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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made . . . . . *3rd November 1983*

Coming into operation . . . *5th November 1983*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5(1) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**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 Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 5th November 1983.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**c**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in regulation 6(2) (items for which no single payment shall be made) there shall be added after sub-paragraph (*m*) the following sub-paragraph—

"(*n*) a medical, surgical, optical, aural or dental need.";

and

(*b*) in regulation 7(1) (maternity needs) the words ", other than" to the end shall be omitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 3rd November 1983.

(L.S.) *A. N. Burns*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27), (other than Articles 1, 42 and Schedules 4 to 7) with certain amendments is set out in Part II of Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)); the Order is further amended by Article 6(5) of the Social Security (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1087 (N.I. 13)), Articles 4 and 5 of, and paragraphs 5 to 9 of the Schedule to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1118 (N.I. 25)) and Articles 31 and 38 of, and paragraphs 14 to 16 in Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1084 (N.I. 16))

(**b**) 1980 c. 30

(**c**) S.R. 1981 No. 369 to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 (''the principal regulations'') so as to provide that supplementary benefit by way of a single payment shall not be made in respect of a medical, surgical, optical, aural or dental need.