

**2001 No. 510 (C. 20)**

**SOCIAL SERVICES, ENGLAND  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, ENGLAND**

**The Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000  
(Commencement No. 1) (England) Order 2001**

*Made - - - - - 14th February 2001*

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 12(2) of the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, interpretation and extent**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000 (Commencement No. 1) (England) Order 2001.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—  
“the Act” means the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000.

(3) This Order extends to England only.

**Appointed Day**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in the Schedule to this Order is 1st April 2001.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

14th February 2001

*John Hutton*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Health

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(a) 2000 c. 16.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

PROVISIONS OF THE ACT COMING INTO FORCE ON 1ST APRIL 2001

<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
section 1	Right of carers to assessment
section 2	Services for carers
section 4	Assessments and services for both carer and person cared for
section 5	Direct payments
section 6	Assessments: persons with parental responsibility for disabled children
section 7(1) in so far as it inserts section 17A into the Children Act 1989, and section 7(2) and (3)	Direct payments to disabled children and persons with parental responsibility for them
section 8	Charging
section 9 except in so far as it relates to the provision of vouchers	Minor and consequential amendments
section 10	Financial provision
section 11	Interpretation and regulation

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations/Order)*

This Order brings into force on 1st April 2001 certain provisions of the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000 (“the Act”) in relation to England only.

It brings into force section 1 which creates a right of carers (as defined in this section) to an assessment; section 2 which enables local authorities to provide services to carers; section 4 which amends the Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995<sup>(a)</sup> so as to allow an assessment under sections 1 or 6 of the Act to be taken into account when making an assessment under the 1995 Act; section 5 which amends the Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996<sup>(b)</sup> so as to allow direct payments to be made to carers (as defined in section 1) for carers’ services (as defined in section 2); section 6 which creates a right of persons with parental responsibility for a disabled child to an assessment; section 7(1) in so far as it inserts section 17A into the Children Act 1989, along with section 7(2) and (3), which allow direct payments to be made to persons with parental responsibility for a disabled child and 16 and 17 year old disabled children.

The Order also brings into force sections 8 to 11 inclusive (except for that part of section 9 which relates to the provision of vouchers), which relate to charging for carers’ services, minor and consequential amendments, financial provision, and interpretation and regulations.

This is the first Commencement Order made under the Act.

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(a) 1995 c. 12.  
(b) 1996 c. 30.

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