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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 518**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND**

**The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2011**

*Made* - - - - 23rd February 2011  
*Laid before Parliament* 3rd March 2011  
*Coming into force* - - 1st April 2011

The Secretary of State for Health makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 172, 174 and 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2011 and shall come into force on 1st April 2011.

(2) In these Regulations “the Charges Regulations” means the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2000<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Amendment of the Charges Regulations to increase charges**

2.—(1) The Charges Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In each of the following provisions, for “£7.20” in each place that it occurs substitute “£7.40”—

- (a) regulation 3(1)(a) and (b), (1A)(b)(i) and (ii) and (4) (charges for the supply of drugs and appliances by chemists);
- (b) regulation 4(1)(a) and (b) and (4) (charges for the supply of drugs and appliances by doctors);
- (c) regulation 4A(1)(a) and (b) (charges for the out of hours supply of drugs and appliances by providers of out of hours services);
- (d) regulation 5(1)(a) and (d) and (5) (charges for the supply of drugs and appliances by NHS trusts, NHS foundation trusts and Primary Care Trusts);

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(1) 2006 c.41. By virtue of section 271 of the Act the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by those sections are exercisable only in relation to England.  
(2) S.I. 2000/620; relevant amendments are made by S.I. 2000/3189, 2002/548, 2002/2352, 2003/1084, 2004/696, 2004/865, 2005/578, 2007/1510, 2007/1975, 2008/571, 2009/411, 2009/1166 and 2009/2230.

- (e) regulation 6(1)(a) and (b) and (4) (charges for the supply of drugs and appliances at Walk-in Centres); and
  - (f) regulation 6A(1) (charges for the supply of drugs under Patient Group Directions).
- (3) In each of the following provisions, for “£14.40” in each place that it occurs substitute “£14.80”—
- (a) regulation 3(1)(a) and (1A)(b)(i) (charge for the supply of a pair of elastic hosiery by chemists);
  - (b) regulation 4(1)(a) (charge for the supply of a pair of elastic hosiery by doctors);
  - (c) regulation 4A(1)(a) (charge for the out of hours supply of a pair of elastic hosiery by providers of out of hours services);
  - (d) regulation 5(1)(a) and (c) (charge for the supply of a pair of elastic hosiery or tights by NHS trusts, NHS foundation trusts or Primary Care Trusts); and
  - (e) regulation 6(1)(a) (charge for the supply of a pair of elastic hosiery at Walk-in Centres).
- (4) In regulation 9 (pre-payment certificates), in paragraphs (4), (6)(a), (11)(a) and (12), for “£28.25” substitute “£29.10”.
- (5) In column (2) of Schedule 1 (charges for fabric supports and wigs) substitute—
- (a) for “£24.35”; “£25.10”;
  - (b) for “£36.80”, “£37.90”;
  - (c) for “£60.00”; “£61.85”;
  - (d) for “£158.90”; “£163.80”;
  - (e) for “£232.45”; “£239.45”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

23rd February 2011

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations, which apply to England, amend the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Regulations 2000 (“the Charges Regulations”).

Regulation 2 increases prescription and other charges payable under the Charges Regulations.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private and voluntary sectors is foreseen.