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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . *22nd October 1982*

Coming into operation . . . *22nd November 1982*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 37(8) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(b) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 22nd November 1982.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 8(1) of the principal regulations (circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated as gainfully employed) for "£6", in each of the places where it occurs, there shall be substituted "£12".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 22nd October 1982.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary

(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) 1980 c. 30
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 99, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.

Under section 37(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 a person is entitled to an invalid care allowance for any day on which he is engaged in caring for a severely disabled person if, among other things, he is not gainfully employed. Regulation 8(1) of the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 provides that a person is not to be treated as gainfully employed on any day in a week unless, and is to be treated as gainfully employed on every day in a week if, his earnings in the immediately preceding week (subject to specified exceptions) have exceeded a certain sum. These regulations increase that sum from £6 to £12.