



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (MEDICAL BENEFITS) REGULATIONS
1941, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

C. L. N. NEWALL, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 6th day
of October, 1943

Present :

THE HON. D. G. SULLIVAN PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act, 1938, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Medical Benefits) Regulations 1941, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Medical Benefits) Regulations 1941* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

2. (1) Clause 20 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from subclause (2) the words "accompanied by the Medical Benefits Card of the patient".

(2) Where any agreement with a medical practitioner has been terminated in accordance with clause 20 of the principal regulations, without a new agreement having been entered into with another medical practitioner, the following provisions shall apply:—

(a) Except in cases where the Medical Benefits Card of the patient has been lost or destroyed it shall be the duty of the person by whom the agreement was entered into to forward the Medical Benefits Card of the patient to the Medical Officer of Health, either with the notice of intention to terminate the agreement or within twenty-eight days after the date on which such notice is given :

(b) If the Medical Benefits Card has been lost or destroyed, the person giving the notice of intention to terminate the agreement shall, with his notice or within twenty-eight days thereafter, send or give to the Medical Officer of Health a statement signed by him to the effect that the card has been lost or destroyed (as the case may be) :

* Statutory Regulations 1941, Serial number 1941/24, page 48.

- (c) Every person commits an offence against the principal regulations, and shall be liable accordingly to the penalty prescribed by section 138 of the said Act, who fails to comply with any obligations imposed on him by the foregoing provisions of this clause, or who, after the termination of an agreement with any medical practitioner, produces to that medical practitioner or to any other person any Medical Benefits Card for the purpose of receiving any medical services under the agreement.

3. The principal regulations are hereby further amended by inserting, after clause 28 thereof, the following new clause:—

“28A. (1) In addition to the mileage fees computed in accordance with the Schedule hereto, special mileage fees, computed at the rate prescribed in the next succeeding subclause, shall be payable out of the Social Security Fund in any case where the Medical Officer of Health is satisfied that a medical practitioner, for the purpose of providing medical benefits for any patient in accordance with these regulations, has been obliged to travel any distance in excess of twenty miles that is excluded by virtue of paragraph (d) of clause 2 of the Schedule hereto from the distance in respect of which mileage fees are payable in accordance with that Schedule.

“(2) The special mileage fees payable under this clause shall be computed at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each mile or part of a mile (counted one way only) of any distance excluded as aforesaid for the purpose of computing the mileage fees payable in accordance with the Schedule hereto.

“(3) Except as provided in clause 29 hereof, no medical practitioner who has undertaken to provide medical benefits in accordance with these regulations shall be entitled to demand or accept any mileage fees from any patient or from any other person on account of a patient.

“(4) Every claim by a medical practitioner for payment of special mileage fees in accordance with this clause shall be made to the Medical Officer of Health on the appropriate form provided by the Department, and shall be supported by such certificates or other evidence as the Medical Officer of Health may require.”

4. Clause 29 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (1) thereof, and substituting the following subclause:—

“(1) If any medical practitioner who has undertaken to provide medical benefits in accordance with these regulations is obliged to travel more than three miles in order to visit any patient elsewhere than in a city or borough in which the practitioner resides or has his main surgery, he may charge mileage fees at a rate not exceeding 2s. 6d. for each mile or part of a mile (counted one way only) of so much of the distance travelled by him, exclusive of the first three miles, as is not the subject of mileage fees paid in accordance with clause 28A hereof or the Schedule hereto.”

C. A. JEFFERY,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.

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