STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 16

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Health Services (Pilot Schemes: Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made--18th January 1999Coming into operationIst April 1999

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of, and paragraph 1(b) of Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(1), and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel (2) in so far as the Regulations relate to the remission of charges, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Pilot Schemes: Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1999.

(2) In these Regulations, "the principal regulations" means the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**3**).

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal Regulations

2. In paragraph 2(b) of regulation 3 of the principal Regulations (entitlement to full remission and payment) after "Order" there shall be inserted "or of Article 20(1) of the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997".

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal Regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations (persons entitled to remission in part or payment in part) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); the relevant amendments are Article 14(2) of S.I. 1988/594 (N.I.2), Article 34 of, Schedule 5 to, S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) and Article 2 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 11)

⁽²⁾ Formerly Department of Finance: seeS.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1989 No. 348; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1993 No. 161, S.R. 1995 No. 138

(2) In paragraph (2), after "Order", in the second place where that word occurs, there shall be inserted "or of Article 20(1) of the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997".

(3) For sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) there shall be substituted —

- "(b) in the case of a charge-
 - (i) for dental treatment or for the supply of a dental appliance under Part VI of the Order (arrangements for general dental services), or
 - (ii) for dental treatment under Part II of the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (personal dental services), the charge made for one course of treatment, including any charge made for a dental appliance supplied in that course of treatment;".

(4) In paragraph 4(c), after "Order" there shall be inserted "or under Part II of the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on

L.S.

18th January 1999.

Joan Dixon Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing regulations in so far as they relate to the remission of charges. Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on

L.S.

18th January 1999.

J.G. Sullivan Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 ("the principal Regulations") which provide for the remission and repayment of certain charges which would otherwise be payable under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and for the payment of travelling expenses incurred in attending hospital.

Regulations 2 and 3 amend regulations 3 and 5 respectively of the principal Regulations so as to provide for remission and repayment of charges for treatment provided under pilot schemes for the provision of personal dental services under the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.