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The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 79(3) and 115(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977, shall be read as one with the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(b), as amended(c), and shall come into operation on 30th August 1977.

Amendment of regulation 11 *of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations*

2.—(1) Regulation 11 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (forward allowances and disallowances of sickness, invalidity and injury benefit and non-contributory invalidity pension) shall be further amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

(*a*) for "provisions of paragraph (3)" there shall be substituted "following paragraphs";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) the words "or disallowed" shall be omitted;

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*c*) the words "or disallowed" and "or disallowing" shall be omitted.

(3) After paragraph (5) there shall be added the following paragraph:

"(6) Where a claim for non-contributory invalidity pension is made by a woman who claims by virtue of the exception to section 36(2) (incapable of performing normal household duties) that claim shall, unless in any case the Department otherwise directs, be treated as if made by her for—

(*a*) the period specified by a medical practitioner not being the claimant, on a form approved by the Department, as being that during which it is to be expected that the claimant is likely to continue to remain as restricted in her ability to perform the normal household duties in her own home or, if shorter, during which she should refrain from work; or

(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) S.R. 1975 No. 104 (I, p. 641)
(c) The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1975 No. 202 (II, p. 1036) and S.R. 1976 No. 175

(*b*) where applicable, the period of any award of—

(i) attendance allowance payable at the higher rate specified in paragraph 1 of Part III of Schedule 4 to the Act, or

(ii) an increase of disablement pension where constant attendance is needed payable at the higher rate specified in paragraph 7 of Part V of Schedule 4 to the Act, or

(iii) an increase of allowance where constant attendance is needed in cases of exceptionally severe disablement payable by virtue of regulations made under section 150(3)(*b*) (payments for pre-1948 cases), or

(iv) increase of allowance where constant attendance is needed in cases of exceptionally severe disablement payable under any scheme made under section 5 of the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Act 1975(**d**), or

(v) constant attendance allowance payable at the higher rate specified for exceptional cases of very severe disablement under any Personal Injuries Scheme or Service Pensions Instrument defined in regulation 2(1) of the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**e**); or

(*c*) the period specified in a certificate issued in respect of her which complies with paragraph (5)(*b*),

in any case beginning on the first day for which non-contributory invalidity pension is claimed (not being earlier than 17th November 1977), and the provisions of paragraphs (1)(*b*) and (*c*) and (2) shall apply to such a claim, so however that, where a decision awarding benefit by virtue of this paragraph is reviewed in accordance with paragraph (2) and it appears that the woman may be entitled to non-contributory invalidity pension otherwise than by virtue of the exception to section 36(2), the period for which the claim shall, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, be treated as made shall be the relevant period specified in this paragraph.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 25th August 1977.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes
Senior Assistant Secretary

(**d**) 1975 c. 16
(**e**) S.R. 1975 No. 94 (I, p. 561)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the provisions in the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 which relate to forward allowances and disallowances of incapacity benefits under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, in particular to extend those provisions to non-contributory invalidity pension for those women who under section 36(2) of that Act are claiming that pension on the basis that they are incapable of work and incapable of performing normal household duties.