 2015 No. 27, as amended by S.I. 2019/784, S.R. 2020 No. 25, S.R. 2021 No. 286, S.R. Nos. 174 & 195, and S.R. 2023 No.213

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ("the 2015 Regulations") which make available, to visitors in Northern Ireland, certain health services under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, at a charge determined by the Department of Health. The 2015 Regulations also provide for various exemptions from charges: some services are always exempt from charge, while some categories of visitor are exempt from charge.

Regulation 4(1)(d) of the 2015 Regulations provides that, subject to Regulation 4(2), no charge may be made or recovered in respect of any services forming part of health services provided to a visitor for treatment in respect of a disease listed in Schedule 1 to those Regulations. Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends Schedule 1 to the 2015 Regulations to insert an entry for hantavirus diseases, including hantavirus pulmonary or cardiopulmonary syndrome ("HCPS") and haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome ("HFRS"). The effect is that a visitor being treated in a hospital in Northern Ireland for hantavirus disease will be exempt from charges for any Health Service treatment received in respect of that disease, unless it appears that the visitor has travelled to Northern Ireland specifically to receive that treatment.

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