

The Health Service (Benefit) (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

<i>Made</i>	13 th December, 2019
<i>Coming into operation</i>	1 st January, 2020
<i>Laid before the States</i>	, 2020

THE COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 5 and 35 of the Health Service (Benefit) (Guernsey) Law, 1990^a and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Amendment of Regulations.

1. The Health Service (Benefit) (General) Regulations, 1990^b are further amended as follows.

2. For regulation 4, substitute the following regulation -

"Abolition of requirement to issue health benefit cards.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment (including these regulations and section 5 of the Law), the requirement to issue health

^a Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXII, p. 292; there are amendments not material to these Regulations.

^b G.S.I. No. 44 of 1990; as amended by G.S.I. No. 22 of 2003.

benefit cards is abolished with effect from the 1st January, 2020; and those provisions shall have effect accordingly."

Extent.

3. These Regulations shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Jethou.

Citation.

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Service (Benefit) (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

Commencement.

5. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 2020.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2019



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President of the States Committee for Employment & Social Security

For and on behalf of the Committee

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Service (Benefit) (General) Regulations, 1990, by removing any requirement to issue a physical health benefit card which currently must be issued to persons who satisfy the conditions of benefit under the Health Service (Benefit) (Guernsey) Law, 1990.

The amendment will enable the Committee for Employment & Social Security to communicate, by electronic means, the information as to health benefit currently recorded on cards, which will facilitate the administration of health benefit and related benefits (such as specialist medical benefit).

These Regulations come into force on 1st January 2020.