



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (WIGS AND HAIRPIECES)
REGULATIONS 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 2**

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 22nd day of September 1986

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 116, 123 (2), and 132 of the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title, commencement, and application—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Wigs and Hairpieces) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 2, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Wigs and Hairpieces) Regulations 1981* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) Regulation 2 of these regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of August 1986, and shall apply to wigs and hairpieces benefits provided on or after that date until the close of the 30th day of September 1986. In respect of wigs and hairpieces benefits provided before the 1st day of August 1986, the principal regulations shall continue to apply as if these regulations had not been made.

(3) Regulation 3 of these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1986, and shall apply to wigs and hairpieces benefits provided on or after that date.

2. Increased benefits on and after 1 August 1986—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 3, and substituting the following regulation:

“3. (1) Subject to regulation 4 of these regulations, the Department shall pay in respect of—

“(a) The initial wig or hairpiece purchased by or provided to any patient, a sum equivalent to the cost of the wig or hairpiece, but not exceeding \$300:

“(b) A replacement wig or hairpiece to any adult patient at intervals of not less than 12 months or such shorter intervals as the Medical Officer of Health of the District in which the adult patient is normally resident considers necessary having regard to the needs of that adult, a sum equivalent to the cost of the wig or hairpiece, but not exceeding the sum of \$85 multiplied by the number of complete years that have elapsed since the purchase of the initial wig or hairpiece or the last replacement wig or hairpiece, as the case may require:

“(c) A replacement wig or hairpiece to any child patient at intervals of not less than 12 months or such shorter intervals as the Medical Officer of Health of the District in which the child is normally resident considers necessary having regard to the needs of that child, a sum equivalent to the cost of the wig or hairpiece, but not exceeding \$300.

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subclause (1) of this regulation, any patient may purchase more than one wig or hairpiece, but the benefit payable under these regulations shall be limited—

“(a) In the case of an initial wig or hairpiece, or in the case of a replacement wig or hairpiece to any child, to the aggregate cost of them or \$300, whichever is the lesser amount:

“(b) In the case of a replacement wig or hairpiece to any adult patient, to the aggregate cost of them or the sum referred to in paragraph (b) of subclause (1) of this regulation, whichever is the lesser amount.”

3. Increased benefits as from 1 October 1986—Regulation 3 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 2 of these regulations) is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from paragraph (a) of subclause (1) the expression “\$300”, and substituting the expression “\$330”:

(b) By omitting from paragraph (b) of subclause (1) the expression “\$85”, and substituting the expression “\$93.50”:

(c) By omitting from paragraph (c) of subclause (1) the expression “\$300”, and substituting the expression “\$330”:

(d) By omitting from paragraph (a) of subclause (2) the expression “\$300”, and substituting the expression “\$330”.

4. Revocation—The Social Security (Wigs and Hairpieces) Regulations 1981, Amendment No. 1 is hereby consequentially revoked.

P. G. MILLEN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

Regulation 2 increases, on and after 1 August 1986, benefits payable for the provision of wigs and hairpieces up to 30 September 1986. It also provides a new benefit of \$85 for replacement wigs or hairpieces provided to adults, which can be accumulated for any number of years if a patient does not purchase or is not provided with a wig or hairpiece in any year.

Regulation 3 increases, as from 1 October 1986, benefits payable for the provision of wigs and hairpieces after that date under the principal regulations, as amended by regulation 2 of these regulations.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.