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THE HEARING AIDS NOTICE 1957, AMENDMENT NO. 3

PURSUANT to regulation 4 of the Social Security (Hospital Benefits for Outpatients) Regulations 1947, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. This notice may be cited as the Hearing Aids Notice 1957, Amendment No. 3, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Hearing Aids Notice 1957* (hereinafter referred to as the principal notice).

2. The principal notice is hereby amended by inserting, after clause 4, the following clause:

“4A. Notwithstanding anything in clause 4 of this notice, in any case where the outpatient is a child under the age of 16 years who is entitled to be supplied with a hearing aid under clause 3 of this notice, the Hospital Board may, instead of so supplying a hearing aid, pay to or on behalf of the parent or guardian of the child a sum not exceeding £21 towards the purchase of an approved transistorised electrical hearing aid that has been specially recommended for the particular case by an otologist employed or engaged by the Board.”

3. (1) The principal notice is hereby further amended by revoking clause 6A (as inserted by clause 2 of the Hearing Aids Notice 1957, Amendment No. 2), and substituting the following clause:

“6A. Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this notice, in any case where the outpatient is a child under the age of 16 years, a Hospital Board may from time to time supply free of charge, or pay to or on behalf of the parent or guardian of the child the cost of, a new or used hearing-aid cord or a new insert (being that part of an electrical hearing aid approved under clause 7 of this notice which is inserted into the ear), if, in the opinion of an otologist employed or engaged by the Board, the replacement cord or insert will benefit the hearing of the patient to an extent that the cord or insert already issued does not.”

(2) The Hearing Aids Notice 1957, Amendment No. 2, is hereby consequentially revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of November 1966.

D. N. McKAY, Minister of Health.

*S.R. 1957/85
Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1957/192
Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1966/65

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Clause 2 provides that a Hospital Board may, instead of supplying a patient under 16 years of age with a hearing aid, pay up to £21 towards the cost of a transistorised electrical hearing aid that has been specially recommended for the case by an otologist employed or engaged by the Board.

Clause 3 provides for the free replacement of hearing-aid cords to children who have previously been supplied with a hearing aid under the principal notice. This is in addition to the existing provision for the free replacement of ear inserts in such cases.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.